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JEUN'ESS

Call From the Youth

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On May 1 and 2, 2023, at the place of African remembrance in Dakar, we were nearly 3000 people to participate in the Pre-Forum Jeun'ESS
We came from all regions of Senegal and more than 30 countries to exchange and share around the solutions, issues and challenges of effective development of social and solidarity economies.

Youth play an important role in the development of social and solidarity economies. And this event, which was organized by a team of young champions, made it possible to :

1. Enhance youth-led initiatives in the SSE ;
2. Include and give voice to youth through self-organized sessions and workshops for meeting, sharing and exchange ;
3. Co-construct a plea to change public policy for the development of the SSE.

We will try to summarize our conclusions for you, starting with the consensus that guided all our reflections.

As Eric Dacheux and Daniel Goujon said, " in social and solidarity economy, undertaking is a form of political action. It is about transforming the world."

Indeed, when we talk about social and solidarity economy we cannot afford to overlook empathy and solidarity.

If we want to accelerate its development in Africa, we will have to democratize its values to create vocations and transform the ethics of our economies by creating millions of social entrepreneurs. We are promoting the development of a social and solidarity economy that develops an alternative economic model in which the care and sustainability of life are placed at the center, instead of increasing economic profit.

If we want to have an impact, we will have to support these novice entrepreneurs so that they grow and provide the solutions that the world needs to live better.

For this purpose, to the local governments of the world and in particular the Senegalese government :

1. We claim a social and solidarity economy where young people have their place, where the voice of all young women is heard and taken into account on an equal basis.
2. We propose the creation of a fund to support young people's projects, steered on a continuous basis by a GSEF youth's commission, ensuring in particular the follow-up of all the proposals resulting from this forum.
3. We young people, ask the members and leaders of the GSEF, the creation of a pole Jeun'ESS for the implementation of the action plan Post GSEF2023 Dakar.
4. We ask States, institutions and development partners to establish and finance initiatives aimed at increasing the mobility of young people throughout the African continent and to help boost the free trade area (FTAA) under development, such as the project Caravan'SSE.
5. We call on national and local governments to promote public policies that include young people and take into account their needs in terms of economic opportunities.

At the level of Senegal :

1. We ask to accelerate the effective implementation of the law of orientation, in particular through the recognition of the actors of the SSE in order to allow them to benefit from all the advantages envisaged including in particular exemptions and tax reliefs.
2. We propose the attribution of several seats for the representativeness of the youth within the National Council of the SSE stated by the article 13 of the law of orientation of the SSE. We ask to grant to the Ministry of the SSE

the necessary means in order to equip it with instruments and mechanisms of development, promotion and valorization of the young actors of the SSE at the height of the stakes and potentials of the sector.

3. We suggest the creation of national conferences, regional consultations to include SSE in the calendar of Senegal's current events (political, economic, social, cultural, etc).

4. We also deem it important to create and promote teaching and professional training courses to raise awareness and educate about SSE and build bridges with the structures employing in SSE.


5. We call for the integration of young women and men in territorial planning to foster the development of localized SSE solutions.

6. We ask financial institutions to develop new financial products adapted to the needs of SSE actors. We recommend in particular the implementation of guarantee funds to encourage and promote impact investment.

Conclusion

The new economic model that we want to support must be built on a global scale, including all peoples and their diversities and respecting our planet. We therefore strongly demand that in the next forums, these two themes, intergenerationality and gender, be taken into account as central, priority and transversal spaces for each of the themes and not as a "pre-forum" space. To put life at the center is to claim each of the issues that concern us all.

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