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**International day of zero
tolerance against FGM**

Building an inclusive *anti-
FGC movement* ! Renewing
anti-FGM advocacy

Online talks 2-6:30pm (Paris time)
FR/EN at zoom



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TAKE YOUR POWER BACK

On Saturday, February 6, the NGO Baadon will launch the **media** of the **Movement for sexual rights and health** of excised women.

baadon's ambition is to become the medium for voices and situated expertises in advocacy against female genital cutting.

DECOLONIZING ANTI-FGM ADVOCACY

Today, the images that circulate about female genital cutting are **violent, stigmatizing** and **dehumanizing**.

The aggression suffered by infants and young girls is still too often used to explain the alteration of sex to those concerned. Children's bodies are depicted lacerated, fragmented, cut in half. Blood and instruments of torture are exposed. The women concerned are reduced to sewn sexes of bloody threads, orchids or striped roses. They are reduced to the violence they have suffered.

At Baadon, we think it is high time to get rid of these representations of violence and the depiction of the women that are victims of violence. They hinder their capacity to engage and violate their dignity.

Therefore, baadon has 2 goals:

1. Renewing advocacy narratives

baadon is a **media committed to the sexual rights and health** of excised women. Its editorial line is oriented around the redefinition of advocacy against female genital cutting in action today. It will be the platform for the most audacious, creative and innovative advocacy initiatives, voices and practices of excised women around the globe.

2. Renewing the tools of advocacy

As a media dedicated in **priority to young concerned women**, the content of baadon will be based on tech and science to renew educational tools on sex alteration techniques.

For example, **a directory of health centres** offering care to concerned women in France, in the United States and Africa will be put online.

baadon is also working to offer **3D animation models**, understandable by everyone around the world, on the following topics:

- Anatomy of the female sex centred on the clitoris ;
- Sex alteration techniques for African women (type 1 and 2 excisions, infibulation) ;
- Care pathways in different medical protocols ;
- Clitoral transposition surgery (known as «reconstructive surgery» or “the P. Foldès technique”).

THE ONLINE EVENT

On February 6, 2021, the NGO will launch the media baadon in an online conference.

The presentation will be preceded by a series of conversations with activists, researchers, and international associative actors.

Together, we will discuss the renewal of advocacy tools and narratives, and strategic ways to do so. It is time to decolonize the way we look at female genital cutting, to adapt intervention practices by including the lived experiences and strategies of the women concerned.

This event will be an opportunity to reach the goal of 30,000 € of participatory funding for baadon. This funding will help the movement to grow and guarantee access to tools for all excised women.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

*Building an inclusive anti-FGC movement!
Renewing anti-FGM advocacy*

2.20 – 3.20pm Talk 1

Limits and contradictions of anti-Fgm advocacy: what must be improved today?

Moderator: Sedera RANAIVOARINOSY, Journalist, Paris, France

Saida ALI, Gender Lead, Action Aid, Nairobi, Kenya

Kalpotia M-C MORALDO, Chairperson, Les orchidées rouges, Bordeaux, France

Musu BAKOTO SAWO, Coordinator, Think Young Women, Banjul, Gambia

Soha ABEDLATY, Researcher, Egyptian Initiative for personal rights, Caire, Egypt

3.45 – 4.30pm Talk 2

Time to heal! Decolonizing anti-FGM advocacy

Moderator: Cynthia KRAUS, philosopher, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland

Dr. Annabel Sowewimo, Chairperson, Decolonizing contraception, London, United-Kingdom

Leila HESSINI, VP Program, Global fund for women, San Francisco, CA, United States

Saida BARKAT DAOUD, Sociologist, IIAC- EHESS, Paris, France

Diakhoumba GASSAMA, Lawyer, Amnesty international, Dakar, Senegal

Rogaia ABUSHARAF, Anthropologist, Georgetown University, Qatar, UAE

4.45 – 5.45pm Talk 3

Sexual rights and healthcare advocacy in the Movement against FGM

Moderator: Aurélie LATOURES, Policy officer, Centre Hubertine Auclert, Paris, France

Abesha Fereda, Chairperson, Kembatti Mentti Gezzimma, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Hasna BARKAT DAOUD, Lawyer, former ministry of women rights, Djibouti, Rep Djibouti

Bettina Shell-DUNCAN, anthropologist, University of Washington, USA

Sara JOHNSDOTTER, anthropologist, Malmö University, Sweden

Dr. Morrissanda KOUYATE, Director Comité interafricain de lutte contre l'excision, Dakar, Senegal

Naana Otoo Oyoortey, Chairperson, Forward, London, United Kingdom

Dr. Leila HUSSEIN, Chairperson, Dahlia project & MagoolendFGM, London, United Kingdom

6pm Presentation baadon Media & tech tools

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Biography of Saida Barkat Daoud, fonder of *baadon*

An 'Afar woman from Djibouti now living in Paris, Saida Barkat Daoud is a sociologist specialised in sexual mutilation surgery in France and Africa (East and West). In 2019, she defended her thesis on the subject within the Interdisciplinary Institute of Contemporary Anthropology (IIAC) at the School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS). She coordinated the first international conference on the management of excised women in Paris on 28 January 2015.

Her research focuses on medical protocols in clitoral transposition (also called “restorative surgery” or “Foldès technique”), the global circulation of this innovation, media representation and advocacy policy, mapping of controversies and what she refers to as the “embodied experiences of the blade”.

She is currently writing a book to be published in 2021: «*Le devenir nègre du sexe altéré des femmes africaines à l'ère digitale globale*».



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