



**FRAMEWORK OF THE AGI FRIDAY SESSION  
AROUND THE BOOK *AFRICA; REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT*  
ORGANISED BY AGI, CODESRIA AND IDEP**

The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of independence in several African countries has offered the opportunity for the publication of several assessments. Unlike these, *Africa: Reaffirming our Commitment* inscribes itself in a double reflexive and proactive perspective.

The editors use several questionings as framework: “*What did happen? How could Africa deviate from its noble ambitions and from its societal projects and arrive at a situation where more than half of its population lives in violence (physical, structural and symbolic) and poverty? How can African countries reinstate the necessary conditions for the establishment of peaceful, harmonious, just and fair societies?*” (Adebayo Olukoshi, Jean Bernard Ouédraogo and Ebrima Sall, “A project for Tomorrow’s”, in *Africa: Reaffirming our Commitment*, CODESRIA, 2010, P 4.

To answer these questions, the editors propose an “advanced research dialogue” (Ibid, P4), the objectives and main lines of which will be presented by **Pr. Ebrima Sall**, Executive Secretary of CODESRIA. This session will also provide the chance to exchange views around a book that must be viewed as a decisive contribution of African intellectuals living in Africa to the debate on development in our States and as a scientific contribution to the reflection on “*Shared Values*”, the theme of the January 2011 Summit of the African Union.

The presentation will be followed by an autograph session of the book *Africa: Reaffirming our Commitment*.

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