For a week in March, partners and supporters gathered in Senegal and we relished time together after years apart. We danced, laughed, and celebrated our past—all while planning our future. This kick-off to the strategic planning process was met with equal parts of hard work and love.

All voices are important in this discussion. As we move forward, I am warmed by the knowledge that communities are planning their own futures, supported by our Community Empowerment Program.

It is such a comfort to know that Tostan is surrounded by partners, like you, who are excited by how far we have come. I hope you enjoy reading more about our stories of change below. Thank you for being part of our journey and our future.
TOSTAN FOUNDER RECEIVES RANK OF "KNIGHT OF THE NATIONAL ORDER OF THE LION"

On May 12, 2022, the rank of “Chevalière de l’Ordre national du Lion”, one of the highest recognitions of service given by the Government of Senegal, was bestowed upon Tostan Founder Molly Melching. The Knight of the National Order of the Lion honors individuals’ distinguished contributions to the country. The staff, board of directors, and our partner communities join together in celebration and pride of her extraordinary work and the impact it has had on millions of people.
UNVEILING KËR TOSTAN

As a part of our 30th Anniversary celebration, we opened Kër Tostan, “the house of Tostan” in Wolof, a physical collection dedicated to the whole Tostan family. Kër Tostan was inaugurated by the Prefect of the Department of Thiès in the presence of the Executive Director of Tostan, Elena Bonometti. Staff, visitors, and supporters viewed souvenirs and mementos that tell the story of Tostan since its creation in 1991 by Molly Melching.

Our history reminds us of our journey, which has been filled with accomplishments, as well as many moments of joy and strength. These moments inspire us to take forward our mission to scale well-being around the world.
MY WORK AT TOSTAN HAS ALLOWED ME TO GO TO MOST OF THE REGIONS OF MY COUNTRY TO TALK ABOUT WELL-BEING AND DIGNITY FOR ALL OF US.

Oumou Diop
Special Projects National Manager
ASSESSING TOSTAN’S IMPACT WITH IDINSIGHT

Tostan’s Community Empowerment Program (CEP) was evaluated by IDinsight in 2021. Through the exercise, Tostan was able to determine the main results of the CEP and see a more complete picture of the many factors and processes that work together to produce them. The Evaluability Assessment (EA) stressed the significance of developing an evaluation process that allows for community input and considers their leadership, needs, and recommendations.

As a result of the EA, Tostan re-examined its programming ideas, reinforcing the importance of community engagement and partnership. We are keen to share the EA’s findings with development and evaluation communities so they may help determine the best approaches to continue evaluating holistic community-led development programs. More information and a detailed report of the assessment can be found in the comprehensive report here.
NEWS AND EVENTS

• In this op-ed featured by Global Washington, Tostan emphasizes the importance of local leadership, empowering education, and engaging women and girls to be at the forefront of solutions, especially regarding global climate change.

• Enjoy a video (FR) (ENG) capturing highlights of our 30th Celebration held in Thiès this last March.

• Watch women participating in Tostan programs learning agricultural and gardening training in collaboration with Seed Programs International.

UPCOMING 2022 TRAININGS AT THE TTC

**FRENCH SESSION:**
August 16-25

**ENGLISH SESSIONS:**
September 13-22
December 6-15

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