## **Profile**



Name: Aminata Konate

Age: 20

Sex: Female

Year of participation: Youth Forum Africa 2004

Country of origin: Mali Profession: Student

University: University of Moncton (NB), Canada

Field of study: Informatics and Finance

Degree: Bachelor

Ms. Aminata Konate (Alumni of Youth Forum Africa 2004) is currently studying Informatics and Finance in her second year at University of Moncton (NB), Canada.

She learnt about ITU-Telecom Youth Forum through the Ministry of her government. As a young African, she didn't want their country to be kept out of the revolutions of ICTs. Unfortunately, in Mali, people are still struggling with poverty, wars, the AIDs and etc. However, apart from those, Ms. Aminata Konate believed that ICTs issues should also draw attention from governments of poor countries.

Ms. Aminata Konate benefited very much from her participation in Youth Forum Africa 2004. It helped her to build up hope towards her continent. Seeing a lot of young people devote to the development of ICTs, Ms. Aminata Konate strengthened her belief that it was not impossible to solve the problem of Digital Divide in African Region in the future.

That special experience had a great impact on Ms. Aminata Konate. Consequently, after the Forum, she organized an association with another Alumni of Youth Forum from Mali, targeting to spread the knowledge of ICTs and promote the development of this field in her country.

Ms. Aminata Konate wishes that the network would become more accessible and the cost would be reduced to the level that everybody could afford. These all will depend on the development of Information Society. Therefore, she would like to witness her government continue to put effort into diminishing the Digital Divide to achieve those goals in the near future.