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Fatima Maiga empowers women to shape and support inclusive peace and development processes in Mali and the Sahel region. She works with decision-makers in Governmental institutions, political parties, armed groups signatories to the Mali Peace agreement and confessional organizations. She was recently appointed by the former President of Niger to work in a team of experts tasked with formulating an innovative strategy on Security and Development for the Sahel region.

Fatima previously worked as Special Counselor for the Embassy of Norway to support the full enactment of a landmark decision made by the Monitoring body of the Mali peace Agreement (the CSA), to include women for the first time. She also served as Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Reconciliation and the Ministry of Women in Mali and is credited for having successfully led the adoption process of Mali's first gender quota law (2015). Prior to working for the Government of Mali, Fatima was UNWOMEN's Country Director in Cote d'Ivoire during the post-electoral crisis, and Regional Technical Specialist at UNFPA's Regional office for Western and Central Africa. She has lived and worked in several countries in Africa, Europe, and North America, and is fluent in French, English, Spanish and Bambara.

Fatima holds a Master's degree in Foreign languages and economics from the University of Paris Sorbonne and a Master's in International Relations from Columbia University. Her publications include "Turning Remote Dreams into Possibilities: Strategies for Building a Better Future for Rural Girls in Francophone Africa".

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