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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SENDOU COAL POWER PLANT PROJECT**

#### **COMPLAINT AGAINST THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, THE FMO AND THE WADB (BOAD) FOR NON COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS POLICIES**

Lumiere Synergie pour le Developpement (LSD) and Takkom Jerry Plyvalence Culturelle et Environnementale filed a complaint today to the **African Development Bank** (AfDB), the **Dutch public investment Fund** (FMO) and the **West African Development Bank** (BOAD)'s complaint mechanisms for non-compliance of the construction of the coal power plant of 125 MW in **Sendou, Senegal** with their environmental and social safeguards policies.

This complaint comes just **15 days before the AfDB's Annual Meetings**, whose **main theme is energy and climate change**. Two issues at the heart of the dispute with the village of Bargny, who on one side faces coastal erosion caused by climate change and on the other hand fears coal pollution arising from the technological choice!

In that case, complainants ask the different mechanisms to examine the compliance of the project and / or to arbitrate the dispute between the affected community and the promoters.

The **safeguard policies** are a set of **standards** set by **multilateral development banks** to **prevent** and / or **avoid** their investments and operations **do not harm the environment or human rights**.

As a reminder, affected communities by this project are fighting since 2009 to defend their rights without success, including the **right to dispose of their lands** and the **right to a healthy environment**, recently **enshrined in the newly Senegalese Constitution**.

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