

The Senufo Cultural Center at the Gouene Festival

From 12th to 14th April 2019 took place the renowned Gouene Senufo festival, found in the district of Kadiolo, Sikasso region. On this sixteenth edition of the festival, the accent was put on "the role of women in the Senufo traditional society".

Invited by the festival organizing association, "Ciborogolaa" (a Senufo word meaning fraternity), the Senufo Cultural Center presided over a conference and a thematic exhibition of cultural objects and photos demonstrating the important role of women in the Senufo society. In their intervention, the representatives of the Center (Fr. Edouard C, Mr. Yaya E. Bamba and Fr Bruno S) highlighted among other elements, the role played by women in domestic and agricultural work as well as the heavy burden of motherhood and the education of children. The public in general, the authorities, Gouene's local population showed great interest in this event. The guests of honor of the festival were respectively, the former Prime Minister Hamed Mohamed Ag Hamani and Mrs Sanogo Karidiata Coulibaly, Mayor of Diomaténé and wife of Kalfa Sanogo - Mayor of the urban commune of Sikasso and President of the pilot association of Senufo Center (Wu Nire). A special thought and vote of thanks to the sponsors of this festival: SAMA Transport, SOMYSY-SA and La Chaîne Grise.

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