

First edition of "The Heart Cruise

The AMAN-International Foundation offered scholarships to all participants of this relaxing and charitable event

Abidjan (24.09.2006) - As part of her actions to help and sensitize the population for the means to reach development, the Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI), Marie Ginette AMANI, decided to initiate "The Heart Cruise" whose first edition took place on September 24 at the "Coca Cola du Plateau" space. This event, which was held under the theme "Tourism and Charity" was an excellent opportunity for the AMAN-International Foundation to communicate on the place that the environment holds in the development of a country. The President presented the AMAN-International Foundation while insisting on its objectives and missions which consist in the implementation of actions of humanitarian aid and assistance of first order.

The representative of the Minister of Tourism and Handicrafts, his communication officer N'Guessan N'DRI, spoke about the main theme of "The Heart Cruise", namely "Tourism and Charity". He presented the stakes of tourism on the population and the economy of a developing country.

Then it was the turn of Dr. Alain KOUADIO, a recognized expert in environmental economics and teacher at the University of Abidjan, to discuss the no less important sub-theme of this event entitled "The importance of Environmental Protection in the Millennium Development Goals". This intervention of Dr. KOUADIO which aimed to raise awareness of the consequences of an unhealthy environment for the population and for development in general has really caught the attention of the audience, especially since Côte d'Ivoire is at the heart of a scandal of toxic waste dumping.

During this event punctuated by performances of artists, the President Founder Marie Ginette AMANI who spoke about the importance of education in our society demonstrated it by offering scholarships to NGOs and textbooks to children because, remember, this first edition of "The Heart Cruise" was held on the eve of the start of the school year. The icing on the cake was that each participant was awarded a 50% scholarship offered by the AMAN-International Foundation. Indeed, Marie Ginette AMANI has decided to help a maximum of people to pursue their studies with more serenity.

The Director of the FAI Board of Directors, Professor Dr. h. c. Bernd-Dieter FRIDRICH, who has taught in various European and American universities for some thirty years, had addressed a missive on the occasion of this day to the Foundation's office in Abidjan: "I have always been committed to supporting the educational work of the AMAN-International Foundation because the ancient Romans were right when they said: 'Non scholae, sed vitae discimus! Believe me: A good education and further training is the best capital one can imagine in life. In this sense, I wish all young people in Côte d'Ivoire a good future!"

After a lunch offered by the AMAN-International Foundation, the assembly was invited to the cruise itself which consisted of a guided boat tour of the lagoon plan of Abidjan with a foot on the fabulous Bay of Billionaires.

It is on this dream trip presenting the beauty of the Ivorian environmental heritage that the first edition of "The Heart Cruise" left a good memory to the participants who were thus able to feel the generosity of the AMAN-International Foundation.