Economic development begins when stakeholders are mobilized and empowered and resources are developed at even the smallest of scales, within: rural communes, districts, departments, circles, regions.

**Regional development actors need efficient technological tools** to better manage and accelerate development within their territories. All stakeholders including mayors, decentralized administrations, and entrepreneurs must connect with one another, collect, organize and circulate information, locate problems and understand the nature of these problems, measure their resources and needs and be able to communicate about their work.

This can only be done via high-level tech innovations that are adapted to the needs of each stakeholder and the constraints of the local environment.

The **SOS SAHEL Agri-Hackathon** exists to produce digital solutions for Sahelian municipalities and larger territories, which will facilitate access to up-to-date data, monitoring and decision-making tools, and knowledge sharing between local municipalities, administrations, economic operators, and more.

These solutions should integrate all forms of media and should take into account the constraints of the Sahel which include the fact that regions are often landlocked, local actors have insufficient and uncertain tools and the population speaks a variety of languages.