

THE WULLI YAKAAR NIANI FEDERATION IN SENEGAL RECOVERS THE INDIGO PRODUCTION TO DYE ORGANIC COTTON

The Yakaar Wulli Niani Federation in Senegal has recovered, with its associates, [the cultivation of indigo](#), a traditional plant utilized as natural dye. In particular, the Federation makes use of indigo to strengthen the production chain of organic cotton traditional processing, [with this natural dye](#).

The Federation is a grassroots organization specialized in organic production and operates in the Tambacounda Department, in Senegal. Established in 1997 by 100 organic cotton producers, the Federation gathers today more than 2000 farmers from 80 villages of the Department. The Federation is a member of the Association of seed producing farmers of Senegal (ASPSP), the National Federation of Organic Producers (FENAB) and the Rural Women's National Network (RNFR).

The Federation has expanded in years its biological productions and, at the same time, has developed a wide range of productive activities that use these crops, with traditional methods and generating significant added value to its associates: sesame oil, textiles, and handicrafts. Among these activities was the reintroduction of indigo cultivation by women members of the Federation.

Cotton products, which are certified by the companies Ecocert and Flo-cert, are marketed internationally through a [Fair Trade structure in Senegal](#), which associates the Federation, among other organizations.



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