

## **FAI presents its track record in Berlin**

**Marie Ginette Amani spoke to the international press at the Embassy of the Republic of Haiti about the work of Fondation AMAN-International (FAI)**

**Berlin (10.06.2008) - At the invitation of the Ambassador of the Republic of Haiti in Germany, Jean-Robert Saget, Marie Ginette Amani, founding president of the Fondation AMAN-International (FAI), has now arrived in Berlin from Abidjan and promised the Haitian head of mission immediate support for particularly needy children and women. She said her visit was to promote her Abidjan-based aid organization among institutional partners in development cooperation and in business circles, and to ask for financial or material help in her organization's fight for a sustainable reduction of poverty in selected developing countries. FAI was named the best Ivorian aid organization in July 2007 for its exemplary work.**

In 2003, the year it was founded, its non-governmental organization had adopted the motto "Every day a good deed" as a kind of self-commitment, because "general poverty is the counterpart of sudden natural disasters, which have at least as far-reaching consequences for countless people as earthquakes or tsunami-like floods. That's why FAI invites all people of good will, individuals and legal entities, to support our work," says the feisty Amani, who worked her way up from impoverished circumstances.

### **The power of a dream - the numbers speak for themselves**

FAI significantly increased its relief efforts in 2007 compared to the previous year. In 2006, FAI's 25 aid projects benefited around 6,000 people, while last year nearly 8,000 people in need already benefited directly from the aid measures. The number of those assisted indirectly by FAI programs in collaboration with other partners increased from about 20,000 people in need in 2006 to nearly 40,000 the following year.

The commitment of the Fondation AMAN-International in favor of particularly needy children, war orphans and young women without work, as well as people suffering from HIV, received its first appreciation on German soil at a charity event ("La Nuit de l'Excellence dans l'Humanitaire") in Berlin in the presence of two dozen ambassadors from Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America. The documentary film "La Force d'un Rêve" (The Power of a Dream) enabled the guests to properly assess the significance of the FAI - true to the FAI maxim: first get something concrete off the ground with your own resources before asking third parties for support.

### **Globally unique initiative promotes development partnership with Africa**

One of the most recent highlights was the first "International Fair for Charity and Development," conceived by Marie Ginette Amani, in the Ivorian business metropolis of Abidjan. The patronage of

the three program days was shared by five country ministers, a globally unique forum in which numerous FAI partner organizations, business associations, companies and international institutions actively participated, including the FAO World Food Program, UNESCO or the Red Cross. In the meantime, there is a cooperation with the World Bank and the "United Nations Population Fund". This United Nations Population Fund is the world's largest fund for financing projects in developing countries.

Fondation AMAN-International has developed numerous programs of its own, especially in the areas of education and upbringing, proper nutrition and health education, strengthening of environmental awareness, start-up financing of micro-projects in favor of often single women to build up their own livelihoods for the purpose of permanent profit-making, as well as measures for the enforcement of human rights with special attention to socially disadvantaged children and young women. FAI programs can be implemented immediately in developing countries, where FAI will gradually establish national liaison offices, whose work is coordinated by Bernd-Dieter Fridrich, Director of Communications and External Relations on the FAI Board of Directors.