

## SENEGALESE CULTURE IN THE KIP PAVILION TOWARD NEW SOLUTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION BETWEEN TERRITORIES

Innovative partnerships for the development of attractive territories was the main theme of a week dedicated to Senegal in the KIP Pavilion. The week began with the visit of a delegation of mayors of several Senegalese cities, who, in the KIP Pavilion, met representatives of the Italian Association of Municipalities (ANCI), mayors of several Italian cities and those of the Italian Cittaslow network.

From the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2015, the KIP Pavilion hosted a delegation led by Abdoulaye Diouf SARR, Minister of Local Governance, Development and Territorial Planning of the Republic of Senegal. The delegation was composed of representatives of the Ministry of Local Governance, Development and Territorial Planning, elected officials of the Departments of the Regions of Kaolack and Sédhiou, and representatives of development agencies and universities. The days dedicated to Senegal were organized in collaboration with the Programme "Innovative Knowledge of Local Development" (CIDEL), funded by the Italian Cooperation in Senegal, with which the KIP International School collaborates.

Through a series of meetings, exhibitions and entertainment, the delegation had the opportunity to discuss the most important reforms currently underway in Senegal with the Senegalese community in Italy, to meet with local administrators and actors of Italian decentralized cooperation and to exhibit the results and products obtained through the activities implemented through the CIDEL Program, and with the technical support of the KIP International School.

The first day was attended by Mr. Abdoulaye Diouf SARR, Minister of Local Governance, Development and Territorial Planning of the Republic of Senegal and the Senegalese Minister of Trade, Mr. Alioune SARR, who were welcomed by the Senegalese National Dance Company. The delegation discussed openly and constructively with many members of the Senegalese community in Italy regarding the Plan "Emerging Senegal", Act III of the Decentralization reform and the constructive role that Senegalese immigrants in Italy could play to facilitate development partnerships between the Italian territories in which Senegalese communities live and



their territories of origin.

The second day was animated by exchanges with actors of the Italian decentralized cooperation, and was an opportunity to create new relationships and contacts for future collaboration. The head of the decentralized cooperation of ANCI and representatives of many Italian municipalities, universities and the Global Local Forum participated in a round table in which the dialogue was very lively and constructive and many prospects for future cooperation were created.

The third day was an opportunity to promote the Senegalese territories and their innovative practices of local development through territorial marketing tools, images, videos and presentations. It was the occasion to discover the great potential and investment opportunities of local territories in Senegal. Furthermore, some innovative practices of local development in the fields of natural resources management, food production and environmental renewal were illustrated. Those practices are often unknown and undervalued, but through the collaboration between the CIDEL Program and the KIP International School and in cooperation with several national universities, they are now being disseminated nationally and internationally and represent future development labs.

July 30<sup>th</sup>, was characterized by the presence of the Legislative Assembly of the Emilia-Romagna Region, which set up an exhibition dedicated to the Maestro Alberto Manzi entitled "Man Against Hunger: The lesson of Alberto Manzi ", in collaboration with the Manzi Center.

The day began with a press conference on the fight against hunger and territorial development, with the participation of Roberta Mori, Office of the President of the Legislative Assembly of the Emilia Romagna Region, Eliana Haberkon, FAO Member of the United Nations Team at Expo, Luciano Carrino, President of the KIP International School, and Etienne Turpin, Secretary General of the Ministry of Local Governance, Development and Territorial Planning of the Republic of Senegal. The day continued with activities on the issue of participation in processes of decision-making related to development. Ten local administrators and citizens of the Emilia Romagna Region, together with members of the Senegalese delegation, took part in simulations and role playing on the theme of participation. In the evening, these activities and the messages left by Expo visitors on the Participation Tree of Cervia (housed in the Garden of KIP Pavilion) were transformed live into drawings by the cartoonist Agata Matteucci, accompanied by a DJ set.

The Senegalese week was an opportunity to share with other guests and visitors of the Pavilion the richness of Senegalese territories, not only through



meetings and conferences, but also through cultural moments with Senegalese traditional cuisine and music.

### For more information

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