The Generation Equality Forum took place in Paris from June 30 to July 2, 2021. Here is a speech by Ms. Julie Cissé, Executive Director, Group of Initiatives for Social Progress/West Africa Region (GIPS/WAR)/WLP Senegal.

I am Julie Cisse from Senegal. I am the Executive Director of GIPS/WAR, a network of women farmers in peri-urban and rural areas. We are a member of the continental team of the Kilimanjaro Initiative for Access and Control of Women Farmers to the Land. I am also here on behalf of the Senegalese National Alliance for the Promotion of Women’s Land Rights, a platform that brings together fifteen women leader organizations and technical support organizations under the coordination of CICODEV.

It is an honor for me to present the Collective Women’s Land Rights Commitment. This was jointly developed by the International Coalition for Access to Earth (ILC), Landesa, Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), UN Habitat, the Huairou Commission, Oxfam, Global Feminist Land Platform and FEMNET.

As actors committed to the achievement of the SDGs and committed to inclusion, we will work together to secure land, housing, property, biodiversity and natural resource tenure rights, as well as to ensure participatory land governance for 100 million indigenous women and youth, both in rural and urban areas.

Together, we will join forces to collectively advocate for the recognition of these rights as a fundamental condition for achieving gender equality, economic justice, adequate housing, climate action, land degradation neutrality, peace and stability.

We are committed to empowering rural, urban, grassroots, Indigenous, women-led and community-based organizations living in poverty, and with land, housing and property insecurity; we recognize this requires us to share power and resources ourselves, as we ask others to do the same.

Because of the fundamental role that land rights play in advancing gender equality and the Sustainable Development Goals, we call on all partners and allies of the Generation Equality Forum to join us in endorsing this commitment. We invite governments, development partners, the private sector and others to join us.


We are committed to mobilize, partner, and build synergies with other stakeholders towards development of the implementation plan and delivery of this commitment. You are invited to support this Collective Commitment via the Generations Equality Platform. Thank you for joining us for this noble cause.