



**Réseau des entreprises d'économie sociale
actives dans la récupération et le recyclage**

Ethical exportation of second
hand products in South:

Study of the computer sector
(Dakar – Senegal)

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General Framework

- NTIC (New Technology for Information and Communication) is growing up in South.
- More and more social enterprises export computers
- Some of social enterprises are not used, and not formed, to trade with southern countries.
- This trade can become an opportunity for local development.
- Same question for other products (textile, fridges, bicycles, ...)
- Environmental impacts can be dangerous.



Principal question of the study

How this trade can be profitable to social enterprises and local associations or NGO in the South in a win-win relationship?

What are the ethical rules we have to take into account in this relation?



Mission in Dakar (Senegal) in march 2004 to:

- Pick up information.
- Take contacts.
- Analyse the computer chain of recycling in Dakar

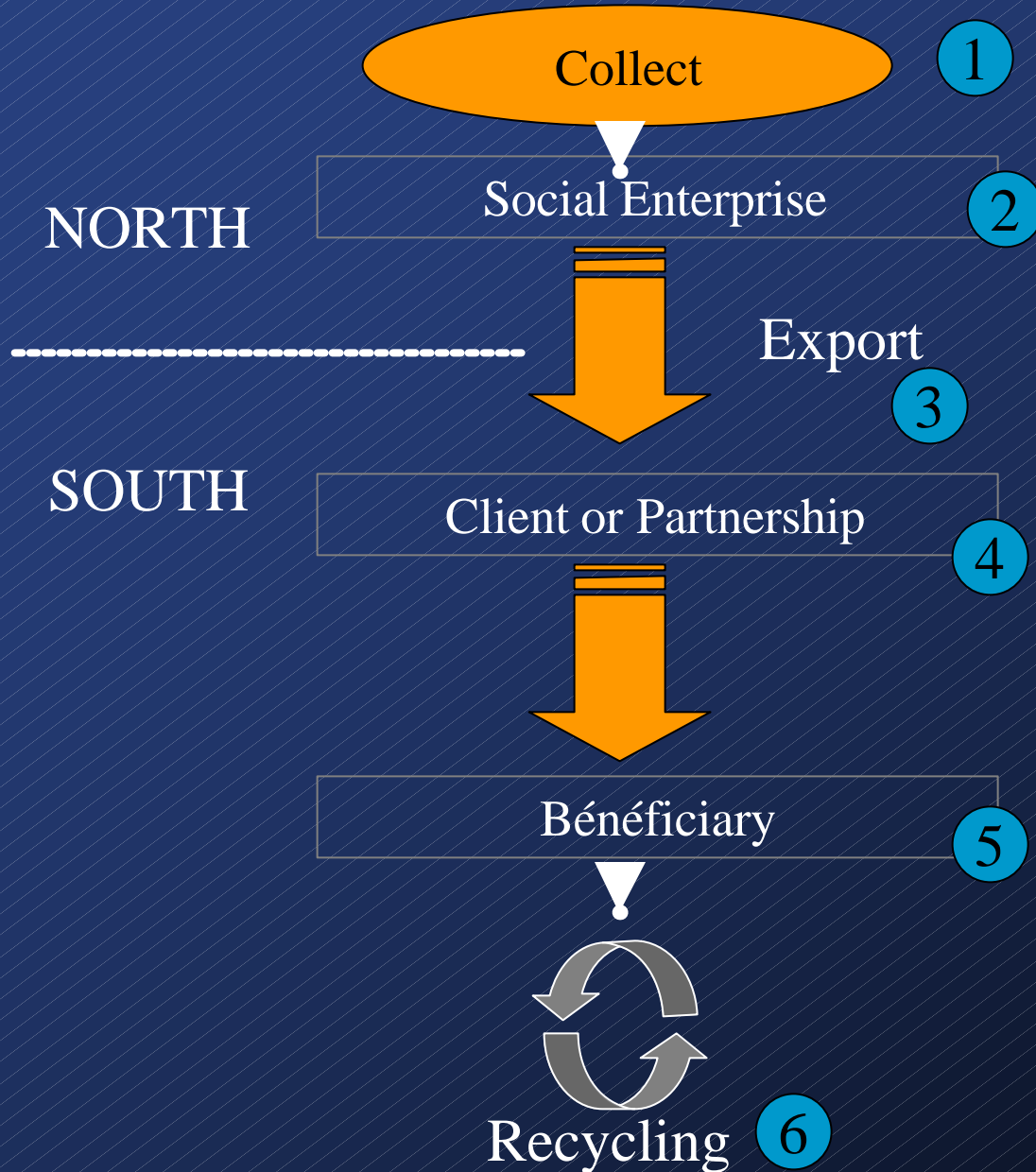
New meeting in Dakar in November 2005







6 Thematics for a win-win relationship in reuse between North and South



1. Accessibility, quality, remuneration, etc.

2. Management of enterprise, transparency, To respect the législation, rules of ILO (International Labour Organization), etc.

3. Notion of product and waste, Bâle convention, quality of product exported, transparency, VAT, price, gift, etc.

4. Choice of the partner, client guarantee, To go from informed enterprise to social enterprise, competition with local market, independance et autonomy, etc.

5. What's the aim of the product? Who is the final beneficiary? What are the needs? Does the product encourage the local development? etc.

6. What are the existing recycling structures? Is there a need to create new ones? How to avoid pollution? etc.

RESSOURCES proposes to debate and act around this themas in an international Platform between social economy, NGO's and local governements:

It's one of the objectives of the Dakar meeting in November.

RREUSE's members interested in this initiative are welcomed

