

5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific  
Knowledge and Technology  
(COMEST)

**FORUM OF YOUNG AFRICAN RESEARCHERS**  
**organised by UNESCO, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC),  
and the Ministry of Scientific Research of Senegal**

*The Social Responsibility of Researchers in Africa*

**Dakar, Le Meridien President Hotel,  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2006 (Room B12)**

**Provisional Agenda**

**8:00-9:00 – Registration of participants**

**9:00-9:30 – Opening of the Forum**

**Chairpersons:**

- *Mr. Pierre Sané*, Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Paris
- *Mrs. Suzanne Badji*, Representative of Young African Researchers, researcher and lecturer at the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Management, University of Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal

**Opening Speeches**

- *Mrs. Mariama Diallo*, a representative of the Young African Researchers
- *Mr. Innocent Butaré*, African scientist and Senior Programme Specialist, IDRC Regional Office
- *Mr. Pierre Sané*, Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Paris

**9:30-10:00 Inaugural conference**

*Mr. Oumar Dia*, researcher in philosophy, Faculty of Letters and Humanities, University of Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal: on the theme “Globalisation, Science, and New Technologies: What Utopias and Dystopias for Our Era?”

**Rapporteur**

- *Mr. Abdou Ndao*, Social Anthropologist, Senegal, General Rapporteur assisted by Mr. Abdoulaye Gaye, Masters in Public Administration, Senegal

**10:00-11:15 First session: the young African researcher in society**

**Speakers:**

- Sub-theme 1: Situation and challenges faced by young African researchers by *Mr. Samba Ka*, representative of the Association of Doctoral Students and Doctoral Graduates, Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD), Senegal

- Sub-theme 2: *What is, What Ought, Whether It Matters : Critical Positions of Researchers* by Mr. Knowledge Rajohane Matshediso, sociologist, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Sub-theme 3: *Gender and Research in Senegal* by Mrs. Astou Diop Diagne, Economist, MSc Project Management, Gender and Development expert, Dakar, Senegal

## Debates

**11:15-11:30 – Coffee break**

**11:30-11:45 *Second Session: Dynamics and contribution of research to society***

Speaker:

- Sub-theme : *Decomartmentalising research : for a dialogue of sciences in Africa*
  - *Cheikh Diouf, historian, Secretary General of the Regrouping of Students in Post-Graduate Studies (Retcyl), UCAD Dakar, Senegal*

**11:45-12:45 *Third Session: Social Utility of Research in Africa***

Speakers:

- Sub-theme 1: *Science and Society* by Mrs. Ester Olembe, doctoral student in Information Sciences and Communication, University of Yaoundé, Cameroon
- Sub-theme 2: *Collaboration between Researchers, Policy Makers, Sponsoring Institutions, Communities: a Basis for Social Utility of Research in Africa* by Mr. Tchibozo B.M. Hugues, researcher and trainer, Ministry of Health of Benin, and Mr. Djego Julien Gaudence, researcher/teacher, Faculty of Agronomic Sciences (FSA), University of Abomey Calavi, Cotonou, Benin

## Debate on Sessions Two and Three

**12:45-14:00 – Lunch break**

**14:00-16:30 *Fourth session: Discussions and exchanges between COMEST members and young researchers***

**Chairpersons:**

- *Mrs. Pilar Armanet Armanet, President of COMEST*
- *Mr. Innocent Butaré, African scientist, Senior Programme Specialist, International Development Research Centre Regional Office*

**Speakers:**

- *Mr. Claude Abe, Sociologist, Catholic University of Central Africa, Yaoundé, Cameroon : Trajectories for the recognition and visibility of social sciences researchers in Africa situational choices and production of development faced with ethics of the scholar*

- *Mrs. Tafeeda Jarbawi*, COMEST member: **Social Responsibility of Young Scientists in Africa**

Discussant:

- *Mr. Ben Sikina Toguebaye*, Member of the Academy of Sciences and Technology of Senegal, Research Director at Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal

**Debate** opened by a group of young African researchers from the following countries: *Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Nigeria and Senegal*

**16:30-16:45 – Coffee break**

<b>16:45-18:15 <i>Fifth Session: Conclusions and recommendations</i></b>
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**Chairpersons:**

- *Mrs. Lalla Aïcha Ben Barka*, Director of UNESCO Dakar Office, Senegal
- *Mr. Alexandre Lalba*, Agro-Economist, Agriculture Development Programme, Burkina Faso

**16:45-17:15 Presentation of conclusions**

*by Mr. Abdou Ndao, Socio Anthropologist, general rapporteur of the Forum*

**17:15-17:45 Presentation of the declaration of the Forum**

*by a group of young African researchers*

**17:45-18:00 Reading of the Declaration**

*by M.Joao Ribeiro Butiam Co., Sociologist, Technical Officer of Instituto Nacional de Estudos et Pesquisa (INEP), Professor, member of Scientific Commission of University Amilcar Cabral, Guinea Bissau*

**18:00-18:15 Adoption of the Declaration of the Forum of Young African Researchers**

<b>18:15-18:45 PRESS CONFERENCE</b>
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Representatives of the young African researchers, the chairpersons, the speakers at the sessions, the discussion leader and other Forum participants meet the press.