

BIOGRAPHY

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Ms. Fatimata Sy is a former consular assistant. A teacher by training, she is a graduate of Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, Senegal. She is currently pursuing training in community development and reading methods strategy for elementary school students.

A former member of the Association for the Welfare of Women and Children of Gabon, Ms. Sy is also a member of the Bank-Fund Senegalese Society Association (BFSSA) and the non-governmental organization GUESTU, a BFSSA unit responsible for activities outside the Bank and grant research.

Ms. Sy considers being involved in organizations working for the well-being of populations to be very satisfying because, she says, "You go beyond your professional and family lives to reach others, test your resources in generosity and understanding, and above all learn from them."

Working for the poorest segments of society should be "the mission of every government and every citizen concerned about developing their country," said Ms. Sy. Everyone, she continues, has the right to respect and education. She also deplores with great sadness the fact that governments rarely use national television as a development tool, but rather using it as a distraction by broadcasting foreign programs of dubious quality, or to politicize by producing propaganda messages. She would like governments to launch permanent campaigns on civic-mindedness to set a good example.