

THE FUTURE IS HERS

Queer African history must be told and documented, featuring Selly Thiam

Selly Thiam is a Senegalese American journalist, filmmaker, producer, and the founder and executive director of None on Record, a digital media organization dedicated to amplifying the voices and visibility of African LGBTQ people. This video transcript is part of the *Future Is Hers* multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers, supported by the Ford Foundation, who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

Transcript begins.

[on-screen text: Selly Thiam, Executive Director, None on Record]

[A Black woman with glasses, wearing a black shirt and kente cloth pants, opens and closes a clapperboard and addresses the camera.]

SELLY THIAM: Within Africa ourselves, what we need to learn about each other, I think, is the deep level of diversity that we have, particularly when it comes to things that may seemingly be outside of the norm. Queer people have existed in Africa since the beginning of time, and this is something that we as Africans, we need to understand. We're trying to shift the narrative by creating as much content that just tells our stories and get them out into the world.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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