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Workshop on institutional policy for network extension

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## Inades-Formation for the extension of the network

The General Secretariat of Inades-Formation organised, from 17 to 19 May 2021, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, a workshop to launch the reflections on the elaboration of an institutional policy for the establishment and extension of Inades-Formation in Africa.

This workshop follows the recommendation of the International General Assembly (IGA) of Inades-Formation in November 2019, to study and set up a mechanism for the extension of Inades-Formation's activities and the establishment of new National Associations in other countries,

The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Lambert MIMPIYA, (Former President of the International Board of Directors from 2010-2016) and Mr. Sena ADESSOU (SG of Inades-Formation). It brought together 13 participants, among whom were resource persons, memories of the institution. These included Father Edouard De LOISY, sj; Mr. Félix NADIEDJOA; Mr. AFRO.

The participants of the workshop, organised in working groups,

worked on the following elements:

- The **relevance and challenges of extending the network** at a time when Inades-Formation wants to become a social movement and a current of thought in order to be able to influence decision-makers at local, national and international level;
- The **areas of extension** and the criteria for choosing them;
- **Identification of two reference organisation models** to be studied. Enda TM and SOS Sahel were chosen.
- Determination of **some preliminary rules** for the establishment of any new association.

Mr. Lambert Mimpiya, who is in charge of drafting the policy for the establishment and extension of Inades-Formation in Africa, will be able to draw on the work of this workshop to develop the said policy. The policy is to be presented at the next International General Assembly in 2022.

## Tanzania: Declared quality seed system gives farmers assurance of food security and right to food

Since July 2019, Inades-Formation Tanzania is implementing the project: 'Climate change adaptation for livelihoods improvement in the semi-arid Chemba and Kondoa districts of Dodoma region, Tanzania'. A project funded by Bread for the World (BftW). During the implementation of this three-year project, the focus is on increasing resilience to climate change and its various impacts.

This is to reduce the vulnerability of communities to food shortages, hunger and ultimate poverty. The target communities play an active role in the implementation of the project activities.

Some of the approaches which have been emphasized in increasing food security includes:

- Ifield training on good agricultural practices for improved crop productivity and
- the use of Quality Declared Seeds (QDS) system.

production in their respective villages. Farmers were provided with the necessary training, good varieties of drought resistant seed and linkage to country's seed production authority to ensure quality of the produced seed. To ensure quality and sustainability, the county's seed certification authority namely Tanzania Official Seed Certification



seeds on time and at reasonable price. **High productivity with qds & assurance to food security**

Formal studies have linked food insecurity in Africa to many factors among which is low agricultural productivity FAO, (2000) and climatic change effects, Schlenker and Lobell (2010), IFRC (2008). Nevertheless Mwamfupe, (2012) has reported on seasonal rainfall shift in semi-arid region of Tanzania to shorter and more irregular with potential effects to most grown crops such as sunflower, maize, beans, sorghum, nuts and millet.

Facilitation of farmer communities around the region to produce QDS has brought a promising hope to farmers region.

Indeed, farmers who have used QDS seed produced have been able to double and/or triple their harvests compared to previous year seasons.

Example, farmers have been able to harvest 9 bags of 80 kilograms of sunflower each compared to 5 bags last season, 10 - 12 bags of 100

kilograms of sorghum each compared to 5-6 bags last season, 11 - 16 bags of 100 kilograms of pearl millet each compared to 3 - 6 bags last season..

### QDS : a new hope to farmers community

The Quality Declared Seed System (QDS), presented by FAO in 1993 and revised in 2006, are guidelines/protocols aimed at assisting small-scale farmers, specialists in seed production, field agronomists and agricultural extension services in provides an alternative for seed quality assurance. Particularly designed for countries with limited resources, it is less demanding than full seed quality control systems while ensuring a satisfactory level of seed quality.

Inades - Formation Tanzania has successfully mobilized initiatives to facilitate communities in central region (Dodoma), to engage in QDS production. Production is particularly concerned with cereal crops resistant to drought condition such as Sorghum, Sesame and Sunflower.

Twenty-four farmers (24 farmers) in six (6) villages have been identified as producers to pioneer QDS

Institute (TOSCI) have been engaged in training the QDS producers on production of quality seeds and thereafter verifying the quality of seeds and the certification seeds. In addition, QDS producers have been linked with seeds research institutes namely Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) to obtain basic seeds or the initial qualified seeds at the beginning stage.

**24 identified as producers to pioneer Quality Declared Seed System . They cultivated 20 acres in the farming season of 2019-2020**

QDS producers have been able to cultivate an estimation of more than 20 acres cumulatively, in the farming season of 2019/2020 where by an estimation of 1850 kg of sunflower seeds, 400 of Sesame Seeds and 2543 of sorghum seeds have been

produced and sorted for seed use purpose. ore than 300 farmers around all six (6) project implementing villages and neighbor have benefited from the produced seeds by obtaining good quality

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There have been enough food for home use and for sale. It has enabled the control crop diseases, reduced the cost for seed purchase, increased the availability and accessibility of quality seeds, increased the reliability of the quality seeds.

Other advantages from this seed system are; Seed exchange among QDS producers and farmers that has been also essential in the continuation of seed genes.

## Inades-Formation Cameroon engages in partnership with decentralised local authorities to promote sovereignty food

Food systems based on family farming are an important area of work for the Inades-Formation network. This is reflected in the implementation of numerous initiatives in this area, including the «Project to support the repositioning of sovereignty food in a territorial development dynamic for sufficient, healthy and sustainable food in Cameroon». Within the framework of this project, Inades-Formation Cameroon is heavily involved in the promotion of local chicken in the Noun department.

The idea is to make local chicken a real alternative in terms of poultry production and development. This requires the mobilisation of several actors and stakeholders around this sector. With this in mind, a collaboration agreement was signed between Inades-Formation Cameroon and the commune of Fouban, represented respectively by the Delegate of the Bamenda branch and the Mayor of this commune.

Through this agreement, the two partners are committed to combining their efforts and pooling their energies to reduce poverty in the intervention zone. The aim is to help and support small-scale producers of local chicken to organise themselves and act as true entrepreneurs. It will also promote the consumption of this sovereignty food in the area. As an institutional entity at the service of the communities, the Commune of Fouban will carry out the following activities, among others, in accordance with a timetable previously established and agreed upon with Inades-Formation Cameroon:

- The mobilisation of producers and other actors to participate in meetings organised by Inades-Formation Cameroon;
- Participation in training and support sessions organised by Inades-Formation and duplication in localities not covered by Inades-Formation;
- Follow-up of producers in the implementation of training and capacity building;



The Mayor and the Delegate of the Bamenda branch of Inades-Formation Cameroon during the signing of the agreement

- The provision of facilities for the development of local chicken in its area of competence.

In this dynamic, on the occasion of the International Women's Day 2021 edition, with the theme «Financial inclusion through digital technology for women's economic development: challenges and prospects», the Mayor of the Fouban commune organised a workshop on the theme «How to make money with local chicken». This workshop was facilitated by Inades-Formation Cameroon and

mobilised several categories of actors who exchanged on the possibilities and opportunities related to local chicken.

From May 31 to June 4, 2021, as part of the implementation of activities related to good production practices linked to health, the Commune of Fouban, together with Inades-Formation Cameroon, not only facilitated the mobilization of producers, but also supported the financing of vaccines (AVIVAX ND 1-2), for the control and prevention of Newcastle disease in local chicken. A member of the communal executive board expressed his satisfaction in these terms: « *The concern of the Mayor of the commune of Fouban is to ensure the well-being of its population; and this necessarily involves economic promotion. When we realise that Inades-Formation Cameroon supports us in the promotion of local chicken breeding, a sector of activity in which the citizen of our commune can easily engage, because it is done at a lower cost, and generates important incomes, our feelings can only be the best, and our wish is that the collaboration with Inades-Formation should go ahead because the surrounding communities are waiting to be accompanied* ».

In view of the dynamics set in motion in the area, due to the actions undertaken by the two institutions around local chicken, and the actors who are mobilised around it (producers, processors, consumers, CSOs, technical services of the State, etc.), there is reason to say that Inades-Formation Cameroon is resolutely committed to inscribing its interventions in the wake of territorial development.

### PARTNERSHIPS



In his mission to find partners, the Secretary General regularly meets with development organisations. On 4 May, he had a meeting with Ms Camille MOULENE, project manager at AGRISUD.

On this occasion, they exchanged on the activities and visions of their respective organisations and the possibilities of partnership between the two institutions.

A next meeting is planned in the coming months.

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## The Conscience AlimenTERRE campaign takes off in Burkina Faso



On Friday 11 June 2021, Inades-Formation Burkina launched the Conscience AlimenTERRE Campaign in Burkina Faso. The event took place at the Ouind Yidé conference hotel in Ouagadougou.

Inades-Formation Burkina is committed to the Conscience AlimenTERRE Campaign with the National Committee for Family Farming.

About one hundred people took part in the launch of this campaign. The main actors who took part in this activity

were: presidents of regional councils, producers, representatives of NGOs and associations, representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, associated members of Inades-Formation Burkina, journalists.

The Inades-Formation network initiated this campaign, whose slogan is «Food is a right and eating is a vote», with a view to contributing to the realisation in African countries of people's right to sufficient, healthy and sustainable food. The network plans to achieve this objective through the promotion of greater food citizenship and active monitoring of compliance with the obligations of States in this area, with an emphasis on the rights of the most vulnerable people and groups. The advocacy component of the Conscience AlimenTERRE campaign focuses on the issue of the toxicity of

pesticides and chemical fertilisers in agriculture.

The launch of the Conscience AlimenTERRE Campaign in Burkina Faso was mainly marked by speeches, a communication and the restitution of studies on the situation of chemical inputs and their alternatives in Burkina Faso and on a mapping of actors involved in the field of pesticides and organic fertilisers in Burkina Faso.



## An educational screening on millet in Abidjan

On the evening of Wednesday 23 June 2021, the French Institute in Abidjan was the setting for a hymn to millet and other African cereals.

Indeed, Inades-Formation, the French Institute and organized a screening of the film «Eloge des mils».

A hundred spectators attended the screening in the cinema room of the French Institute. «Eloge des mils» is a film directed by Mr. Daibaté Idriss. It traces the origin of millet, its penetration into African food and culture, its nutritional and therapeutic values.

This film contributes to restoring the place of millet and sorghum in the African diet by demonstrating that it is a good answer in the fight against hunger, poverty and the effects of climate change.

The participants savoured the flavours of millet through



a tasting of dishes and drinks offered by Inades-Formation. The tasting allowed participants to discover that in addition to traditional millet and sorghum-based dishes, culinary innovations are possible.

The participants enjoyed tasting pizza, dumplings, pastels, cakes, improved drinks and déguê made from millet and sorghum.

When interviewed, one participant said «I really enjoyed the food we were offered and the film touched me. I will try to do what you advise and offer food from sovereignty to my family».

The film was followed by a panel discussion led by cultural and nutritional specialists.

I hope that millet will find a better place in the household diet for a healthy and sustainable diet.

## DEPARTURE

Mr. Yéo Alain Clotène, a computer scientist at the General Secretariat of Inades-Formation for ten years (since 2011), has announced his departure at the end of April 2021. A farewell drink was organised in his honour during which the staff of the General Secretariat, with great emotion, thanked him for his contribution to the mission and his friendships throughout the years spent together. All wished him well in his new professional life.



The GS and Mr. Yéo Alain at the farewell ceremony

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