

CODESRIA/SIDA SAREC GENDER WORKSHOP
Theme: Support for Feminist and Gender Research in Africa
26-27 June 2007, Novotel Hotel, Dakar, Senegal

Orientation Note

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) is collaborating with the Department of Research Cooperation (SAREC) at SIDA to host a workshop for gender researchers, civil society practitioners, and donor agencies on the subject of “Support for Feminist and Gender Research in Africa”. The workshop which is scheduled for 26-27 June 2007 in Dakar, Senegal, seeks to identify new and complementing forms of support for feminist and gender research in Africa. It is hoped that the outcome document of this workshop would form the basis for SIDA’s continued and long-term support for gender research on the continent.

As a Pan-African Research-based organization with special interest in gender and as a strategic partner to SIDA/SAREC, the proposed workshop fits into CODESRIA’s objective of expanding the frontiers of gender enquiry; and thereby strengthening gender research and analysis in Africa. In particular, the workshop offers the crucial opportunity of cross-generational, cross-disciplinary dialogue much needed for countering fragmentation in Gender research on the continent. The workshop also accords researchers the platform for direct engagement with SIDA/SAREC, a long-term funder of research initiatives in Africa, and of Gender research in particular, towards an inclusive process of agenda-setting and support for Gender work. For CODESRIA, it is envisaged that the recommendations from this workshop would not only strengthen its on-going gender-related work, but would also inform the development of targeted initiatives on feminist and gender research. Beyond the scientific input that is expected of CODESRIA from this workshop, CODESRIA is also responsible for the practical (logistics) details.

The workshop would bring together twenty-six (26) participants from within and outside the continent. Participants are drawn from the research community and academia, civil society (NGOs) and donor community. Simultaneous interpretation would be provided to facilitate discussions.