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## Women and the Social and Solidarity Economy: a strong commitment at DakarGSEF2023

**D**ear attendees of the Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum 2023 in Dakar,  
Dear readers,

The Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum, DakarGSEF2023, has come to an end, leaving behind a legacy of inspiration and determination. The days we spent together were a celebration of the diversity of voices and ideas that are helping to build a fairer and more equitable world. The role, empowerment and participation of women have been at the heart of this movement.

We have just experienced a pivotal moment in the history of our global movement for the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE). The GSEF2023 in Dakar became a reality, and we were all more enthusiastic about the idea of taking part in this vitally important event.

This year, our Forum took on a special significance. The theme of the Women's Day for SSE (Pré-Forum Femm'ESS), "the social and economic empowerment of women and the territorialisation of sustainable public policies", which is at the heart of our agenda, is more than just a question of parity: it is a pressing need if we are to build a fairer, more balanced and more resilient world.

Women, whether they are entrepreneurs, leaders of non-profit organisations, activists or simply committed citizens, play an essential role in promoting the SSE. Their active participation helps to shape inclusive communities, sustainable businesses and more equitable societies.

This is why the DakarGSEF2023 Forum showcased the success stories, innovative ideas and extraordinary projects led by women.

There were several highlights during this special Pre-Forum day. Six SSE champions and 18 young women leaders of innovative SSE initiatives were selected to take part in an intergenerational dialogue during two panel discussions. Each young woman had the opportunity to present what she was doing and ask her champion questions about her own area of expertise. Since then, a mentoring programme has been set up between all these women to strengthen these opportunities for discussion.

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This was followed by a political segment on the SSE and gender mainstreaming in national and international development strategies and agendas. Lastly, the day ended with 13 workshops and self-organised sessions featuring SSE participants presenting initiatives aimed at increasing women's empowerment and their role in transforming our economic model.

We learned how empowering women promotes economic growth, solves social problems and builds more resilient societies.

But this Forum was not just about inspiration and celebration. We succeeded in building strong bridges to enable women to play a major role in SSE decision-making and policy implementation. We believe in an inclusive approach where every voice counts.

During the days we spent sharing, learning and talking, we highlighted the challenges facing women in the SSE sector and identified innovative solutions, strategic partnerships and firm commitments to remove barriers and promote equitable access to opportunities.



Ms Aminata Diop Samb



Ms Rokhaya Sy Gaye

Together, we can design a future where women's empowerment is not only a reality, but also a powerful driver for the SSE.

The recommendations resulting from this Forum are a testament to the power of collaboration and the determination to bring women's leadership to the fore in the SSE. We are committed to turning the recommendations below into concrete actions.

- **Education as the key to empowerment:** The women stated that access to education is fundamental to their empowerment. We support their call for education and training that strengthens entrepreneurial skills, leadership and self-confidence. Investing in women's education is investing in an equitable future.

- **Access to finance:** Women entrepreneurs stressed that access to affordable financing is vital. We are committed to working with financial institutions and partners to create financing mechanisms that support women's initiatives.

- **Promotion of visibility:** We are determined to give a voice to the achievements of women in the SSE. Promotional platforms will be created to highlight their successes, ideas and initiatives.

- **Participation in decision-making:** Empowering women also means involving them in decision-making. We are committed to implementing specific measures to increase their representation in decision-making bodies and to promote their influence.

The DakarGSEF2023 Forum was more than just an event, it was the starting point for a long-term commitment to gender equality in the SSE. The recommendations made here will not go unheeded: they will guide our future actions.

We urge each and every one of you to get involved too. Women are key agents of change, but they need everyone's support to reach their full potential.

Share these ideals within your communities, organisations and networks.

**Together, we can make the Social and Solidarity Economy a driver of social justice and equity.**

Ms Rokhaya Sy Gaye, co-organiser of the Women's Day for SSE, Senegal  
Ms Aminata Diop Samb, Executive Director of the Dakar Municipal Development and Solidarity Fund,  
co-organiser of the Women's Day for SSE, Senegal

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Opening ceremony of the Women's Day for SSE  
on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 at the Grand Théâtre National in Dakar  
Ms Khady Samba, Director of SSE Promotion at the Senegalese Ministry of Microfinance and SSE  
Ms Soham El Wardini, Former Mayor of the City of Dakar (2018-2022)

In 2021, Ms Soham El Wardini submitted Dakar's bid to the GSEF General Assembly to be the host city of the GSEF2023 Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum.



# champions and young women leaders

**T**he Social and Solidarity Economy provides a new model in which those excluded from the formal system can carve out their own role. Women are particularly prominent among those excluded from the formal system, especially in developing countries where the economy is largely based on the informal sector. Women are more likely to face job insecurity and poverty, frequently experiencing a double domination that prevents their full and complete emancipation. Although they are often portrayed as victims, they are also key agents of change, working all over the world to transform our economic system.



Dounya Bouyenna Taleb Ely, Hawa Dramé, Nancy Neamtan

To mark this day dedicated to women, the sixth edition of the Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum was keen to highlight the abilities of women, whatever their level of education or income, through their activities and initiatives, with the aim of showcasing their success stories and inspiring younger women to follow in their footsteps.



Simone Diouf, Maissata Niasse Ndiaye, Fatna El Khel, Nathalie Pesin

Six women – all SSE champions for their political, scientific and economic achievements – took to the stage to present their stories and experiences in their field of expertise. They were nominated as mentors for 18 young women social entrepreneurs, activists, NGO founders or researchers, selected from around the world for their transformative work and commitment. These women had the opportunity to talk to their mentors during theme-based intergenerational dialogues, highlighting the opportunities for women that this economic model offers.



Imen Ouardani, Aminata Sidibe

A platform for women involved in the Social and Solidarity Economy has been set up to continue this dialogue. This mentoring system now aims to enable Young Women Leaders to integrate their activities into an overall approach and global strategy for the emancipation of women, education in the values of the SSE and access for all women to decent work. Furthermore, this mentoring system is expected to lead to the creation of learning spaces, the capitalisation of knowledge and the mobilisation of resources for implementing transformational innovations in the SSE sector.

# champions and young women leaders



## theme 2

Sustainable blue economy, preservation of artisanal fishing, creation of new sustainable jobs, and social and environmental protection

### champion



TUNISIA



**Imen Ouardani** currently holds the position of technical advisor for awareness-raising and inter-societal dialogue and is coordinator of the institutionalisation of the national “Water 2050” strategy within the ARESET project at GIZ, Tunisia. A former deputy mayor and chair of the gender equality commission of the city of Sousse, she has led projects on migration, youth policies and the SSE, and helped design a project on the inclusion and empowerment of women in Sousse. In 2020, she joined iesMed, a European cooperative promoting the SSE in the Mediterranean, as director of development and partnerships in Tunisia and executive vice-president of the MedEBS Sousse 2021 forum. In addition to her professional activities, she is a founding member of the Rotary Club Sousse Esplanade Boujaafar, responsible for the Water section.

### young women leaders

**Aminata Sidibé** is a business leader and independent researcher. She spent 8 years travelling across Africa, training men and women entrepreneurs in how to set up responsible rural businesses. She also works as a consultant for international organisations.

FRANCE



**Emna Sohlobji** is a lawyer specialising in marine law and founder of *Tellus Advisory*, a marine consultancy and development company. It promotes a feminist-ecological vision of marine law that breaks with gender stereotypes.

TUNISIA



**Aminetou Bilal** is president of the NGO Selfie Mbalite, which promotes environmental protection and ecological development. A member of several networks and working groups, she is the regional focal point for Sustainable Development Goal 14 on oceans within the United Nations Major Group for Youth and Children.

MAURITANIA



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## theme 3

Collective and sustainable “green” economy for the territories, food self-sufficiency and its governance

### champion



📍 SENEGAL



**Khady Fall Tall** graduated from the National School of Administration of Senegal before going on to study at the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Paris. She is currently regional president of the West African Women’s Association (AFAO) in Senegal. Created in 2005 and operating in 15 countries, AFAO focuses its activities primarily on agriculture and capacity building for women in techniques for processing agricultural products. The association promotes local production and the role of women in agricultural practices. Ms Fall Tall is a member of several West African institutions, networks and initiatives, including the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA) and the AGIR Agriculture Platform under the aegis of the WAEMU.

### young women Leaders

**Melvina Covo** is Managing Director and co-founder of EMBALLE BÉNIN SERVICES, a company specialising in the production of biodegradable paper packaging. She is also an active member of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN – BENIN) in the Youth Caucus for Financial Inclusion.

📍 BENIN



**Geneviève Rajotte Sauriol** is co-founder of Bleu Forêt, a cooperative of women workers that puts communication to work for the common good. This social economy company works exclusively with non-profit organisations and communities wishing to promote a socio-ecological transition project.

📍 CANADA



**Ndeye Khadiome Ndong** is manager of Dakane Agro-Cosmo. She is campaigning to reduce waste in mango cultivation. The non-profit group transforms unsold goods into food products (crisps, dehydrated powder, etc.), cosmetics (mango butter) or compost. The organisation also promotes the integration of disabled people into the world of work.

📍 SENEGAL





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## theme 4

Digital economy and smart territories

### champion



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*French Guiana  
Regional Authority*

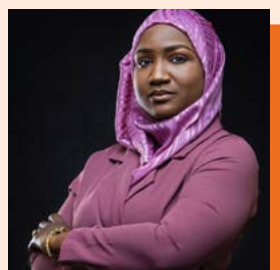
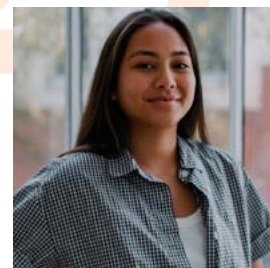


**Marie Lucienne Rattier** holds a Master's degree in Management from ISFPS LEADER (Higher Institute of Paramedical Training and Social Sciences) and completed the management training course for directors of local public companies at HEC Executive Education. She is currently the councillor responsible digital development, digital transformation and innovation at the French Guiana Regional Authority (Collectivité Territoriale de Guyane, France). She is also President of GDI (Guyane Development Innovation), an agency supporting economic development through innovation, and CEO of SPLANG (local public company for digital development in French Guiana). Alongside her duties, Marie Lucienne Rattier has also been B2B and B2C Sales Director at SFR Caribbean in French Guiana since 2013.

### young women leaders

**Matina Razafimahefa** set up Sayna to help disadvantaged young Madagascans to get access to digital training so they can enter the world of work as developers or pursue other digital technology careers.

MADAGASCAR



**Yacine Sarr**, a young IT specialist and tech entrepreneur, has developed a Digital Health solution in the form of a web-mobile application that makes access to healthcare accessible and automatic. The application is accompanied by a digital health card that can be reloaded by the patient.

SENEGAL



**Sarah Myriam Tidou** is the founder of Oasis Corporate, a company that helps small- and medium-sized enterprises with their digital transformation. She has won several awards and created the @Kissi programme, a range of digital solutions tailored to income-generating activities in the informal sector, particularly for women.

MAURITANIA





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## theme 5

Financing collective and sustainable economies for the territories

### champion



 SOUTH KOREA 

**Bongran Yoon** began her career in the NGO sector. For the past 25 years, she has been working on developments in Korean politics, the economy and society. In early 2010, the rise of concepts such as “social enterprise” and “community enterprise” and the passing of the Cooperative Framework Act in South Korea prompted her to switch her career focus to the social economy. She founded the SALLIM cooperative, a support organisation whose mission is to promote the sharing economy and life in society based on *ubuntu*, an African term meaning “humanity”. SALLIM introduced social economy policies in Gwangju, a major city in southern South Korea. It incubates and encourages social entrepreneurs and activists, and facilitates collaborative projects aimed at solving the city’s social problems. SALLIM supports social economy organisations and businesses, cooperatives, community enterprises and the ON Social Campus.

### young women Leaders

**Nana Baraka Abdou Idi** is very active in the community and is involved with a number of NGOs, taking part in advocacy, awareness-raising and training activities for the most vulnerable sections of society, particularly women, children and young people.

 NIGER 

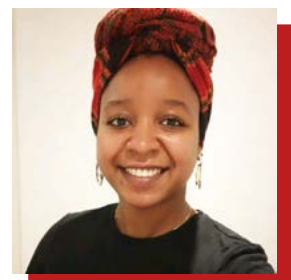


**Rokhaya Ba**, after failing her studies and with only her baccalaureate, set up and now chairs the Club for Discussion, Action and Development (CRAD). The club provides free training for women in agricultural product processing, leadership and e-marketing.

 SENEGAL 

**Isabelle Saidou** has worked to develop a network of African alumni from her engineering school to promote technical exchanges between Africa and INSA Lyon. She then became president of Act'ICI – Inspire, Connect, Impact – an association she co-founded, dedicated to social innovation by and for young people.

 FRANCE 



# champions and young women leaders



## theme 6

Policy dialogue: national and local governments and key stakeholders of collective and sustainable economies for the territories

### champion



MOROCCO



**Fatna El Khiyel** trained as a doctor and specialises in public health. In 2017, she was appointed Secretary of State to the Moroccan Minister for Regional Planning and Urban Development, with responsibility for housing and urban policy. She then developed the Moroccan approach to sustainable development. Ms Khiyel is a member of the political bureau of the Popular Movement Party and was an advisor to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) between 2000 and 2002. A former member of parliament and vice-president of the House of Representatives, she now heads the Arbaoua local council and is vice-president of the Network of Locally Elected Women in Africa (REFELA).

### young women Leaders

**Simone Diouf** is responsible for Programmes for Africa at the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP). Passionate about issues of peace, security, gender and economic development, she has worked for the United Nations on these themes, undertaking projects in conflict zones.

UNITED STATES



**Nathalie Pesin** is the founder of the Village des Bébés. Her mission is to ensure the socio-economic impact of African women in Quebec society by supporting them during the perinatal and early childhood periods through the creation of a network of specialised training centres (early childhood, midwifery, paediatrics, etc.).

CANADA



**Tchailga Silue** works as a project assistant for the Banlieues du Monde association and is interested in gender and development issues. A former member of the Regional Youth Council for the Centre Val de Loire region (France), she is currently leading a project to create an information and awareness-raising caravan on civic engagement in secondary schools in Côte d'Ivoire.

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## theme 7

Social and solidarity economy and sustainable development: links between practices and research

### champion



📍 CANADA

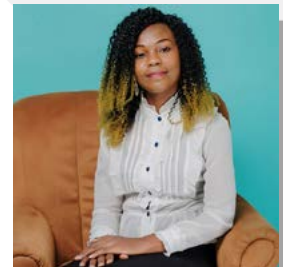


**Nancy Neamtan** has internationally recognised expertise in the Social and Solidarity Economy, social finance and local development. She was founder and CEO of the Chantier de l'Économie Sociale, an organisation dedicated to promoting and developing the social economy in Quebec from 1996 to 2015, after heading the economic and social revival of the South-West borough in Montreal from 1989 to 1996. Co-founder and former president of the Quebec Social Investment Network, of the Chantier de l'Économie Sociale Trust and of TIESS, a liaison and transfer centre for social innovation, she continues her involvement through close collaborations with a range of organisations from the social economy movement.

### young women Leaders

**Ghislaine Mboe Ondo** is founder and president of Actions Solidaires pour un Développement Durable, an association that works to empower women, protect the environment and support vulnerable people. She is currently a young member of the Cameroon Youth Parliament.

📍 CAMEROON



**Stephanie Guarachi**, after studying human ecology, social studies and entrepreneurship, founded Camp Ampuy to improve access to quality education for young Bolivians, and now plans to develop the outdoor industry in Bolivia by creating a women's club to promote hiking and trekking.

📍 BOLIVIA



**Hawa Dramé**, a consultant and trainer specialising in entrepreneurship issues in working-class neighbourhoods, is developing the Time2start incubator in France to provide comprehensive training programmes to support entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds and accelerate entrepreneurship.

📍 FRANCE





# champions' plenary session 1

*BLUE, GREEN AND DIGITAL ECONOMIES: WHAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN TERMS OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY?*



From left to right: Imen Ouardani, Khady Fall Tall, Marie-Lucienne Rattier

**Moderated by:** Ms Dior Birima, Marketing, Communication and Events Consultant, Senegal

## Speakers:

### Blue Economy

#### CHAMPION

Ms Imen Ouardani, *Doctor in Biological Sciences, activist and expert in the field of SSE, Tunisia*

#### YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

- Ms Emna Sohlobji, *Founder of Tellus Advisory, Tunisia*
- Ms Aminata Sidibé, *Business leader and independent researcher, France*

### Green Economy

#### CHAMPION

Ms Khady Fall Tall, *President of AFAO – West African Women's Association*

#### YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

- Ms Melvina Covo, *Managing Director and Co-founder of EMBALLE BÉNIN*
- Ms Geneviève Rajotte Sauriol, *Member of the Bleu Forêt responsible communications cooperative, Canada*
- Ms Ndeye Khadiome Ndong, *Manager of Dakane Agro-Cosmo, Senegal*

### Digital Economy

#### CHAMPION

Ms Marie-Lucienne Rattier, *Councillor responsible for digital development, French Guiana Regional Authority*

#### YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

- Ms Sarah Myriam Tidou, *Founder of @KISSI, Managing Director of Oasis Corporate, Côte d'Ivoire*
- Ms Matina Razafimahefa, *Founder of Sayna, France and Madagascar*
- Ms Yacine Sarr, *IT specialist and tech entrepreneur, Senegal*





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## Main recommendations

- Strengthen tools for involving local municipalities and associations in the development of an SSE approach;
  - Develop tools to support all stakeholders in the value chain linked to this sector;
  - Implement various measures to conserve biodiversity;
  - Avoid fossil fuels, fertilisers and anything else that harms nature;
  - Promote best practices: an environmentally-friendly lifestyle;
  - Ensure that GSEF sets up a global platform for a green social and solidarity economy;
  - Establish links and develop tools to strengthen cooperation between universities and other institutions/ stakeholders so that we can move beyond the research stage and put the various projects into practice;
  - Prioritise and support projects that promote the most urgent joint solutions in the Mediterranean.
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## Summary by the rapporteurs

- Establishment of an intergenerational dialogue with a view to finding solutions to empower women through the green, blue and digital economy;
  - Exchange of best practices on the green, blue and digital economy;
  - The importance of the social and solidarity economy for sustainable economic development, particularly in coastal areas for the blue economy and in agriculture for the green economy;
  - The need to raise public awareness of environmental issues and implement sustainable practices;
  - A call for the involvement of civil society, municipalities and non-profit organisations in creating momentum around the SSE and the green economy;
  - Proposal to set up a global platform for the social and solidarity-based green economy to foster cooperation between universities and other institutions, and to support projects that promote the most urgent joint solutions in the Mediterranean;
  - The place of women in the SSE and solutions to lift women out of poverty;
  - Exchange of experiences on the vision of women's struggle to deconstruct gender stereotypes;
  - The fight for strong women's leadership and empowerment through the SSE.
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## Key points raised by speakers

### Blue Economy

- Solidarity-based blue economy: an umbrella concept combining the SSE and the blue economy around tourism;
- Experience of the solidarity-based blue economy in the Mediterranean, which includes the triple principles of inclusion, justice and equality;
- Economic pressure and threats of climate change on coastal towns and territories;
- Encouraging stakeholders to work together for sustainable solutions and territorial equality;
- Protection of coastal resources;
- Research into innovative solutions through efficient actions in each territory and involving the local population;
- The need to drive efficient cooperation to achieve greater impact;
- Importance of conserving biodiversity and involving the community;
- Strengthening cooperation between research centres;
- Support for projects to find joint solutions in the Mediterranean;
- Shared recommendations from the Mediterranean Blue Economy Forum;
- The need to develop participative and effective intervention strategies to strengthen the socio-economic integration of populations;
- Recent participation of women in the blue economy and the lack of female initiative in Tunisia;
- Involvement of civil society in the social and solidarity economy;
- The blue and green economy as a generator of activities and employment, mainly in coastal areas;
- The need to deconstruct gender stereotypes. The marine world does not have to be a male-dominated world;
- Leading the fight for structures that have no voice, such as the seas and oceans.

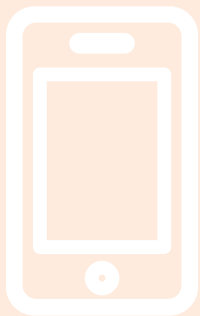
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## Green Economy

- Green economy: all those activities we have always found on the planet, including agriculture and the blue economy;
- Green economy as the lifeblood of agriculture and its value chain;
- Promotion of the green economy through family farms;
- Sustainable production of goods and services;
- Growth of an inclusive economy;
- Reduction of poverty and social disparities;
- A green economy that improves human security and ensures a healthy environment;
- The green economy and agriculture are not based on inexhaustible sources of energy, as climate change has reminded us;
- The need to win the communication war;
- Today: an unsustainable lifestyle that perpetuates gender stereotypes;
- The need to run awareness-raising campaigns to bring about changes in behaviour and to see projects that serve the socio-ecological transition flourish.

## Digital Economy

- Drive towards digital technology helped people stay in touch with the world during Covid-19;
- Importance of promoting digital access;
- Growth in remote working, videoconferencing, e-information and e-education;
- Digital challenges in coastal areas;
- Implementation of fibre optics via satellite in French Guiana, where the connectivity rate is 20%;
- Solutions geared to the informal sector for women;
- The SSE in French Guiana: a major part of the population in the Social Economy and an increasing number of people involved in the SSE;
- Use of information and communication technologies is vital to solve social and environmental problems.



Aminata Sidibe  
Geneviève Rajotte Sauriol  
Sarah Myriam Tidou  
Emna Sohlobji



# champions' plenary session 2

SUPPORT MECHANISMS AND MODES OF FINANCING



From left to right: Bongran Yoon, Fatna El Khiei, Nancy Neamtan

**Moderated by:** Ms Maissata Niasse Ndiaye, *Expert in African NGO development, international microfinance, gender analysis and action, Senegal*

## Speakers:

### Financing

#### CHAMPION

Ms Bongran Yoon, *President of the SALLIM social cooperative, South Korea*

#### YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

- Ms Isabelle Saidou, *President of the Act'ICI association, France*
- Ms Nana Baraka Abdou Idi, *Coordinator of the NGO Sustainable Action and Peace in the Sahel (APDS), Niger*
- Ms Rokhaya Ba, *President of the Club for Discussion, Action and Development (CRAD), Senegal*



### Political dialogue

#### CHAMPION

Ms Fatna El K'hiei, *Vice-President of the Network of Locally Elected Women of Africa (REFELA) for North Africa*

#### YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

- Simone Diouf, *responsible for Programmes for Africa at the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), USA*
- Tchailga Silue, *Project Assistant for the Banlieues Du Monde association, Mauritania*
- Ms Nathalie Pesin, *Specialist in green entrepreneurship and sustainable development, Canada*



### Research

#### CHAMPION

Ms Nancy Neamtan, *Expert in the field of SSE, Founder of the Chantier de l'Économie Sociale, Canada*

#### YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

- Ms Hawa Drame, *President of Time2start, France*
- Ms Ghislaine Mboe Ondo, *President and founder of the association Solidarity Actions for Sustainable Development, Cameroon*
- Ms Dounya Bouyenna Taleb Ely, *Founder of Fighting Poverty and Supporting the Vulnerable Classes (LVPSCV), Mauritania*



# champions' plenary session 2

## Main recommendations

- Organise caravans in rural areas to raise awareness among women working in the informal sector of the need to register;
  - Provide education and training for young people and women on access to financing;
  - Increase the number of studies and amount of scientific data on women's entrepreneurship.
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## Summary by the rapporteurs

- Presentation of initiatives and question and answer session between two generations;
  - Experience-sharing panel;
  - The problem of financing for women in Africa was at the heart of the discussions.
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## Key points raised by speakers

### Financing collective and sustainable economies

- Financing political and sustainable social economies in South Korea – the example of the SALLIM social cooperative;
  - The SSE model, which is highly developed in Africa, allows women to participate in regional development;
  - The Youth Solidarity Bank solves the problem of youth debt in South Korea;
  - The social economy as a safety net for social education in South Korea;
  - Job creation assistance for women and support projects for central government;
  - Strengthening microfinance or solidarity microcredits and the question of debt relief;
  - The need to get microfinance providers to ease the conditions for lending to collective economies that want to obtain capital (loans) to carry out productive activities;
  - Interference by men in the management of women's collective savings (appropriation of loans, embezzlement);
  - Strategy for organising internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees into profitable productive structures in host areas (no access to land, no resources, etc.);
  - Free training to set up a monitoring system and create a value chain in the areas covered;
  - The issue of financial assistance for women who are not on the civil register, especially in rural areas. Idea of sending caravans to remote areas to raise awareness and register those who have not yet done so;
  - Education for young people/women for socio-economic integration and civic engagement;
  - The need to provide financial support for women's involvement (voluntary work, etc.);
  - Recognition of women's abilities through their involvement;
  - Progress made in involving civil society and other structures in women's access to their rights.
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### SSE and political dialogue

- The development of public policy means listening to the population and understanding their needs and problems;
- Economic empowerment gives women in conflict zones the means to ensure security and peace;
- Dialogue with public and political stakeholders to empower vulnerable women most affected by insecurity;
- The need to form a cooperative to receive subsidies from the public authorities to continue empowering women effectively.



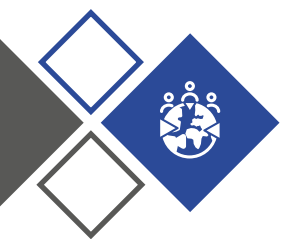
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## Links between practices and research in the SSE

- One of the major challenges facing the SSE is access to capital: money is the sinews of war;
- One of the achievements of the Chantier de l'Économie Sociale in 1997 was to convince the Quebec government and private stakeholders to capitalise a new fund, RISQ, which offers unsecured loans exclusively to collective enterprises with losses well below those of traditional funds;
- Development of financial products to meet community needs;
- Development of the "patient capital" concept with the creation of the Chantier de l'Économie Sociale Trust in 2007, providing an option to repay capital after 15 years;
- Innovations for which scientific studies have demonstrated that assumptions are sound and investments have produced convincing results;
- Support from researchers to learn about solidarity finance elsewhere;
- Integration into university courses;
- The alliance between the SSE and research in higher education ensures that the SSE movement benefits from a new generation of activists who continue to build and strengthen a solidarity finance ecosystem in Quebec (120 Quebecers at the Dakar Forum, the majority of them young people);
- The role of women in reversing the current model in which those who control the capital decide how development will take place in our countries and communities;
- Mechanisms put in place to support women in research in areas linked to the social and solidarity economy;
- The issue of using research findings to make women's actions more proactive in the social and solidarity economy;
- Raising women's awareness of the SSE as a tool for achieving empowerment;
- The relationship between research and practice in women's training, support and entrepreneurship.



Nathalie Pesin  
Tchailga Silue  
Hawa Dramé  
Dounya Bouyenna Taleb Ely



# political segment

*SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY AND GENDER  
MAINSTREAMING IN NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES,  
PROGRAMMES AND AGENDAS*



From left to right: Lissa Baba Niang, Béatrice Alain, Jean-Marc Pisani, Dieynaba Wane Ndiaye, Aïssa Kabo, Khady Samba, Bo Ra Kim

## Moderated by:

- Ms Béatrice Alain, Director of the Chantier de l'Économie Sociale, Quebec, Canada
- Ms Lissa Baba Niang, Public Policy Evaluation Specialist, City of Dakar, Senegal

## Speakers:

- Ms Khady Samba, Director of SSE Promotion at the Senegalese Ministry of Microfinance and SSE
- Mr Jean-Marc Pisani, Ambassador of the European Union to Senegal
- Ms Bo Ra Kim, Secretary General of SSEGOV and Mayor of Anseong-si, Gyeonggi, South Korea
- Ms Dieynaba Wane Ndiaye, UN Women Country Director, Senegal
- Ms Aïssa Kabo, Representative for the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)

## Main recommendations

- Improve support for women's income-generating activities;
- Support African integration;
- Create synergies between women's and young people's initiatives;
- Contribute to the development of the value chain;
- Support the empowerment of social entrepreneurs;
- Focus on communication to support women and young people;
- Drive change at grassroots level;
- Harmonise the legal framework by supporting women and young people at the community level;
- Set up a consultation framework and a discussion platform.

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## Rapporteur's summary

- Identifying and removing obstacles;
- Setting up discussion platforms;
- Continuing current efforts and translating the Forum's conclusions into action in each country;
- The need to ensure the sustainability of all actions;
- Providing information and networking for all initiatives.

## Key points raised by speakers

- Consideration by the Senegalese government of the recommendations arising from the Forum;
- Operationalisation of the guidelines adopted by Senegal;
- Support for women entrepreneurs, business leaders and SSE participants;
- Women's Day for SSE as a platform for sharing best practices and SSE success stories;
- Discussion on future challenges and opportunities;
- Crucial role of women in the SSE;
- Highlighting the role of women in the SSE;
- Capacity building and support for women in entrepreneurship;
- Investment in women's empowerment;
- Importance of women's role in health, development and education;
- Socio-cultural barriers to women's empowerment;
- Difficulties for women in accessing finance and land;
- Promotion of women's access to decision-making bodies;
- Fight against power inequalities;
- Infrastructure building in the WAEMU zone;
- Implementation of support and mentoring systems for women;
- Constraints on peace and security in the WAEMU zone that hamper infrastructure development;
- Implementation of a consultation framework that provides a forum for openness and discussion within the European Union;
- Impacts on climate change.



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# workshops and self-organised sessions

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- Amadou DIONE, *Speaker for decentralized cooperation with the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region (Senegal)*
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- Mamounata OUEDRAOGO, *Founder and National Coordinator of REPAFER BURKINA – Network for the Promotion and Empowerment of Rural Women (Burkina Faso)*

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- Fatou SARR, *Coordinator, ENDA Energie (Senegal)*

## SESSION PFF4SA1

### REPORT

#### Women's Empowerment and Digital: @KISSI Project

#### Speaker :

- Sarah TIDOU, *Founder of @KISSI, Managing Director of Oasis Corporate (Côte d'Ivoire)*

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#### A reform of the microcredit environment for renewed financial inclusion for women in the informal economy and rural areas of Senegal

Session organised by RECAFSEN – Senegal Self-Financed Communities Network of the ViSCA17 association

**Speaker :** Cherif Samsedine SARR, *President of the ViSCA17 association (Senegal)*

## SESSION PFF5SA2

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#### Training workshop: From Entrepreneur to Business Leader

Session organised by Sen'Finances / Filaction

**Moderation :** Lucie DEMERS, *Strategy and Development Director, FILACTION (Canada)*

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#### How to organise a support programme for women's cooperatives and associations.

#### Presentation of the territorial coaching approach applied to strengthening the skills of civil society organisations

#### Moderation :

- Fatiha DANI, *Head of Cooperation Department, Eastern Regional Council (Morocco)*
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Session organised by UCLGA – United Cities and Local Governments of Africa

**Moderation :** Bachir KANOUTE, *ENDA ECOPOP – Co-production Spaces and Popular Offers for the Environment and Development in Africa (Senegal)*

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- Ndeye Maty CISSE, *Vice-President of the Kaolack Departmental Council (Senegal)*
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#### **Case study: Linking women's and young people's leadership for a large scale social and solidarity economy in the municipality of Cambérène**

Session organised by the municipality de Cambérène, Senegal

**Moderation :** Aly Ane DIOP, *Mayor of the municipality of Cambérène and University Professor (Senegal)*

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- Cristian PREIRA, *Deputy Mayor, HLM Town Hall, Dakar (Senegal)*
- Harouna CAMARA, *Mayor of Dinguiraye (Senegal)*
- Clément DELCOURT, *Yunus Sports Hub (France)*

## WORKSHOP PFF6AT3 **REPORT**

### **Natural resources and the environment as levers for inclusion and empowerment**

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#### **Speakers :**

- Aida DIONGUE-NIANG, *IPCC Auditor – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (Senegal)*
- Sokhna Dé Ka DIA, *Director of the Dakar Hub, Natural Justice*
- Honoré Gabriel DJIVO, *Associate Professor of Management Science at the Catholic University of West Africa (Senegal)*

## SESSION PFF7SA2 **REPORT**

### **The economic reality of African women faced with the impacts of climate change and migratory flows**

Session organised by the MUNTU Foundation

**Moderation :** Cathia CARIOTTE, *Development and innovation strategy consultant, MUNTU Foundation (Canada)*

## WORKSHOP PFF7AT2 **REPORT**

### **Taking gender into account in the Social and Solidarity Economy**

**Moderation :** Awa NGUER FALL, *Coordinator, PASNEEG – Support Project for the National Strategy for Gender Equity and Equality*

*(Senegal)*

#### **Speakers :**

- Joëlle TETART, *Advisor on gender-based social innovation for the ethical finance cooperative CREDAL (Belgium)*
- Andrea RODRIGUEZ, *Project Manager, RIPESS Europe (Spain)*
- Sandra SALSÓN MARTÍN, *Project Coordinator, Tangente Cooperative Group (Spain)*
- Oumar BA, *Economist and Publication Director, #WeerBi (Senegal)*

## WORKSHOP PFF7AT4 **REPORT**

### **The SSE and gender: what are the challenges and opportunities?**

**Moderation :** Marième DIOP DIEYE, *International legal expert in Decentralisation and Territorial Development, Gender, Women's and Children's Rights (Senegal)*

#### **Speakers :**

- Amina ZAIR, *President of AFAQ – Women's Initiatives by the Neighbourhood Associations of Greater Casablanca (Morocco)*
- Maria Ernestina OCHOA LUJÁN, *IPIROFOTH – Institute for the Promotion and Training of Domestic Workers – INSPIR Continental (Peru)*
- Nafissatou DIAW, *Midwife, Head of the Mbao health post (Senegal)*

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### Food policy and decent work

**Moderated by:** Ndeye Ndack Pouye Mbodj, *Director of Sustainable Planning and Development, City of Dakar (Senegal)*

**Speakers:**

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- Amadou Dione, *Speaker for decentralized cooperation with the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region (Senegal)*
- Mor Diakhate, *Executive Director, ALPHADEV – Literacy for Sustainable Development Association (Senegal)*

#### Rapporteur's summary

- Empowerment requires decent work, which is why we need to support women in a variety of ways, including through training, access to land, capital and basic necessities
- Examples of support for women's empowerment through decent work in the food sector
- Empowering women involves an inclusive approach through investment in training and capacity building in access to resources and information
- Women's access to responsibilities, decision-making processes, opportunities and resources
- Structuring of the SSE sector and social entrepreneurship
- Women's financial inclusion
- Illiteracy and capacity building of those involved in the SSE

#### Main recommendations

- Develop strategic guidelines for structuring social enterprises, social marketing and collective production to guide the various stakeholders through their economic transition
- Develop models for international solidarity between local authorities, for partnerships between producers, for stakeholder organisation within a value chain, and for women's capacity building through support for financial, economic and social empowerment
- Create networks of SSE participants focusing on women's empowerment and decent work

#### Key points raised by speakers

##### Appoline Compaore

- The Songui Manégré Aid for Endogenous Development Association in Ouagadougou set up a group of associations of women restaurant owners who process local produce
- Support measures such as training, access to financing and land to help empower women
- ASMADE's support has led to the official recognition of "street food and the processing of agri-foodstuffs" as a trade
- Multifaceted support for women restaurant owners in Ouagadougou has led to sustainable development and the formalisation of their status

##### Amadou Dione

- Programme to improve the goat production sector in conjunction with the Fatick and Diourbel breeders' association and the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region

- Programme goal: to structure and develop the goat sector in a way that helps reduce poverty and strengthen food sovereignty
- A support project for the goat sector has helped to form an organisation of goat farmers, reflecting the core values of the SSE

##### Mor Diakhate

- The SSE shop, an initiative set up by ALPHADEV and supported by ESPOIR
- Coaching and support for the empowerment of women in the *jàng ngir suqaliku* federation
- Previous functional literacy programme for women in the Dakar suburbs
- ALPHADEV continues to help women cope with the rising cost of basic foodstuffs
- Setting up an SSE shop has provided women with access to quality foodstuffs through synergies

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- Mamounata Ouedraogo, *Founder and National Coordinator of REPAFER BURKINA – Network for the Promotion and Empowerment of Rural Women (Burkina Faso)*

### Rapporteur's summary

- The SSE can help overcome obstacles by offering opportunities for training, crowdfunding, development of professional networks, and so on
- Discussions on tools and support systems for women's entrepreneurship

### Main recommendations

- Structural transformation of the SSE
- Strengthening human capital
- Supporting women in the SSE
- Implementation of a typically African SSE model
- Building links between the various African SSE organisations

### Key points raised by speakers

- Constraints and opportunities for women in rural areas
- How women can create cooperatives to sell their products and tap into larger markets
- The importance of entrepreneurship in the SSE process
- Problems faced by women in rural areas

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- Mamadou Sow, *Project Manager, specialist in inclusive finance and entrepreneurship (Senegal)*
- Fatou Sarr, *Coordinator, Enda Energie (Senegal)*

### Rapporteur's summary

- The session aims to share the history and practices of the Sokhna Diarra Bousso economic interest group, whose purpose is to make a responsible contribution to the socio-economic development of the Sibassor local area through initiatives implemented mainly by women
- The aim is to show how, from a vision, actions have been taken leading to the emancipation and empowerment of women and greater food security
- The example of the Sokhna Diarra Bousso EIG aligns fully with GSEF2023's goal of highlighting how women can play a decisive role in the production of goods and services for the benefit of their communities and the economy

### Main recommendations

- Use educational tools that are appropriate and easy to access for the target audience
- Encourage experience sharing

### Key points raised by speakers

- The example of the Sokhna Diarra Bousso EIG, which promotes women's initiatives
- Discussion on the contribution of women's empowerment to food security, focusing on a number of crucial issues
- The marginalisation of women in certain societies, their access to land, the development of agricultural products, the mobilisation of resources, the strengthening of skills, etc.
- The local, national, regional and international implications of these issues
- The need for synergies to provide effective responses to the challenges posed by these issues



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### Women's Empowerment and Digital: @KISSI Project

**Speaker:** Sarah Tidou, *Founder of @KISSI, Managing Director of Oasis Corporate (Côte d'Ivoire)*

#### Rapporteur's summary

- The informal economy affects young people (95.8% of 15- to 24-year-olds) and women (92.1%) in particular, and makes a major contribution to reducing poverty
- Overview of the @KISSI solution at GSEF2023, highlighting that this social solution contributes to the growth of the Social and Solidarity Economy
- The @KISSI solution empowers women using digital tools and contributes to the growth of the SSE

#### Main recommendation

Inform and train people who do not own a smartphone to use this method, so that everyone can benefit from it.

#### Key points raised by the speaker

- Over 80% of jobs in urban areas are informal
- According to the World Bank, the informal sector is the main employer and the cornerstone of economic activity in African cities
- Jobs for young people and women in the informal sector
- Overview of a technology called @KISSI, an e-commerce platform primarily aimed at women
- Digital solutions tailored to income-generating activities, particularly businesses in the informal sector (management tools, visibility, training)
- The solution is also open to people who are illiterate or speak local languages
- Application available on Play Store, monthly subscription depending on business size. Packages from 3,000 to 30,000 Francs CFA per month
- The @KISSI solution works in partnership with Côte d'Ivoire's Ministry for SMEs and has already been set up in Senegal, Algeria and Togo

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## A reform of the microcredit environment for renewed financial inclusion for women in the informal economy and rural areas of Senegal

Session organised by RECAFSEN – Senegal Self-Financed Communities Network of the ViSCA17 association

Moderated by: Cherif Samsedine Sarr, *President of the ViSCA17 association (Senegal)*

### Rapporteur's summary

- Women need to be trained and supported before they think about financing or self-financing
- The need to encourage female entrepreneurship in rural areas, which are an important part of the economy
- Controversial microcredit? A response to social exclusion or microdebt

### Main recommendations

- Train women in financial education
- Implement a candid programme to promote female entrepreneurship
- Training must involve young people
- Migrate to decentralised financial systems
- Introduce women to digital tools to keep up with the competition
- Take the time needed to train women in the local language

### Key points raised by speakers

- Overview of RECAFSEN and sharing of experience
- Limits to financial inclusion offered by microfinance institutions
- Improving access to financing for micro-enterprises and small projects
- Women's entrepreneurship in the informal sector and in rural areas
- The importance of financial education in the process of financial inclusion and economic empowerment of women
- Financing services tailored to women's specific needs
- Reform of the microcredit environment to help reduce poverty among women
- Implementation of a financial inclusion strategy to benefit rural women

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## Training workshop: From Entrepreneur to Business Leader

Session organised by Sen'Finances/Filaction

Moderated by: Lucie Demers, *Strategy and Development Director, FILACTION (Canada)*

### Rapporteur's summary

- Although there are organisations supporting women's entrepreneurship in West Africa, there is a lack of tools designed specifically for women entrepreneurs; women need management tools to develop and grow their businesses
- Although international investment is flowing into West Africa, there is a lack of tools for learning and managing the growth of businesses owned and managed by women
- This session aims to improve women entrepreneurs' knowledge and understanding so they can benefit from appropriate support before, during and after they apply for financing, when starting up or growing their businesses

### Main recommendations

- Raise awareness of women's entrepreneurial culture
- Identify your specific needs as woman entrepreneurs
- Demystify the issue of growth financing for women entrepreneurs
- Foster partnerships between women entrepreneurs and the financial community
- Encourage networking between women entrepreneurs
- Improve accountability of women entrepreneurs to their partners

### Key points raised by speakers

- Capitalise on Filaction's expertise in supporting and financing women entrepreneurs in Quebec by transferring the tools developed over the past 20 years
- Discussion on developing the skills needed by women entrepreneurs, project planning, financing and growing their businesses
- The importance of support networks and accountability in maintaining excellent relations with various financial and other partners
- Introduction to tools for developing business plans and simple financial and budget forecasting tools
- The quality of clear and transparent financial information and the importance of this in maintaining a good working relationship with your partners
- The tools developed by Filaction, which are easy to use and encourage women entrepreneurs to take charge of managing their own businesses
- Tools to make their businesses more self-sufficient and sustainable
- Women's ability and confidence to grow their small businesses into medium-sized enterprises: what are the steps and requirements needed to move from one level to the next?



## How to organise a support programme for women's cooperatives and associations.

### Presentation of the territorial coaching approach applied to strengthening the skills of civil society organisations.

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- Hamida El Kouche, *CECT/Oujda – Centre of Excellence for Territorial Coaching (Morocco)*
- Brahim Bendouda, *CECT/Oujda – Centre of Excellence for Territorial Coaching (Morocco)*

#### Rapporteur's summary

- Territorial coaching, an important mechanism for linking the top and the bottom, and a lever for the SSE
- First opportunity since the launch of the Promotion of Gender Equality (PGE) project to interact face-to-face with all the project partners
- Question and answer session: participants asked various questions about territorial coaching, including how it started, who is behind it institutionally and whether political issues are covered
- Workshop on a methodology for coaching and training women's cooperatives and associations
- Programmes implemented in Morocco, Senegal and Burkina Faso as part of the Promotion of Gender Equality and Women's Economic Empowerment (PEG) project

#### Main recommendations

Encourage and develop support for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to increase the number of members in women's cooperatives and associations and strengthen their role in the sustainable development of their local areas

#### Key points raised by speakers

##### Ndeye Maty Cissé

- The innovations and contributions of Territorial Coaching (TC) in promoting and developing the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE)
- TC in the salt industry in Kaolack following the signing of a multi-partner agreement with Echos Communication, UCLG Africa, ADO and CRO
- Creating a sociogram and carrying out a SWOT analysis
- Outcome of this experiment in the salt industry: increased production and higher sales
- Provision of healthy working conditions that comply with regulations
- TC as a means of encouraging territorial and inclusive development



# theme 5

## **Khadija Douayri**

- The origins of Territorial Coaching and its benefits for women's cooperatives and associations on the African continent
- The informal sector is unregulated, overexploited and can be dangerous
- Help for women in the Eastern region through training, financial assistance, access to equipment and support in creating income-generating activities, particularly through cooperatives

## **Hamida El Kouche and Brahim Bendouda**

- Presentation of the pilot training and support project and the support guide for change and training for civil society organisations (CSOs) using the territorial coaching approach
- TC as an approach that involves bringing together the various stakeholders (civil society, elected representatives, entrepreneurs and national ministries) with the aim of supporting territorial development
- A guide to providing coaches with tools and methods to improve the way they design and implement support for CSOs through a series of support, training and synergy workshops



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- Thérèse Faye Diouf, *Director of FONGIP – Guarantee Fund for Priority Investments (Senegal)*
- Khadija Douayri, *President of the Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Development Committee, Eastern Regional Council (Morocco)*

#### Rapporteur's summary

- Social inclusion as a key sustainable development objective is an essential part of the fight against poverty, the reduction of inequalities and the promotion of inclusive societies
- Social and environmental challenges are closely linked

#### Main recommendations

- Put women at the heart of the economic transformation
- Build vegetable markets

#### Key points raised by speakers

##### Marie Angèle Meyanga

- Supervision, financing and support for young people
- Training in the salt, agricultural processing, sewing and clothing sectors is a priority
- Management and marketing training
- Limited financial resources at departmental level
- No social security cover
- Lack of modern equipment
- Problems with access to land ownership
- Difficulties in finding partners to export products
- More than 50% of women are dependent on their husbands
- Domestic violence
- Encouragement and sustainable empowerment of women

##### Ndeye Maty Cissé

- Innovations in Territorial Coaching (TC) and its contribution to the promotion and development of the Social and Solidarity Economy
- Territorial coaching in the salt industry in Kaolack

##### Thérèse Faye Diouf

- Setting up a guarantee fund for towns and cities
- A fund that benefits in particular women and young people working in the fishing, farming and craft sectors
- Introduction of support systems for women
- FONGIP is an important mechanism for linking the top and the bottom

##### Khadija Douayri

- Territorial coaching introduced in Morocco in 2014 as a capacity-building tool
- Product promotion at trade fairs, forums and seminars
- Partnership agreement in February 2023
- The Regional Council's commitment to project developers
- Support for project financing
- Award for excellence organised every year
- A bank specifically for women


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## Building citizenship to support municipalities Case study: Linking women's and young people's leadership for a large-scale social and solidarity economy in the municipality of Cambérène

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- Harouna Camara, *Mayor of the municipality of Dinguiraye (Senegal)*
- Clément Delcourt, *Yunus Sports Hub (France)*

### Rapporteur's summary

- All development needs motivated young people and women working for the common good
- The women's economic development model through the village savings and credit associations (AVECs) and dahiras (religious groups) must be formalised in order to achieve a sustainable economy
- Inclusive development taking into account all aspects of the SSE must include intermunicipal cooperation
- This gives women and young people access to training and financing to set up practical activities

### Main recommendations

- Find ways to pool collective strengths
- Providing capacity building courses for young people and women

### Key points raised by speakers

- Citizenship building as a tool to promote development
- Setting up a central purchasing unit to maximise the return on production
- Links between young people and women as drivers and levers
- Overview of economic models for women through tontines, AVECs, clusters, dahiras (cultural institutions and communication and Koranic teaching facilities in Murid towns)
- Creating value chains through intermunicipal cooperation
- Importance of training young people and women to improve financial education
- The need to forge links between sport and social entrepreneurship
- Financing tools and mechanisms to help women carry out specific activities

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## Natural resources and the environment as levers for inclusion and empowerment

**Moderated by:** Madina Hady Tall, *President of the Planning, Sustainable Development and Coastal Management Committee of the City of Dakar (Senegal)*

**Speakers:**

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- Honoré Gabriel Djivo, *Associate Professor of Management Science at the Catholic University of West Africa (Senegal)*

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## Rapporteur's summary

- Workshop on how to turn the adverse effects of climate change into opportunities for the development of the Social and Solidarity Economy
- Climatic variations have considerable repercussions on socio-economic development
- Climate change is already a very real threat in Senegal (intense and shorter rains, rising temperatures, rising sea levels, coastal erosion, etc.)
- The marginalisation of certain social groups, in particular women and children, who face formal and informal barriers to accessing and controlling resources, government services and markets
- Nature-based solutions are one way of adapting to climate change

## Main recommendations

- Work in synergy
- Develop a culture of assessment
- Set up value chains
- Put people at the heart of decision-making
- Develop utility strategies rather than consumption strategies

## Key points raised by speakers

### Aida Diongue-Niang

- Impact of climate change on human and natural systems and on the livelihoods of communities, particularly vulnerable people
- Review of the latest IPCC report: rising greenhouse gas emissions and unprecedented concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrous oxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)
- The increasingly negative effects of man-made climate change will impact water availability and food production, cities, towns and infrastructure, biodiversity and ecosystems
- Human-induced climate impacts on human systems and ecosystems
- Communities that contribute the least to climate change are the most affected: water shortages, lower yields, an increase in climate-related illnesses and deaths, etc.
- Climate change exacerbates existing problems
- Women working in the informal sector are particularly affected; they have less access to education and are less able to move when disasters strike
- The rise in temperature depends on the choices we make now

### Sokhna Dié Ka Dia

- Legal empowerment as an important lever for the inclusion of women in the development and implementation of development and environmental policies
- Accountability of decision-makers
- The need for women to play a role in negotiations to demand climate justice
- Legal empowerment can make policies accessible

### Honoré Gabriel Djivo

- Natural resources and the environment as levers for inclusion and empowerment in relation to the Social and Solidarity Economy
- The green economy provides a response to the challenges of the transition from the informal to the formal sector, and creates wealth while prioritising social benefits over entrepreneurial objectives
- The green economy as a direct contribution to local taxation and a response to bridging the gaps
- The Inclusive Green Economy (IGE) ensures the resilience and sustainability of ecosystems, promotes social well-being, encourages the equitable distribution of resources and costs, and guarantees responsible production and consumption
- There are three ways to set up the IGE:
  - Enable everyone to take ownership of the foundations of the IGE, based on the formalisation of the business activities of those working in the informal sector
  - Show how the IGE can transform the problem of informality into an opportunity for the community
  - Lobby for a programme to promote public-private partnerships at local level for the development of the city-led Inclusive Green Economy





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## The economic reality of African women faced with the impacts of climate change and migratory flows

Session organised by the MUNTU Foundation

**Moderated by:** Cathia Cariotte, *Development and innovation strategy consultant, MUNTU Foundation (Canada)*

**Speakers:**

- Crystal Boulay
- Isabelle Gervais

### Rapporteur's summary

- The deterioration of the climate situation is becoming increasingly apparent around the world: resources are dwindling and migratory flows are constantly increasing
- Women are disproportionately affected by the consequences of climate change because of their dependence on natural resources and their limited access to resources and decision-making
- The economic empowerment of women is crucial to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and tackling gender inequalities in the fight against climate change

### Main recommendations

- Consider gender inequalities in the fight against climate change and the promotion of sustainable development
- Present examples of solutions that help women adapt to climate change, strengthen their resilience and highlight the importance of their economic empowerment
- Present the specific challenges faced by African women in relation to their dependence on resources, their limited access to decision-making bodies and the cultural norms that prevent them from finding refuge or emigrating during disasters
- Propose solutions to strengthen resilience and highlight the importance of women's economic empowerment in combating climate change and promoting sustainable development
- Raise awareness of the links between gender inequality and climate change, with a view to promoting policies and programmes that recognise these links
- Build the capacity of women's organisations so that they can play a key role in combating climate change and promoting sustainable development

### Key points raised by speakers

- The consequences of climate change are forcing societies to rethink their day-to-day activities
- Migratory flows and climate refugees
- Gender inequalities linked to climate change
- Empowerment of women
- Promotion of the Social and Solidarity Economy as a viable economic model
- Discussions on research into the problems posed by climate change

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## Taking gender into account in the Social and Solidarity Economy

**Moderated by:** Awa Nguer Fall, *Coordinator, PASNEEG – Support Project for the National Strategy for Gender Equity and Equality (Senegal)*

**Speakers:**

- Joëlle Tetart, *Advisor on gender-based social innovation for the ethical finance cooperative CREDAL (Belgium)*
- Andrea Rodríguez, *Project Manager, RIPESS Europe (Spain)*
- Sandra Salsón Martín, *Project Coordinator, Tangente Cooperative Group (Spain)*
- Oumar Ba, *Economist and Publication Director, #WeerBi (Senegal)*

### Rapporteur's summary

- The Social and Solidarity Economy is about women showing solidarity with each other
- It is also a set of income-generating activities for women
- It is also a way of strengthening social cohesion and ensuring a sustainable economy.

### Main recommendations

- Tools for collecting community data
- Collective intelligence tools
- Set up financial cooperatives
- Grant specific loans
- Raise awareness of women's predominantly voluntary work in the SSE
- Raise awareness of the SSE among women
- Create gender committees
- Raise awareness among women in the informal sector

### Key points raised by speakers

#### Joëlle Tetart

- Integrating women in the SSE because this economy has a role to play in the fight for gender equality
- Integrating women to empower them and reduce poverty

#### Andrea Rodríguez

- Nature has no limits when it comes to meeting our needs
- The need to return to a pre-capitalism economy
- The Social and Solidarity Economy is feminism

#### Sandra Salsón Martín

- Women's entrepreneurship school as an initiative to build women's capacities in different sectors and to support and sustain them
- Entrepreneurship as a tool for transformation

#### Oumar Ba

- The SSE as a success factor in the informal economy
- Women's role in processing local products and in craftwork, income-generating activities to help them earn a living and support themselves
- Women's involvement and participation in solidarity calabashes, tontines, NGOs and associations



### The SSE and gender: what are the challenges and opportunities?

**Moderated by:** Marième Diop Dieye, *International legal expert in Decentralisation and Territorial Development, Gender, Women's and Children's Rights (Senegal)*

**Speakers:**

- Amina Zair, *President of AFAQ – Women's Initiatives by the Neighbourhood Associations of Greater Casablanca (Morocco)*
- Maria Ernestina Ochoa Luján, *I PROFOTH – Institute for the Promotion and Training of Domestic Workers – INSPIR Continental (Peru)*
- Nafissatou Diaw Kebe, *Midwife, Head of the Mbaou health post (Senegal)*

#### Rapporteur's summary

- More than 67% of workers in the SSE sector are women; this compares with 60% in the public sector and 40% in the private sector outside the SSE
- Examination of innovations by women in the SSE in terms of access to quality health services and the creation of conditions for decent work
- Any health system can depend on SSE structures because they innovate to give everyone access to the best care and good health prevention
- Women's place and the role they have played in the SSE since its inception must be highlighted; this is the case with the SSE's contribution to community health and the creation of decent jobs

#### Main recommendations

- Create new contacts and networks around research-action approaches within the framework of Southern epistemologies
- Create a forum for discussion around epistemologies that will be central to the issue of co-constructed innovation involving participants and researchers working in the SSE

#### Key points raised by speakers

##### Amina Zair

- Overview of AFAQ, made up of 90 associations and 45 cooperatives working to empower women
- Setting up a committee to encourage women to get involved in their neighbourhoods by reaching out to them
- Family workshops to tackle violence against women
- Literacy training and capacity building in crafts and other areas
- The momentum created has led to women becoming active in their local communities
- Integration of women into trades traditionally the preserve of men as a result of these workshops and training courses, and their access to decent employment
- Lobbying for the passing of laws to improve the status of women and girls
- Support provided to women's groups since 2016 in setting up their own projects in their neighbourhoods, helping them to become real social entrepreneurs with production units and solidarity funds to respond to emergencies
- One woman, a metal worker from these neighbourhoods, spoke of how difficult it was to be accepted for a job like this in the women's groups, and how many of them then went on to successfully learn the trade

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## Maria Ernestina Ochoa Luján

- In Latin America, at least 18 million women are domestic workers; they have no rights because they are poor and have no means of defence
- Overview of IPROFOTH's activities
- Domestic workers, mainly women, are part of the solidarity economy
- Lack of economic stability and need to find development alternatives to meet identified needs
- The GSEF Forum is an opportunity to discuss these alternatives
- Appreciation and recognition of the care provided by domestic workers
- Access to decent employment in this sector
- Taking gender approaches into account, caring for the environment
- The Forum as an opportunity to give women the chance to become business owners
- The importance of the solidarity economy in relation to the care economy, with an emphasis on gender, because women and the contribution they make are not recognised
- Lack of childcare facilities is a major barrier to women's employment
- Lack of equity due to the triple role of women domestic workers at home, in the workplace and in the trade union
- IPROFOTH's crèche provides childcare for domestic workers while they are at work (low, affordable prices)
- Principle of equity in access to childcare, care and capacity building
- Principle of work and self-employment, as the women who attend the centre generate their own employment and provide a service in a responsible way
- The crèche as a focal point in the neighbourhood for environmental action (no pollution, recycling of plastic bottles as toys and educational materials)
- Peru has around 400,000 official domestic workers, the majority of whom are women; unofficially, there are at least one million domestic workers, 14% of whom work in private homes
- Impact of COVID on domestic workers, with many job losses
- There is a tendency towards informality in Peru, with employers not signing contracts with their workers, who have neither the means nor the energy to sue to enforce Peruvian law 31047 on domestic workers
- There is a halfway house for people who are no longer working
- Three challenges need to be met: production sales channels, control of solidarity funds, application of existing laws and the passing of laws on care and the SSE

## Nafissatou Diaw Kebe

- Overview of an initiative based on a research-action project involving staff at the M'BAO health post, citizens actively involved in the health post (health committee, Badiénou gokhs, community relays), Franco-Senegalese associations (AEADE Association) and international researchers (LUCI)
- Following a study carried out by AEADE in another centre in 2021, the decision was made to co-build a collective health cooperative in the Mbao urban development zone (Pikine department) in Senegal with the CNRS LADYSS-Paris8-LUCI joint research unit and LISRA (Social laboratory for research-action)
- A team is dedicated to setting up the collective health cooperative project using research-action methodologies with the various local stakeholders and Southern epistemologies
- An approach consistent with the development of innovation specific to the SSE
- The health post is the first point of contact with the local population; it provides mother-and-child care
- Poverty means that people are unable to access healthcare, even though it is affordable; the health post only works with its own revenue
- The health post works with badiénou gokhs, "neighbourhood aunties"
- An internally managed restaurant has been set up; the badiénou gokhs produce local juices, the proceeds from which help to improve technical facilities, motivate staff and enrol them in the mutual health insurance scheme