



## Co-creation in the context of sustainable cities: feedback from Benin, Senegal and Indonesia

Thursday 28 September 2023 at 3pm CEST, virtual seminar (Zoom)

The [Sustainable Cities Platform](#) cordially invites you to its second virtual seminar: '**Co-creation in the context of sustainable cities: feedback from Benin, Senegal and Indonesia**'. The aim of this 90-minute seminar is to find out about the practical experiences of the platform members' partners. For 15 minutes, each speaker will present the co-creation processes they have followed, the tools, methodologies and approaches they have used, the results they have achieved, the lessons they have learnt and the next steps on their journey. The presentations will be followed by a thirty-five minute discussion with the participants.

### Agenda of the meeting :

- 15:00: Welcome to participants and presentation of the Sustainable Cities Platform
- 15:05: Territorial coaching: innovative African expertise for inclusive and sustainable territorial development in the Kaolack region (*Dr. Mahmoud Diop*)
- 15:20: The 'Pentahelix' methodology to improve food security and the food system in the city of Bandung, Indonesia (*Dr. Theresia Gunawan*)
- 15:35: The challenges and progress of local authorities in Benin in terms of citizen participation: the case of the Copargo commune (*Franck Kinninvo*)
- 15:50: Discussion with the public
- 15:30: End of the event

Simultaneous translation into French, Spanish and English will be provided.

### Description of work :

**Franck Kinninvo (Benin):** *Expert in decentralisation and communication, Executive Director of the "Le Municipal" Foundation, member of the Africities strategic group of UCLG Africa.*

Citizen participation as an essential element of democracy and governance in communes has always been a concern for local players in Benin. For a long time, Benin's local authorities have limited citizen participation to its first level, that of information, ignoring citizen co-creation and formulation of public policies taken into account by local authorities. Mr Kinninvo will discuss the challenges and progress made by Benin's local authorities in terms of citizen participation, drawing on the case of the Copargo commune in the north of the country.

**Dr. Mahmoud Diop (Senegal):** *Director of the Kaolack Regional Development Agency, Director of the Kaolack Territorial Accompaniment Centre and UCLGA/ALGA Certified Territorial Accompanist.*

Dr. Mahmoud Diop will present his experience as a territorial coach in the transformation of the salt industry in the Kaolack region. He will discuss the essential contributions of the approach, including its sociogram and the "Pro action café" tool for the territorial coordination of the approach. The territorial coaching approach is supported by the Kaolack Departmental Council and disseminated by the Territorial Coaching Centre headed by Dr Diop.

The JSF **Sustainable Cities** is a platform created as part of a grant programme funded by the Belgian federal government DGD (Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid) within which stakeholders discuss, exchange and collaborate on the contribution to sustainable cities worldwide through international cooperation. The platform has 5 active members: VVSG (Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities) - the platform's lead organisation, UVCW (the Union of Cities and Municipalities of Wallonia), Brulocalis (the Association of the City and Municipalities of Brussels), the NGO Echos Communication, and the NGO Rikolto. A number of other players, including NGOs, institutional players and Enabel, are closely involved in developing the activities. Together, these actors are working to create sustainable cities that achieve the SDGs. The sustainable city operates within the ecological limits of the planet while guaranteeing the minimum social conditions necessary for the well-being of its inhabitants.