

## EMPOWERING VOICES, BUILDING TOMORROW.



SENEGAL

A more participative future begins with the voices we elevate today. By enhancing participation of women and youth, we build stronger, more inclusive democracies for tomorrow.

As of February 2024, women hold 46.1% of parliamentary seats in Senegal, making it one of the highest gender representation rates in Africa. However, **young people—who make up over 80% of the population—continue to face barriers in political leadership and decision-making.**

The **WYDE Political Parties Project** works to foster a more inclusive democracy, ensuring women and youth are not only participants but leaders in shaping political processes. Through **capacity building, legal and policy reform, research, and multiparty cooperation**, the project provides targeted support to strengthen political inclusion.

## The Multiparty, Multi-Country, Single-Party Approach.

WYDE Political Parties operates through three complementary approaches to maximize political inclusivity and institutional impact:

- **Multiparty:** Strengthening cross-party dialogue and inclusivity across ideological lines.
- **Single-Party:** Supporting internal party reforms for greater youth & women's participation.
- **Multi-Country:** Engaging regional networks for knowledge exchange and shared best practices.

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## Key Initiatives

### Capacity Building & Leadership Development

- **Regional Training** for women and youth on electoral processes, and leadership.
- **Training of Trainers (ToT)** to strengthen internal party training systems for youth and women's sections.

### Policy Reform & Electoral Frameworks

- **Study on Political Party Legislation & Public Financing** to assess inclusivity in electoral and party structures.
- **Advocacy & Dialogue with Political Parties** on the study's findings, aiming to improve internal inclusivity measures.

### Best Practice Exchange & Political Alliances

- **Regional Conference for Youth & Women's Party Sections** to promote inclusive party structures.
- **Political Alliances Conference** to discuss coalition-building and inter-party collaboration strategies.
- **Youth Advisory Board (YAB)**: identification and amplification of emerging leaders.

## Implementing Partners

- **CIS** (Centerpartiets Internationella Stiftelse)
- **IGD** (Institut Général Tiémoko Marc Garango)

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WYDE Political Parties is part of the broader EU initiative WYDE - Women and Youth Democratic Engagement, under the European Commission's Thematic Programme for Human Rights and Democracy 2021-2027. The project's main goal is to strengthen the capacity of political parties globally to be more inclusive and representative, particularly of women and youth, who are often underrepresented in political processes.