Manifestation : International Women’s day
It will take place on Thursday 12 March 2009, at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva, from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on the subject of the women’s citizen action for sustainable development. The following information presents you the context of our research-action. You will soon receive our first quarterly 2009 newsletter.

The global issues of the programmes
In the context of the conventions adopted by the United Nations on the occasion of the Beijing international conference in 1995 and more recently in Johannesburg in 2002 on the sustainable development, the international organisation RESO-Femmes set up Training programs from its Geneva offices in order to:

- Meet the essential human needs of the local populations
- Promote the emancipation of the women and their social engagement
- Federate all active public/private partnerships, involved in and concerned about:
  - The stakes of the local democratic “gouvernamentalités”
  - The global and environmental aid to be brought to the Southern countries
  - The priority assistance to the women who actively take part in infrastructure development, coherent and interdependent to their country.
  - The help of the politic support of the women who work on the infrastructure development and create projects in job-producing networks.

The aims
To reach its targets, our organisation focuses its programs on two main themes:

- The dynamics of scientific research
- The dynamics of action and innovation

In order to do so, the international organisation RESO-Femmes federates:

1. Institutional partnerships (research
laboratories, public and private foundations, international networks of action and reflection on the participation of the women and gender)

2. Socio-economic partnerships taking place in poor countries

Action-research

In this way, the programs of Reso-Femmes international result from:

- Ethnographic surveys run since 2002 based on women’s associative world and the communities in Mali
- Expert appraisals on the institutional stakes and the gender politics, adopted by most of the international conventions
- Researches around electoral stakes and on elected women’s role in the context of decentralizing.
- Global politics analysis, initiated by the United Nations to fight against poverty (MDG 2015).

This last aspect meets the international measures, which implement international conventions in the context of Africa (NEPAD), the New Partnership for Africa’s development, to reach common goals. These programs, experienced thanks to the TICS, aim at fulfilling the essential human needs of the poorest populations of the planet. They also try to preserve – with difficulty – the balance between democratic systems and the « gouvernementalité » started in Africa since the decentralisation as well as the population security.

Strategy and universal rights

The strategy of our NGO in Geneva consists in:

- Designing training programs, which lead to a philosophical and political thinking around Information and Communication Technologies, through concrete cases (conferences and interventions 2007-2010, Paris, Brussels, in partnership with research laboratories)
- Fighting against the predominance of women poverty, from cases of field-testing and debates on subjects concerning the universal rights (debates in Geneva foreseen in 2009-2010)

Mission as an international NGO

As an international NGO, its mission aims at:

- Training public/private partnerships, which are integrated in its research principles and mobilisation around sustainable development, in accordance with its charter.
- Opening up to a framework of reflection and action with active partners in the field of the gender politics and of the women’s rights actions, undertaken by various networks in the Southern countries, based on its own progresses in West Africa.
- Working in synergy with the global politics in charge of the protection of « the fundamental and essential Human rights » and of the help to southern populations, through its own appraisals.
- Federate a citizen network of researchers and actors in the scope of its events.
Its actions on the field

Since three years of contribution in the Malian field, promising results have been achieved. In the whole process of program, the specific strategy of RESO-Femmes has successfully consisted in:

- **Designing** "canevas" modules, appropriately adapted to the needs of women, who want to specialise and offer their competences to the local population

- **Encouraging the creation of** national and international citizen and socio-economic networks

- Exclusively joining operator schemas, who defend the same principles and specific approach, adapted to the difficulties and lifestyle of regional women.

- **Joining local communities**, which adhere to the international norms of Sustainable Development and the Global Politics, supporting the civil society and its environment.

- Only integrating in the field members (individual or collective), who share the same pedagogy around its programs and respect its charter (by signing it).