

Launch of the FAI-RENCAP International Academy

AMAN-International Foundation has opened a Distance Learning Unit for its exclusive "Capacity Building for the FAI Humanitarian Corps" program

Abidjan / Berlin (05.09. 2011) - The Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI), based in Germany, has issued a press release regarding the official opening of a special department of its organization: The FAI-RENCAP International Academy with a Distance Learning Unit (FAI-DLU) for its Capacity Building Program (FAI-RENCAP) which will be in charge of piloting and delivering FAI's training programs, one of the most important of which is its exclusive label program called "FAI Humanitarian Corps" through which FAI intends to orient and integrate young and old people, especially in countries in difficulty, in order to better succeed in the challenge of poverty reduction.

In this special communication by Professor Dr. h. c. Bernd-Dieter FRIDRICH, Director of the Board of Directors of AMAN-International Foundation, he recalled the Roman philosopher and politician Lucius Annaeus Seneca and his cherished maxim: "Non scholae, sed vitae discimus", which means: "We do not learn for school, but for life" - chosen by the Board of Directors of AMAN-International Foundation as the slogan of the Academy.

He pointed out that in poor or developing countries, this maxim was even truer, especially since many people did not have the opportunity to go to school, to pursue a long education or at least to benefit from a job after school.

Therefore, he explained, the FAI-RENCAP program set up in 2007 by FAI and entrusted to the steering of the Board of Directors in Germany has been working not only to understand the needs, expectations and aspirations of the young and the not so young in countries in difficulty, but also to train them for these years and to show the way to personal and social development by producing means of accompaniment for the targets.

The Director of the FAI Board of Directors demonstrated that, based on observations, surveys and experiences carried out by his institution, there is a great positive dynamic among young people, especially from countries in difficulty. Unfortunately, he emphasized, these targets were often left to their fate, stigmatized in stereotypes that were always negative, or even worse, instrumentalized to achieve unsavoury objectives, even though they are a segment of the population that is as strong as it is fragile, but as rich as it is endowed with a great productive capacity.

Thus, in a vision of restoration and development involving young and old, the FAI-RENCAP program has already trained and reintegrated several hundred people. During the previous years, the activities related to this program were carried out in Côte d'Ivoire for beneficiaries arriving from all over the country, but also from all over Black Africa to participate in this special program.

In view of the increasingly urgent need to better coordinate the operations related to this vast program, but also in order to reach distant targets, the AMAN-International Foundation took advantage of a longer stay of its Founding President in Germany in order to undertake the actions for the setting up of the new FAI-RENCAP International Academy.

After several months of hard work, said Professor FRIDRICH, the FAI-RENCAP International Academy is open to the general public since September 5, 2011 with a distance learning unit that will allow everyone, regardless of their geographical location, to finally benefit from the special "Humanitarian Corps" program as well as all the contents of the FAI-RENCAP program catalog.

The Director of the Board of Directors indicated that the new program of this International Academy was a real support package that brought great innovations. In addition to the special training programs that it will always offer on the basis of support grants, sanctioned as usual by the certifications of the FAI Board of Directors in Germany, he announced that the innovation lay in the different support programs associated with high performance and impact on poverty reduction, offered by the AMAN-International Foundation.

Indeed, the FAI-RENCAP International Academy is positioned as a real tool for the mobilization of a vast network of actors highly aware and involved in the approach to humanitarian and development issues and their priorities. This program aims to synchronize the organization of field operations that will see the participation of FAI Humanitarian Corps from different socio-cultural backgrounds or geographical areas for the conduct of joint operations in favor of needy targets (disaster stricken, wars, etc.).

For the participants in the program themselves, the FAI-CAP provides a program for the redistribution of income to enable them to carry out individual or collective projects.

Professor FRIDRICH also emphasized that the Humanitarian Corps will be able to participate in the life of a unique community, share experiences and benefit from the opportunities associated with this program such as academic scholarships among others.

In conclusion, the Director of the AMAN-International Foundation Board of Directors invited everyone, especially civil society organizations, to visit the renovated AMAN-International Foundation website (www.aman-international.org) or to directly visit the FAI-RENCAP International Academy website at www.aman-international.org/rencap.