**AC French examples of non-partisan fact-checks IFCN renewal (2022)**

1. L'ORTM publie une fausse information en annonçant un soutien de Kamala Harris au peuple malien

On February 22, 2022, a presenter from the Mali Radio and Television Office (ORTM) claimed that Kamala Harris gave her support to the Malian people "in an interview", in particular during a video broadcast of herself.

Africa Check found the full speech of the American Vice President, an extract of which was broadcast by the ORTM in its news.

In her address, the American leader did not specifically refer to the Malian people, although she recently insisted on the position of her country which "is very clear with regard to respect for the sovereignty and integrity territory of all States. Consequently, the information disseminated by the ORTM is false.

<https://africacheck.org/fr/fact-checks/articles/lortm-publie-une-fausse-information-en-annoncant-un-soutien-de-kamala-harris>

2. Pas de preuves que le Sénégal produit 200 mille tonnes de déchets plastiques par jour

In an article published in May 2021, the Emedia site indicates that in Senegal, "on average 200 thousand tons of plastic waste are produced per day" and that "Dakar alone accounts for 130 thousand tons".

For ten months, Africa Check worked to examine this data. Upon investigating Africa check found that the document presented as the data source dates from 2016 and does not contain the figures indicated. At this date, it is the most recent document on the subject, according to an expert in the sector. The claim was thus rated as unproven.

<https://africacheck.org/fr/fact-checks/articles/pas-de-preuves-que-le-senegal-produit-200-mille-tonnes-de-dechets-plastiques>

3. Sénégal : sur WhatsApp, un faux message viral prétend montrer des militaires tués en Casamance

In Senegal, after the release of seven soldiers captured by the Movement of Democratic Forces of Casamance ( MFDC ), the army announced on March 22, 2022 that it had destroyed several rebel bases in Casamance , in the south of the country. The Senegalese army also announced that it had recorded one death and eight injuries in its ranks.

In this context, an image showing several lifeless bodies was widely relayed via the WhatsApp messaging application.

By doing a reverse image search, we see that this photo is not from 2022 and has been circulating at least since December 2021. It has been used as an illustration photo in several posts on Twitter. Based off of this evidence we rated the claim as incorrect.

<https://africacheck.org/fr/fact-checks/articles/senegal-sur-whatsapp-un-faux-message-viral-pretend-montrer-des-militaires-tues>

4. Pas de preuves que 10 000 personnes meurent chaque année au Sénégal à cause des faux medicaments

“More than 10,000 people die each year in Senegal because of the consumption of fake medicines,” reads a contribution published in November 2021 on Senego, a Senegalese news site.

The author of the text, Oumar Diop, who presents himself as a consultant, maintains that every day 25 Senegalese die for having sought treatment. Doing the math, that's exactly 9,125 deaths per year.

Africa Check contacted Oumar Diop, the author of the contribution. The latter first revealed that these figures come from a study by the World Health Organization (WHO ), without specifying which one.

He later stated that he could not release the document because it is confidential.

Upon doing extensive research and speaking to relevant experts we rated this claim as unproven.

<https://africacheck.org/fr/fact-checks/articles/pas-de-preuves-que-10-000-personnes-meurent-chaque-annee-au-senegal-cause-des>

5. Sénégal - Maroc : deux affirmations de Barthélémy Dias sur la TVA examinées

“In Morocco, 33% of VAT is paid to local authorities. In Senegal, we are not even at 8%,” said [Barthélémy Dias](https://villededakar.sn/le-maire/) , the new mayor of Dakar.

Mr. Dias made this statement during a [radio](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYM2IxXfifw) program broadcast by [Radio Futurs Medias](https://www.rfm.sn/) (RFM) on January 16, 2022, a few days before the territorial elections of January 23, 2022, after which he was elected head of the town hall of the Senegalese capital.

We fact-checked this statement and found that the first statement is basically correct. The second statement is correct.

<https://africacheck.org/fr/fact-checks/articles/senegal-maroc-deux-affirmations-de-barthelemy-dias-sur-la-tva-examinees>

6.  France 24 publie une donnée caduque et partielle sur l'accès à l'eau potable en Afrique

Dakar, the Senegalese capital, hosted the 9th [World Water Forum from](https://www.worldwaterforum.org/fr) March 21 to 26, 2022 . This meeting has been organized every three years since 1997 by the [World Water Council](https://www.worldwatercouncil.org/fr) , in partnership with a host country. The Dakar forum was the [very first](https://www.worldwatercouncil.org/fr/un-evenement-mondial-0) to be organized in sub-Saharan Africa.

It is in this context that the television channel France 24 [affirms,](https://www.france24.com/fr/%C3%A9missions/journal-de-l-afrique/20220321-forum-mondial-de-l-eau-au-s%C3%A9n%C3%A9gal-seulement-un-africain-sur-quatre-a-acc%C3%A8s-%C3%A0-l-eau-potable-onu) in a report on access to water in Dakar, that "only one in four Africans has access to drinking water", mentioning the United Nations as being the source of the statistic.

After consulting with the [UN Water](https://www.unwater.org/about-unwater/), the institution that coordinates the efforts of the United Nations and international organizations working on issues of access to water and sanitation we rated the claim as incorrect.

<https://africacheck.org/fr/fact-checks/articles/france-24-publie-une-donnee-caduque-et-partielle-sur-lacces-leau-potable-en>

7. Deux déclarations du DG d’Orange Afrique Moyen-Orient examinées

Invited at the beginning of April 2022 on the program Éco d'Ici Éco d'Ailleurs broadcast on Radio France Internationale Alioune Ndiaye, the Managing Director of Orange Africa and the Middle East , claimed that: "With Orange Money, Orange has created tens of thousands of jobs thanks to the network of distributors that we have developed to bring our services closer to our customers. Half of the turnover went to them. Wave made them lose 50% of their income. Some 20,000 jobs have been destroyed in Senegal”.

Mr. Ndiaye also claimed during the same program that 80% of people in sub-Saharan Africa do not have a bank account.

After consulting with multiple experts, we rated the first statement unproven and the second incorrect.

<https://africacheck.org/fr/fact-checks/articles/deux-declarations-du-dg-dorange-afrique-moyen-orient-examinees>

8. Sénégal : le pont de Foundiougne n’est pas le plus long d’Afrique de l’Ouest

At the end of March 2022, Senegal acquired a new bridge located in Foundiougne, in the Fatick region, in the center of the country. A work supposed to open up the region and facilitate trade with nearby cities such as Dakar, and Banjul, the capital of The Gambia.

During the inauguration ceremony, Senegalese national television RTS1 claimed in a report that the structure was 1,600 meters (1.6 km) long and that it was the longest bridge in East Africa. West.

In this broadcast by Senegalese media Seneweb, the Chinese ambassador to Senegal, Xiao Han , also claimed that the bridge was the longest in Senegal, and even in ECOWAS , the Economic Community of East African States. West, a grouping of 15 countries in the region.

After conducting research we rated the claim as incorrect as there is A bridge of more than 11 km in Nigeria

<https://africacheck.org/fr/fact-checks/articles/senegal-le-pont-de-foundiougne-nest-pas-le-plus-long-dafrique-de-louest>

9. Mortalité maternelle : le Sénégal est-il en tête dans l'Uemoa et devant le Rwanda ?

Invited to the program Quartier Général , broadcast on April 17, 2022 on the Senegalese private channel Télévision Futurs Médias (TFM), the former Minister of Health and Social Action, Abdoulaye Diouf Sarr asserted that maternal mortality had declined in Senegal

“In 2013, there were 392 deaths per 100,000 live births. In 2019, we rose to 236 deaths per 100,000 live births. We are first in Uemoa and ahead of countries like Côte d'Ivoire and Rwanda”.

Uemoa stands for the West African Economic and Monetary Union, a group of eight West African countries having the CFA franc in common

Upon fact-checking this claim we found that Available data viewed by Africa Check shows that Senegal is indeed leading in UEMOA, but ranks behind Rwanda in this regard. We rated this claim as examined.

<https://africacheck.org/fr/fact-checks/articles/mortalite-maternelle-le-senegal-est-il-en-tete-dans-luemoa-et-devant-le-rwanda>