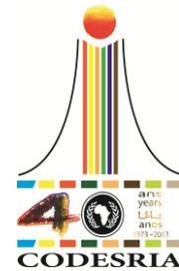




# ROUND TABLE

## GENDER INSTITUTE



### *Gender and Land Tenure*

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**15:00 – 18:00**

**Venue: CODESRIA**

**Chair: Zenebeworke Tadesse**

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## PROGRAMME

- 15:00 — 15:20 **Arrival of guest**
- 15:20 — 15:30 **welcome note and introduction of panelists (CODESRIA)**
- 15:30 — 15:40 **Mariam Sow**, Enda Pronat coordinator  
*Gender and Land Tenure in the Context of Land Grabbing*
- 15:40 — 15:50 **El Hadji Mbaye Guèye**, Programme Officer, AFARD  
*Mapping of land tenure laws and Discriminated Practices against Women and Girls in Africa*
- 15:50 — 16:00 **Aminata Niang**, Initiative prospective agricole et rurale (IPAR)  
*Gender Inequalities in Access to and Control of Agricultural land in Sub-Saharan Africa*
- 16:00 — 17:50 **Discussions**
- 17:50 — 18:00 **Closing**

# PANELISTS

## **Mariam Sow**

Born in 1953 in Guédé Chantier in the rural commune of Guédé Village (Department of Podor, Senegal River Valley), Mariam Sow is the daughter of agro-pastoralists who are attached to their land.

After completing her secondary education, she became a rural organizer for Rural Family Houses in Thies, Senegal. It is where she learned about the basics of the participatory approach in rural areas, the structure of peasant organizations and the knowledge and skills of peasants.

In 1983, she was discovered for her talents by late Jacques Bugnicourt (Founder of Enda Third World) who integrated her into Enda Pronat Programme (Natural Protection). She was given the responsibilities of sensitizing and training people on the dangers of chemical pesticides and agro-ecological alternative techniques in several rural areas in Senegal.

After 13 years of field experience with Enda Pronat, she ensured the coordination of the unit from 1996 until today. She was also the Executive Secretary of Enda Third World from 2007 to 2009 and has been the President of its Board since 2013. Despite her high positions, Mariam has always remained very close to peasants. She is an ardent defender of rural land tenure with the advent of land grabbing in 2010.

## **El Hadji Mbaye Guèye**

He holds a Master's degree in project management, a Certificate in project management from the University of Illinois (Chicago, USA) and a bachelor's degree in History and Archeology from the University of Dakar.

He is a specialist in management with over 12 years of professional experience in the management of development projects, capacity building, resource mobilization, research-action-advocacy and publication. He has significant knowledge on issues related to gender inequality in regional integration processes in ECOWAS and in the context of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

During the past twelve years, he has worked in regional and international organizations in Senegal and abroad (Nairobi, Kenya). He is currently programme officer and resource mobilization at AAWORD/AFARD.

## **Aminata Niang**

She is a Socio-anthropologist with a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona and a Master degree in Sociology from Cheikh Anta Diop University. She is a specialist in qualitative research methodologies, the policy issues of sustainable development, the impact of extractive industries, poverty reduction, food security and gender. She has authored works on gender and is a former laureate of the 2002 Gender Institute. After working as a teaching assistant at the University of Arizona for four years, she has been a researcher at IPAR since September 2013.