

The Integrated Economic Development and Social Center is launched in Pikine, Dakar region - Senegal

On March the 2nd 2015, the General Assembly for the formal establishment of the Integrated Economic and Social Development Center CIDES was held in Pikine (Region Dakar). The event led to the adoption of the CIDES Statute, election of the Board members, the installation of the office and the adoption of the 2015 Plan of Activities.

The event, chaired by the Deputy Regional Governor in charge for the economic development, in addition to all CIDES members, included the participation of local authorities amongst which: the Prefect and the Deputy Prefect of Pikine, Mayor of Pikine and other territorial mayors, the Coordinator of the Ministry of Woman Unit for Poverty Reduction, and representatives of the Italian Cooperation.



This event represents the successful conclusion of an Action Research developed over a year to design, with the active participation of local actors, the strategic objectives and functions of an Integrated Economic and Social Development Center for the territory of Pikine. The CIDES, inspired by the experiences of [Local Economic Development Agencies](#), is adapted, through a participatory approach, to the institutional, economic and social realities of the territory. This Center brings an integrated service system capable of improving the use of local resources to give concrete answers to the population of the territory by prioritizing the economic inclusion of women and youth.



Pikine CIDES' General Assembly is composed of 84 members, namely: 28 representatives of youth and women associations, 11 representatives from social associations, 17 representatives of local productive sectors, 15 representatives of Local Communities and 13 representatives of territorial economic and financial services. The identification of the CIDES Assembly representatives required intensive work from local stakeholders, who had to organize their participation in the management activity based on the territories where they operate, the specific production chains and the nature and mission of each represented territorial group.



The event collegially appointed CIDES' management structure: The President, Vice - President, Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General and the Treasurer. Each member represents a different group of actors ensuring the principle of equal participation. The Mayor of Pikine offered the premises to host CIDES during its implementation phase.

The CIDES design and implementation is developed within the framework of the National Strategy for Social Protection of vulnerable groups, promoted by the Ministry of Women. The



Integrated Programme for Economic and Social Development PIDES, with the technical and financial support from the Government of Italy, supports the Ministry of Women efforts to identify new paradigms of response to poverty challenges of vulnerable groups by facilitating access to services, economic opportunities and reducing inequalities.

In this framework, KIP International School and [ILSLEDA Program](#) have provided technical support for the design and creation of the CIDES and encourages its future participation in networks of structures that promote inclusive and sustainable territorial development and innovation

The event celebrated the institutional creation of CIDES Pikine. In the coming months, the newly born structure will fully fledge its services at disposal of the territorial economic development actors.

