



Newsletter

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New partnership between Tostan, AMREF, and Handicap International

Tostan is partnering with fellow Hilton Prize Laureates, [AMREF](#) and [Handicap International](#), to support the [Hilton Prize Laureates Collaborative Future Leaders program](#), which provides opportunities for the next generation of development practitioners.

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Sharing Tostan's human-rights based approach at conference in Paris

Khalidou Sy, Tostan's National Coordinator for Senegal, participated in the "Excision, les défis de l'abandon" conference in Paris on February 6, the [International Day for the abandonment of female genital cutting](#) (FGC). Earlier in the day, Khalidou spoke with Claire Hédon on Radio France Internationale's "[Priorité Santé](#)" program about the practice.

[Listen to Khalidou on RFI »](#)

However Long the Night listed on the 2014 Amelia Bloomer list

Tostan Founder Molly Melching's biography, *However Long*

Generational Change in Three Years



Over the coming weeks we will be launching our [Generational Change in Three Years Phase One Project](#) in Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, and Mauritania!

the Night, has been selected as a top-ten choice by the American Library Association's [2014 Amelia Bloomer Project List](#). This list "highlights the power of the individual and the collective voices of women across time and around the world." Separately, Molly was also recognized by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as part of their [Gallery of Excellence](#) for their centenary celebrations.

Spotlight on our Partner Communities



14 neighborhoods in Mali abandon FGC and child/forced marriage

On February 6, the UN recognized international day for the abandonment of [female genital cutting](#) (FGC), 14 neighborhoods in Yirimadio, Bamako publicly declared their abandonment of FGC and [child/forced marriage](#). In this, the second public declaration of Tostan partner communities in Mali, these neighborhoods joined over 7,000 communities in Africa who have publicly abandoned these harmful practices. [Read More »](#)



CMC federations receive training on Community Development Grants

Tostan partner communities in Sahre Bocar and Keur Gallo Debo in Senegal formed two [Community Management Committee](#) (CMC) federations to ensure progress in their communities for years to come. Representatives received training from Tostan staff on financial and project management skills, which prepared them to manage their [Community Development Grants](#) which will be put towards realizing their community priorities. [Read More »](#)

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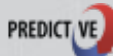
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