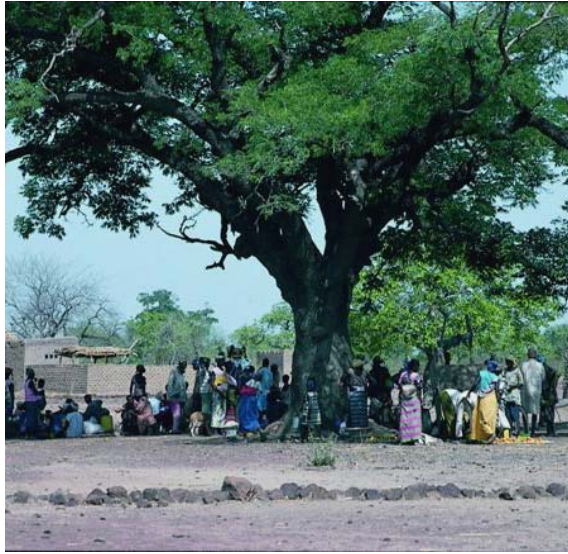


Sahel ECO



**A new NGO.....
with 15 years of experience !**

SOS Sahel UK is helping each of its five African country programmes to become an independent national NGO. This is part of its commitment to building a stronger civil society in Africa.

SAHEL ECO is the name that has been chosen for this NGO in Mali. "Sahel" to indicate a continuing commitment to the semi arid area south of the Sahara and "Eco" from three French words which together define the mission of the new NGO: *écologie* - ecology - better management of the environment; *économie* - economy - to improve the lives of people living in rural areas; and *écoute* - listen - by working in close partnership with local people.

Registered in April 2004, **Sahel ECO** has 11 Founder Members - equivalent to Trustees - selected for their skills and their commitment to continue the work of SOS Sahel in Mali.

The Chair, **François Picard**, is an Agricultural Engineer with dual French/Malian nationality, employed as the Sahel Representative of *Intercooperation*, a Swiss NGO. The Vice Chair, **Madame Bintou Nimaga** (see photo below) is a forester, formally employed by *Winrock International* and currently working as an independent consultant. The Treasurer, **Amadou Fofana**, is Director of a firm of financial consultants and auditors (SECADI) and also Treasurer to the Malian Red Cross Society.



Bintou Nimaga, Vice Chair of Sahel Eco in Tominian in October 2004 at the party to launch the new NGO

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