



## ***7th Lifelong Learning World Forum***

### **Opening speech by A GINOYER, President of CMA tlv**

Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to thank SENGHOR University, its President Dr. Hany HELAL, the rector Mr. Thierry VERDEL and their entire team for hosting the 7th World Forum for Lifelong Learning.

It is thanks to Mrs. Azza IBRAHIM and her son Safey DOWIDAR that we were in contact, thanks to them.

This Forum was mainly organized by Mr. Thierry VERDEL, surrounded by his team in Senghor, by the Treasurer of the CMA Révelyne CHABRUN and, as far as the content is concerned, by Pr. Henrique LOPES assisted by Catarina HERMENEGILDO. Many other people took part, I cannot name them all, I apologize, but I would like to mention: Rania ELGUINDY, head of External Relations at Senghor, Ithiel DOFONTIEN for technical and communication, Marie SAMY for logistic. I would like to thank all the speakers, the pilots and co-pilots of the workshops which will be held tomorrow and which you can find on the 7FATLV program. And then you, all the participants, so many! I am told that there are about 670 registered, this figure exceeds all our expectations!

This forum also exists thanks to the means provided by the Foch Hospital, of Suresnes, represented by Pr Christian HERVE and by CPMC, represented by its Pr Yuewei JIANG. Both will speak tonight.

We are pleased to continue our historic partnership with the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning in Hamburg, represented by its President David ATCHOARENA, by Marie MACAULEY and by Raul VALDES COTERA, and with the ICAE, the International Council for Adult Education, represented by its

Secretary General Katarina POPOVIC who will also speak. Among all the partner organizations, which I would like to thank for their presence, I would like to highlight that of the LifeLongLearning Platform, from Brussels. Its director, Brikena XHOMAQI, will also intervene.

Finally, I have a scoop to tell you. You had probably read in the program that the 7th Forum was placed under the dual patronage of Mrs. Marija PEJCINOVIC BURIC, the SG of the Council of Europe and by H.E. Mr. Marc BARETY, Ambassador of France in the Republic of Egypt. Well, the scoop is that we had the immense joy of learning just three hours ago that Madame Audrey AZOULAY, Director General of UNESCO, also granted her patronage to our event. We thank him for it, and are particularly proud of this triple patronage, which honors and obliges us.

For the CMA, this is the 7th edition of our World Forums, which we generally organize every two years. The particularity of our Forums is that they are meant to be moments of meeting, exchange, common reflection. It is not only an opportunity for scholars to express themselves in a doctoral way, or for individuals to acquire knowledge, which is already important, but we hope that a CMA Forum will be an opportunity for everyone to to enrich oneself from others because no one can claim to have gone to the end of knowledge, and the characteristic of Man is to be able to learn "from the cradle to the grave", as several philosophers have said. We also want our Forums to be points of junction between the past-present and the future. This is why collective intelligence must give rise to courses of action for the future. Thursday we will draw up summaries of these courses of action and will make a solemn declaration addressed to all those who will want to hear it.

Why did the CMA choose to develop the theme "Health education for all and for everyone, today and tomorrow" for this Forum? The CMA, an official partner of UNESCO, has chosen to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also called "Goals to save the world", which were adopted by the United Nations in 2015. SDG 4 "Ensure access for all to quality education, on an equal footing, and promoting lifelong learning opportunities" is the preferred SDG of the CMA, as of the UIL, the LifeLong Learning Platform and many other organizations represented here. But this Forum is also today interested in SDG 3, "Good health and well-being", which affirms that "to provide the means for a healthy life and to promote the well-being of all at all ages is essential for sustainable development".

As time progresses, we become aware that it becomes essential to acquire the knowledge related to the preservation of humanity, in the best possible state, and that this goal goes hand in hand with the preservation of planet. The COVID crisis, which adds to the lack of places, means and healthcare personnel, has also shown us that we can no longer wait to be sick to seek treatment: it is essential today that everyone learns to take care of themselves, take care of other people, and take care of the planet, these three concerns being intrinsically linked.

This forum aims to be a major transition point between the world of "healing" and the world of "taking care" that we all need for tomorrow.

Good Forum, thank you all for your contribution to this beautiful and useful adventure!

I ask

- Révelyne CHABRUN, Treasurer and responsible for organizing CMA events,
  - Thierry VERDEL, Rector of Senghor University,
  - And Henrique LOPES, Professor of Public Health and Scientific Manager of the Forum,
- please join me on stage.

(all 4 people together) WE DECLARE OPEN THE 4th WORLD FORUM FOR LIFELONG LEARNING.

To continue, I suggest you listen to Mrs. Stefania GIANNINI, Deputy Director General for Education at UNESCO...