

In June 2013, Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) invited Ms Brigitte Balipou, member of the Constitutional Court of the Central African Republic and member of FAS Executive Board to take part in the 23rd session of the Human Rights Council (HRC). Ms Balipou's presence in Geneva reinforced FAS efforts to promote the leadership of women and facilitate their participation in peace building and conflict resolution in Africa.

For two weeks, Ms Balipou liaised with government representatives and international organizations in Geneva to inform them of the critical situation in the Central African Republic. She met the ambassadors of the Central African Republic, the African Union, the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, the EU, Senegal, Luxembourg as well as counselors from other diplomatic missions and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Ms Balipou strongly advocated the need to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 so that Central African women can actively participate in conflict resolution and the restoration of peace and security.

Ms Balipou's experience and dedication enabled her to convince the Central African Republic delegation, represented by the Minister of Justice, to call for special rapporteurs to be sent to the country. She also influenced the resolution, "Action on Technical assistance to the Central African Republic in the field of human rights", which was initiated by the African Group. This resolution was eventually adopted by consensus on the final day of the 23rd session of the Human Rights Council. It encourages the "full participation of women in elections and reconciliation" and "requests the High Commissioner to submit to the Human Rights Council, at its 24th session, an interim report on the human rights situation".

Ms Balipou also had the honor of participating in a high level panel on democracy, rule of law and human rights. She addressed the Human Rights Council on behalf of FAS during the full-day annual discussion on women's rights and participated in a debate on forgotten conflicts, co-organized by FAS, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), and the World Young Women Christian Association (YWCA).

Attached :

Resolution [A/HRC/23/L.3](#)

Ms Balipou's intervention during the high level panel on democracy, rule of law and human rights.
<http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/human-rights-council/watch/panel-discussion-on-democracy-35th-meeting-23rd-regular-session-of-human-rights-council/2471864756001>

Ms Balipou's intervention (from 1:12 min) during the full-day annual discussion on women's rights.
<http://webtv.un.org/watch/panel-discussion-on-violence-against-women-23rd-meeting-23rd-regular-session-of-human-rights-council/2436785762001/>

Video of the adoption of Resolution A/HRC/23/L.3.
<http://webtv.un.org/watch/ahrc23l.3-vote-item10-39th-meeting-23rd-regular-session-human-rights-council/2475867762001>

Photos of the debate on forgotten conflicts.
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c1jjzcpt9j7saqp/0enffVkuPL?n=86587005>