

Press release

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NGE mobilises to preserve Gorée Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

23 October 2025, Dakar, Sénégal – – NGE is carrying out preservation works on Gorée Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Financed by the World Bank and commissioned by the WACA agency on behalf of the ministère sénégalais de l'Environnement, du Développement Durable et de la Transition Écologique, the project aims to counter coastal erosion caused by marine currents and rising sea levels. By building a breakwater to protect the island, NGE reaffirms its commitment to developing resilient infrastructure to mitigate the effects of climate change.

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Established in Senegal since 2017, NGE has contributed to several major infrastructure projects, including the reconstruction of the Dakar TER railway and the rehabilitation of the ports of Dakar and Ziguinchor. The Group continues to support the development of infrastructure adapted to the country's environmental and economic challenges, particularly in the transport, water, and urban development sectors.

Key figures:

- Construction of a 1.3 km dike to protect the island from coastal erosion, using 100,000 tonnes of rockfill
- **Duration of works**: 15 month
- Workorce: over 50 employees mobilised
- Material transport: by barges from Dakar Port



About NGE

NGE – New Generations of Entrepreneurs – the fourth largest construction group in France, builds major infrastructures and urban or local projects. With its expertise in financing, design, construction, and maintenance, the Group is a key player in delivering infrastructures that address the economic and ecological challenges of the territories. Its entrepreneurial drive is supported by a strong employee ownership structure (the founders, management, and employees hold 72% of the Group's capital) reinforced by Montefiore Investment, a leading French investment first (28% of the capital). With a turnover of 4.6 billion euros, NGE operates in 21 countries, supporting private and public clients in financing, designing, and building their transition projects in water, mobility, urban renovation, energy, and telecommunications. NGE's 26,000 employees are proud to contribute to building infrastructures that change the world.

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