

RFLD Track Record

Réseau des Femmes Leaders pour le Développement · Women Leaders Network for Development

Since 2012, RFLD has grown from a national initiative in Benin into a pan-African Afrofeminist network. This document traces milestones of that journey. Each one is documented on video on our YouTube channel.

1,143 member organisations	35+ African countries	N°553 ACHPR Observer Status	2012 founded
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Offices: Accra (Africa Office and headquarters), Dakar and Porto-Novo (francophone hubs), Banjul (ACHPR liaison), Lagos (Nigeria office), Igolo (member and local platforms). Registered as an International Organisation in Senegal and as a non-governmental organisation in Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and The Gambia.

2020

Regional workshop on human rights and civic space with CIVICUS

RFLD and CIVICUS brought civil society organisations together in Benin to strengthen advocacy on human rights and civic freedoms.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=3L8DtpmhCq0

A message from the African Commission to our participants

Hon. Rémy Ngoy Lumbu addressed the participants of the RFLD and CIVICUS workshop.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=vvMJ_HdUXco

Webinar with the Vice-Chairperson of the African Commission

RFLD hosted Hon. Rémy Ngoy Lumbu for a webinar on human rights.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=BomrdH-Fm2c

Beijing+25 in Benin

RFLD opened its Beijing+25 national event on women's leadership and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=OwS9uPjdjMI

2021

RFLD on Al Jazeera

RFLD's founder, Gloria AGUEH, spoke on Al Jazeera about sexual and reproductive health and rights in Benin.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=icyAh6CXyKM

At the National Assembly of Benin

RFLD's founder took part in the debate on the adoption of a law concerning women at the National Assembly.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=1UHHAtWgh68

2022

African Union visit to RFLD's headquarters

Ambassador Salah S. Hammad, Head of the African Governance Architecture Secretariat, visited RFLD to discuss governance and human rights.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=6eWG-228gVY

Advocacy for the ratification of the Maputo Protocol in Niger

RFLD led an advocacy workshop in Niger for the ratification of the Maputo Protocol.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=WyKXVYxxib4

Training lawyers on strategic litigation against FGM

RFLD trained lawyers on strategic litigation to end female genital mutilation, with the support of AWDF.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=BpTLbD0VMOo

NGOs Forum of the 71st Ordinary Session

The Chairperson of the African Commission spoke at the closing of the NGOs Forum.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=tYEoMTjSCMQ

9th World Water Forum, Dakar

RFLD spoke on women and water justice at the 9th World Water Forum.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=sOX1hIIQbCk

Human rights promotion mission to Togo

RFLD took part in the promotion mission to Togo led by Hon. Rémy Ngoy Lumbu, Chairperson of the African Commission.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=1NK1R2yPfLY

2023

Side event at the 75th Ordinary Session of the African Commission

RFLD and CIVICUS held a side event on human rights during the 75th Ordinary Session.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=XGHaUBmZc1M

20 years of the Maputo Protocol

RFLD marked the 20th anniversary of the Maputo Protocol.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=8uala_4_DGQ

CHARM Africa side event in Tanzania

RFLD and CIVICUS, partners in the CHARM Africa consortium, held a side event with the Chairperson of the African Commission.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=xerP8wODiRo

Economic Justice Fund documentary

Our grantees in West and Central Africa tell how RFLD's Economic Justice Fund supported their work.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=1l-aPCMMSng

Speaking in Washington on childcare and equality

RFLD's founder spoke on childcare and gender equality in Washington.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=JWdXU8Bh3Ms

WADEMOS panel on democracy in West Africa

RFLD moderated a WADEMOS panel on democracy in West Africa in Accra.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=VPukBp90GhU

2024

Maputo Protocol workshop in Niger with SOAWR and Equality Now

RFLD, SOAWR and Equality Now continued the advocacy for the ratification of the Maputo Protocol in Niger.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=xFDoROP1L4

Strategic meeting with UAF Africa

RFLD and UAF Africa convened a strategic meeting on women's rights and funding in Benin.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=0bYNA7rCnZU

Ambassador for the African Union Governance Campaign

RFLD's founder was selected as an Ambassador for the African Union Governance Campaign.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=wGswNAAADvE4

Regional consultation on the African Commission and UN mechanisms

RFLD and CIVICUS held a regional consultation in Benin on engagement with the African Commission and UN mechanisms.
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=AAGNBx6PlmM

Inauguration of the Porto-Novo office

RFLD inaugurated its office in Porto-Novo, Benin.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=WEEi6Y6Tk6A

Training journalists to report on the African Commission

RFLD trained journalists on reporting and engagement with the African Commission.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=Rb6oURLPWpg

Statement at the 81st Ordinary Session

RFLD and WADEMOS delivered a joint statement at the 81st Ordinary Session in Banjul.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=FLz9zm3X524

Hackathon in Banjul

RFLD and partners organised a hackathon in Banjul. The Chairperson of the African Commission announced the winners.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=sBiabN8IRfM

Launch of the Dɔ̀nùesè data platform

RFLD launched Dɔ̀nùesè, its data centre for gender equality in sub-Saharan Africa.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=eSf227s324Q

2025

Francophone Beijing+30 dialogue

RFLD convened a Francophone dialogue in Benin to review 30 years of the Beijing Platform for Action.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=hhjwDfY6JS0

National youth consultation on democracy

RFLD launched a consultation of young people on democracy and political participation in Benin.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=Mah8-TN4weE

Statement at the 83rd Ordinary Session

RFLD delivered its statement at the 83rd Ordinary Session in Banjul.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=uIHKiuClal4

Statement at the 85th Ordinary Session

RFLD delivered its statement at the 85th Ordinary Session in Banjul.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=ZWxe2ceCFe4

2026

Statement at the 87th Ordinary Session

RFLD delivered its statement at the 87th Ordinary Session in Banjul.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=yXOFDIGpFjw

The Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders at our Dakar office

Hon. Rémy Ngoy Lumbu addressed a roundtable on human rights defenders at RFLD's Dakar office.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=AHvn4s5ZuQU

West Africa Feminist Data Summit

RFLD hosted the West Africa Feminist Data Summit in Cotonou from 28 to 30 July.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=jTMtkWHIJTY

CIVICUS visits our Africa Office in Accra

CIVICUS visited RFLD's Africa Office in Ghana.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=DiSMbTpuOc0

Opening of the NGOs Forum, 89th Ordinary Session

RFLD spoke at the opening ceremony of the NGOs Forum in Dakar.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=5p1JTj53Bw8

A panel on the Commission's main agenda

RFLD facilitated the panel Defending without being exposed, convened by the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders.

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=YPCyZKGulJU

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