

Sobel Aziz Ngom

Co-Chair of the Advisory Board and Youth Representative



Sobel Aziz Ngom is the co-founder of CJS, an entrepreneurial alliance of youth organizations, specializing in developing innovative solutions to help solve key learning, socio-professional insertion and inclusion challenges for Senegalese youth. In 2020, the CJS launched “YAAKAAR” – a 20-million-dollar, multi-stakeholder initiative for suburban youth.

In 2016, he received the Jambar Tech award for “Best Social Entrepreneur” of the year in Senegal for his TV program *Voices of Youth*.

Through his experience in youth development, Sobel has advised and collaborated with African governments, as well as with international foundations, some UN agencies and major corporations.

Other Positions

- Co-organizer of the GESF 2023 (Global Social Economy Forum) in Dakar
- Board of Advisors of the Mastercard Foundation (2020-current)
- Ashoka Fellow for Civic Engagement (2022)
- Board of Directors of Generation Unlimited, a multi-billion-dollar global partnership for youth initiated by the UN (2018-now)
- Founding executive director of Social Change Factory, an African innovation and citizen leadership center (2014-2020)
- Africa Hub Manager of Ashoka Changemakers, a platform involving a network of more than 2,000 young African social entrepreneurs
- Participant in the first YALI program launched by President Obama (2014)