



## Press release

# *Foundation S - The Sanofi Collective launches the Local Solutions Campus in Dakar*

- 200 exhibitors at the Museum of Black Civilizations
- Over 30 new beneficiaries of the Health Resilience Community Fund
- A photo exhibition dedicated to the projects chosen for the Fund in 2023

Dakar, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – **Foundation S has chosen Africa to host the first edition of the *Local Solutions Campus*, which will take place tomorrow, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Museum of Black Civilizations in Dakar. This international event aligns with the ongoing efforts of Sanofi’s philanthropic organization *Foundation S* to strengthen communities’ innovation, resilience, and adaptability in response to the severe health impacts of the climate crisis.**

*The Local Solutions Campus* aims to identify and support community-led initiatives to address the immense health challenges posed by climate change. This year, it will be alongside the second day of the 4th international forum, “One Sustainable Health for All,” also organized in Dakar, with Foundation S as a partner.

**200 participants**—including NGOs, local authorities, researchers, and official representatives—**from 17 African countries\*** will attend this event, which will showcase a wide range of adaptation projects developed, inspired, and supported by local organizations and communities to address the health impacts of climate change. Through the *Local Solutions Campus*, *Foundation S* facilitates the recognition, sharing, and, when feasible and relevant, the scaling up of these solutions.

In the morning, participants will be invited to meet and exchange with local organizations presenting their adaptation solutions and initiatives, in a **setting inspired by the famous Adjamé market in Abidjan**—a bustling place where everyone brings something and leaves with something in return. The afternoon will feature four co-creation workshops focused on building local resilience to climate change.

*The Local Solutions Campus* will also serve as an occasion to announce **the 2024 cohort of beneficiaries of the Health Resilience Community Fund (FRES), which has doubled in funding compared to last year.** Around thirty local projects have been selected from 32 countries particularly vulnerable to climate change; these projects will receive **financial support** and guidance from *Foundation S* through its “**regional accelerators.**” These accelerators are partnerships with well-established local NGOs that provide technical assistance

in implementing the projects, including operational monitoring, co-funding sourcing, best practice sharing, quality control, and impact evaluation.

Frédéric Oudéa, the President of both Sanofi and *Foundation S*, will attend the opening ceremony of the *Local Solutions Campus* and, throughout the day, will meet with award-winning organizations and local actors, all committed to combating the devastating effects of climate change on the health and well-being of the most vulnerable populations.

Ahead of this visit, he stated: "*The Local Solutions Campus is a fantastic tool for promoting knowledge sharing and co-creating innovative health solutions. By focusing on the central role of communities and fostering meaningful exchanges with public and private decision-makers as well as philanthropic organizations, it enables all the driving forces of progress to come together with a single goal: equipping ourselves to address one of humanity's greatest challenges—the resilience of healthcare systems and the development of sustainable responses to the health impacts of climate change, especially in the hardest-hit regions of Africa.*"

### [About Foundation S – The Sanofi Collective](#)

Sanofi's philanthropic organization is committed to leading the transformation of global health and reaching the most vulnerable populations worldwide. Its work spans five programs: *My Child Matters*, a historic program combating childhood cancers; humanitarian aid in emergencies and support for patients with rare diseases; the elimination of tropical diseases, with a particular focus on sleeping sickness; *Les Grandes Causes France*, a program aimed at strengthening Foundation S's commitments within France, especially for future generations. Finally, *Foundation S* is a pioneer and active leader in addressing the health impacts of climate change, the major global health challenge of our time. To act effectively across these five areas, Foundation S—led by Vanina Laurent-Ledru—employs a methodology that balances global and local efforts and promotes collective action through various partnerships and the engagement of top experts.

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