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AMAN-International Foundation exhibits at the Berlin Association Day

Berlin (June 5, 2010) - For the second year in a row, the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) was invited to participate in the Associations Day organized by the French Institute of Berlin.

Since 2009, the French Institute of Berlin has initiated an important event in order to bring together structures working in the socio-cultural field during a day of exhibitions aimed at the general public in France, in the French-speaking world, but also in Germany and the German-speaking world.

In 2009, the FAI was involved in this great adventure which was renewed in 2010. Alongside associations such as Farafina-Afrika Haus, les français de l'étranger, les Français du monde, RFI (Radio France Internationale) and many others, the FAI hosted a stand where it presented the AMAN-International Foundation and its activities to the general public.

Among the personalities that FAI welcomed at its stand, we count His Excellency Mr. Xavier Nodiogo, Ambassador of Burkina Faso and his wife who came to greet the event. The ambassador and his wife exchanged views with the FAI's founding president and once again encouraged the FAI, whose work they have been following and admiring for several years now.

This 2010 edition of the Associations Day, a brilliant idea of the Director of the French Institute, Mrs. Carine Delplanque, saw the participation of a greater number of exhibitors and visitors and was also punctuated by brilliant cultural and artistic performances appreciated by the entire public.

A hundred new beneficiaries trained in the Humanitarian Corps program of the FAI in 2010

Abidjan (2010) - The AMAN-International Foundation, as part of its activities to strengthen the capacities of young and old in its Humanitarian Corps program, has offered a series of training sessions throughout 2010 to a hundred beneficiaries.

Started in 2007, the FAI-RENCAP-CH Program (Capacity Building for the Humanitarian Corps of the AMAN-International Foundation) has given the opportunity in 2010 to nearly one hundred people to benefit from its unique content.

In fact, 5 groups of about 20 people were integrated this year. The platforms of the theoretical part of the training took place in the FAI premises where the beneficiaries were able to rub shoulders with the FAI team composed of administrative staff and experts from the FAI Humanitarian Corps program.

The year 2010 saw the increased participation of several participants arriving from all over the Ivory Coast, from the south, center, west and east of the country (Abidjan, San Pedro, Yamoussoukro, Gagnoa, Man, etc.). The FAI officials especially congratulated these participants but in particular the different participants coming from the interior of the country who proved their great interest in this program by traveling from the interior of the country to stay in Abidjan especially to participate in the program and thus for all the grades of the program.

Also, during the year 2010 several requests eager to receive the Humanitarian Corps program in their country were also recorded. The Foundation's officials promised the various applicants composed of individuals and NGOs that the Foundation was working since the beginning of the year to soon set up a distance learning unit coupled with a Humanitarian Corps meeting program.

The Humanitarian Corps program that the Foundation wanted to be international in order to raise awareness of social commitment is keeping its promises with the progress it has recorded since 2010. In three years, nearly 500 people have benefited from this innovative program of the AMAN-International Foundation.

FAI celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of independence with African countries

Berlin (2010) - The year 2010 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the independence of many African countries that are friends of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI). They took the opportunity to invite the Foundation's leaders to join in their joy.

The lobbying actions carried out by the AMAN-International Foundation for several years now have enabled the institution to build a network of personalities in Germany who have encouraged the principles and initiatives taken by the FAI.

Also on the occasion of the activities organized by the Foundation, several personalities from the economic, industrial, cultural and diplomatic fields have taken the habit of honoring with their effective presence the events organized by the FAI.

It is with great interest that FAI also responds to and encourages the activities of these partners of heart who are attentive to its initiatives. Among these partners are several African countries whose

diplomatic representations have welcomed with great interest the bold commitment of this organization of African origin.

Also, it is as ambassadors of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) that the Director of the Board and the Founding President of FAI joined the various festivities organized in Germany and celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of African countries in order to mark with their support all the positive changes that should lead Africa towards a stable and sustainable development.

Within the framework of the 2010 fiftieth anniversary celebrations, FAI honored with its presence a good dozen celebrations, out of the 17 organizing countries.

2011

FAI received in Audience at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Berlin (28.01.2011) As part of its lobbying activities with key decision-makers, the AMAN-International Foundation was received at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs where it exchanged with the personalities in charge of African issues including the Director of African Policy.

As part of its lobbying activities, the leaders of the AMAN-International Foundation were received at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs to present the activities of the institution to the German resource authorities.

Thus, the Founding President of the FAI and the Director of the Director were received by the Director of African Policy of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Walter Lindner.

During their meeting, they discussed the activities carried out by the AMAN-International Foundation in Africa and more particularly in Côte d'Ivoire but also the will to intensify the cooperation of the FAI with Germany with a clear will and support of the German authorities.

Mr. Lindner praised the work of the AMAN-International Foundation and its efforts. He assured that the German authorities were willing to establish stronger partnership relations with public and private institutions and civil society organizations committed to Africa such as the AMAN-International Foundation.

This meeting, which took place in the midst of the post-electoral socio-political crisis, was also an opportunity to address the issue of solutions for ending the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire.

On this issue, the President of the FAI underlined that the concern of her organization was to commit itself as usual to the defense of the rights and the fate of the populations who, far from being involved in political issues, were more than ever in need of assistance in all socio-sanitary domains as well as in the security of their property and their persons.

The German diplomat thanked the FAI leaders for their contribution to the return of peace in Côte d'Ivoire and reassured the commitment of his department and the German government to help Côte d'Ivoire overcome this impasse, hence the successive trips he himself made to Côte d'Ivoire during the period in order to seek solutions with the Ivorians themselves.

Alongside the Director of African Policy, the head of the section in charge of East Africa, Sudan and the Horn of Africa attended these exchanges. It is noted that exchanges are also already planned with the person in charge of the West and Central Africa section.

This important meeting ended in a relaxed atmosphere and photo sessions to mark the event.

The FAI launches an appeal for emergency humanitarian aid to Germany for the people of Côte d'Ivoire

Berlin - Sensitive to the plight of the people of Côte d'Ivoire caught in the middle of a socio-political crisis between the country's leaders, the AMAN-International Foundation has addressed an emergency appeal to the German authorities for socio-sanitary assistance and the preservation of the population's security.

Faced with the disasters of the crisis and war in Côte d'Ivoire that began with the post-election crisis of late 2010, the AMAN-International Foundation has just sent an official appeal for emergency aid to the German government in

In addition to the lobbying meetings that have already taken place, the AMAN-International Foundation has in this appeal referred to the humanitarian disaster and the recent and uninterrupted serious abuses of which the population is victim.

The Foundation, whose board of directors is in Germany, has invited the German government and through it the European community to take urgent measures to help the population, to provide them with the sanitary and food needs they require and to preserve their physical integrity.

FAI at the Africa Day 2011 celebration sponsored by the German President

Berlin (May 25, 2011) - For several years now, FAI officials have been invited to the Africa Day celebration which, as in all African countries and in countries friendly to Africa, is celebrated. This year, the President of the Federal Republic of Germany honored the event with his presence.

As in previous years, the AMAN-International Foundation participated in the Africa Day celebrated every year in Germany.

This year the event was marked by the effective presence of the German President His Excellency Christian WULF who, during his solemn speech, addressed his vision for Africa, his interest for this promising continent in terms of development but especially the will of his country to intensify relations with Africa. Also, President WULF announced that he would soon grant a meeting with the African diaspora in Germany.

Among the guests of the short list this year of personalities invited to this special day of Africa, the Founding President of the Foundation AMAN-International who welcomed the manifest will of the German authorities to cooperate with the African continent but also to get closer to its representatives of civil society in Germany.

FAI shoots a film

Berlin (08.10.2011) - Since October 8th, FAI has started shooting a mini film entitled "I am committed to AMAN-International Foundation and you?", in the German capital.

The shooting of this film was initiated by the Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation, who is directing and producing the film herself. Known for her multiple talents, she has further strengthened her commitment to her organization by producing this film to rally the commitment of all friends of the Foundation around the world to her side in order to mobilize the greatest interest and commitment of all for the activities carried out by the FAI.

Also, this film "I am committed to the AMAN-International Foundation, what about you?" has made a first casting and selection of actors who will be shown in the first scenes after the shooting which will take place in Berlin.

The film has already won the participation of actors of all ages and sexes from France, Spain, Russia, Guadeloupe, Vietnam, etc. It is expected that as many countries as possible will participate in the film.

The film "I am committed to the AMAN-International Foundation, what about you?" will be broadcast by section or by season in order to get the message across in different languages.

FAI invites the Minister of International and Regional Cooperation of the DRC to Berlin

Berlin (March 29-31, 2011) - At the invitation of the Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI), the Minister of International and Regional Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Congo visited Germany.

Accompanied by a strong delegation and with his wife at his side, the Minister of International and Regional Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mr., honored with his presence the invitation extended to him by the Board of the AMAN-International Foundation a few weeks earlier.

On the arrival of the Minister and his delegation, the ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Director of the Board of Directors and some collaborators were already in the Lounge of Honor at Berlin's Tegel airport where the welcome formalities were carried out.

This stay which had for objective to engage relations of cooperation between Germany and the Foundation but also with the German public and private institutions held its promises.

On the occasion of this stay, important moments were the audiences with the German authorities, a big lunch and a company visit initiated by the Director of the Foundation's Board of Directors, Professor Bernd-Dieter Fridrich, at the German multinational company Bayer. A press conference was also organized at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Berlin.

This 3-day stay was above all an opportunity for the AMAN-International Foundation and the authorities of the DRC to discuss the possibilities and projects of a future cooperation in favor of the populations of the DRC.

FAI President received in audience by the German Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire

Abidjan (09.12.2011) - On the occasion of her recent visit to Côte d'Ivoire to energize her team but also to strengthen relations with institutional partners in Côte d'Ivoire, the Founding President of FAI was received in audience by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.

Within the framework of the reconstruction of Côte d'Ivoire, the Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation, Mrs. Marie Ginette AMANI-FRIDRICH made a working visit with her team from the Abidjan office.

This working visit was focused on a close contact with the team of Abidjan in order to better refine and harmonize the projects to come within the framework of the reconstruction of the country but also in the strengthening of the relations with the institutions in place.

During her stay, the President of the Foundation was received in audience by the new Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, His Excellency Kahrl Prince.

At the center of the interview, it was the presentation of the Foundation to the newly appointed German diplomat in Côte d'Ivoire but also to consider a cooperation in the context of the new context of reconstruction of Côte d'Ivoire after the post-election crisis.

FAI's Founding President receives war displacements at her Abidjan office

Abidjan (07.12.2011) - On the occasion of her working visit to Côte d'Ivoire, the Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) received in audience a series of civil society actors, including ADERG-CI, the Association for the War Degraded of Côte d'Ivoire.

Already well known to the services of the AMAN-International Foundation for several years, having benefited from the FAI's aid programs (training in micro-projects, financing of micro-projects for its

members, psycho-social counseling), ADERG-CI wished to meet with the Founding President of the FAI in order to discuss the evolution of its activities.

This meeting with the President of ADERG-CI allowed the members of this association to introduce their grievances to the head of the FAI regarding the need for the members of ADERG-CI to benefit from new funds to strengthen or initiate new individual micro-projects, but above all on the need for the families of this association to benefit from housing for each of them.

The President of the AMAN-International Foundation reassured that she would bring their grievances to more important authorities and able to respond to such an expectation within the framework of the factors of the crisis or the war that Côte d'Ivoire has experienced.

She also informed that, as usual, the Foundation would soon launch public appeals for the financing of projects and that ADERG-CI could apply for these appeals.

The President recalled that the AMAN-International Foundation works essentially with its own funds and stressed that there are many requests in this sense, so that support from external donors would be welcome to help the Foundation to relieve the greatest number.

AMAN-International Foundation Helps Côte d'Ivoire Return to the U.S. Economic Market

Washington, D.C. (late 2011) - The long struggle undertaken by organizations concerned with a peaceful but prosperous Côte d'Ivoire has paid off. The end of the recent crisis in Côte d'Ivoire has led to a series of positive decisions at the international level to help the country quickly regain its vitality and economic momentum. Among these decisions, the one taken by the American President Barack Obama for the return of the Ivory Coast on the American market. The AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) is one of the few structures that participated in this return.

The crisis that has shaken Côte d'Ivoire since 2002 and also its political universe has resulted in the breaking of several agreements, including the AGOA (African Growth Opportunity Act) signed at the time with the American government.

in order to allow certain companies operating in certain specific fields to export and bring their products into the U.S. territory without customs duties.

The APEX-CI, specialized in the exports of Ivory Coast joined at its sides several companies in order to lead the fight for the return of the Ivory Coast within the countries beneficiaries of the AGOA. The largest companies in Côte d'Ivoire have been called upon to support this initiative of APEX-CI headed by its President Guy M'Bengue, who has been given the mission of forming a task force to conduct negotiations with the U.S. Government.

A limited number of civil society organizations demonstrating a serious profile, a successful initiative and a continuous and sustainable work in favor of the development of Côte d'Ivoire were associated with this initiative in order to convince the American government for the return of Côte d'Ivoire to the AGOA agreements.

As early as 2009, AMAN-International was invited as a civil society organization that met a profile of capacity, qualification and skills to join the initiative.

For three successive years (from 2009 to 2011), the AMAN-International Foundation, along with APEX-CI and other members of the initiative, petitioned the United States to sensitize the American authorities to accept the return of Côte d'Ivoire to the AGOA program.

In 2011, the joint efforts of the AGOA Task Force were crowned by the good news of the signature by President Barack Obama of the agreement for the return of Côte d'Ivoire to AGOA.

As stated, this is a major agreement for companies, cooperatives and other structures that will now be able to export products listed under AGOA to the vast American market, without having to pay taxes.

Among the structures having brought their support and their contribution to this major action for the economic development of the Ivory Coast were listed and quoted in the official newspaper of the Ivory Coast and among it figures the Foundation AMAN-International to have participated actively in the return of the Ivory Coast on the American market.

2012

FAI offers an electronic greeting card to wish wishes

Berlin (01.01.2012)- The Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation has announced that an electronic greeting card has just been installed on the homepage to wish all friends of the AMAN-International Foundation a happy new year 2012, but also to allow all visitors to send this card and their wishes to their own friends for free.

This card will remain online for at least 5 months before being removed.

The 1st class of the FAI-RENCAP International Online Academy graduates.

Berlin (30.01.2012) - The Board of Directors of AMAN-International Foundation in charge of the "FAI-RENCAP International Academy" program announced that the Diploma Kit containing the diplomas of the participants who took part in the Humanitarian Corps program (RENCAP-CH) was sent by express parcel to the recipients.

Opened in September 2011, the first training session of the FAI-RENCAP International Academy has registered a real craze as this training option for the Humanitarian Corps program was long awaited by the public.

"The first beneficiaries of the program, accepted for the first session, the Fall 2011 session, which lasted from September 21 to December 20, 2011, have successfully completed the three months of theoretical and practical training in the field," announced the Director of the FAI Executive Board. "Only 10% of all participants failed the course and will have to repeat the training or retake the exam at a future session. This is a rigorous program, so we are absolutely selective and demanding when it comes to awarding the diploma to the participant, because it is the highly respected label of FAI and those of its partners in the program, but also the lives of the people who will one day be assisted by a Humanitarian Corps trained by our institution," he said.

Thus FAI-RENCAP International Academy has kept its promises and as the participants of the second session (Winter 2011) started their courses since December 21st, each of the participants of the first promotion received as promised their individual Privilege Kit. He stressed that this kit includes in addition to the diploma, the certificates of each grade but also a bank card as part of the sponsorship program CH but also an article with the FAI-CH logo.

Our objective is to train as many Humanitarian Corps as possible so that it will be a great movement in Africa and in the world, but we also wish to work with these Humanitarian Corps on the Foundation's humanitarian assistance programs such as the Great School Workcamps, scheduled for this summer.

New dedication in Berlin of ALLIANCE, the novel by the FAI President

Berlin (17.02.2012) - The Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation was recently invited to Berlin to present her second book on the occasion of an event on diversity, tolerance and peace between peoples.

ALLIANCE is the title of the second publication of the Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI), known as Marie Ginette AMANI.

This February 17, 2012, the writer Marie Ginette AMANI was invited to participate as an author in the socio-cultural event called "Zu Gast in Afrika" otherwise known as "Guest in Africa".

This event aimed at making Africa better known to the German public was composed of several artistic performances including a presentation of the book ALLIANCE written by the Founding President of the FAI.

This book was invited to participate in this program because it presents not only a love story between two people of different races, but also an invitation to tolerance, acceptance and peace between peoples, as well as the promotion of cultural diversity.

After the speech of His Excellency Mr. Ambassador of the Republic of Lesotho, sponsor of the event, Marie Ginette AMANI, author of the book ALLIANCE was invited to present her work.

After a reading of some poignant passages of the book with a staging with Christian the young German actor for the occasion, representing Jacques the lover of Grace, the main characters of ALLIANCE, the author made an analysis of important themes addressed by the book.

The performance was greatly appreciated by the general public who came to the author's stand at the end of the artistic performances for exchanges and to have the book signed.

FAI officially opens the "Heart Shop

Berlin (19.03.2012) - The Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation has announced the opening of the "Boutique du Coeur", an electronic storefront that offers Internet users the opportunity to purchase products with the FAI or CH label, as well as items of all kinds to help specific needy targets.

The opening of this showcase called the Heart Boutique is an idea and an initiative of the Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation who proposed it in order to make FAI or CH label products accessible to the Humanitarian Corps of the FAI, but also to all the friends of the AMAN-International Foundation and to all those who wish to have these products.

In the vision of the President and Founder, this store should also be able to offer other basic necessities such as foodstuffs (plates or bags of rice or other cereals, butcher's products, delicatessen or fish products, confectionery, dairy products, etc.), sleeping kits, first aid boxes or first aid kits, birth baskets, school kits etc.

Internet users will be able to donate the amount of products they wish to purchase online and indicate the number of people they wish to support. These products will be purchased in the beneficiary's country by FAI and given directly to families in need or to a global activity to help the program.

The President and Founder of FAI has specified that these products are only in the category of emergency aid or punctual assistance while waiting to organize the strategy to effectively make the beneficiaries autonomous.

The category of non-food and clothing products will be made at Gin's AFRO, which since 2002 has been donating the profits from its sales to the AMAN-International Foundation and which hosts the Boutique du Coeur on its well-functioning online storefront for electronic shopping systems.

"By making you beautiful, let your heart speak" is the slogan promoted by the President of FAI since 2002 on the site of her brand Gin's AFRO where the products of the Boutique du Coeur and many others are offered: www.gins-afro.com

FAI organizes its Big School Program this summer to help disadvantaged children victims of war in Ivory Coast

Berlin (02.04.2012) - The Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation has just announced the opening of applications for participation in its Grand Chantier Ecole Summer Edition 2012 program whose objective this summer will be to assist and help underprivileged children and victims of war.

This program, according to the FAI Board of Directors, is aimed at the selection and large-scale deployment of its Humanitarian Corps in the field, as well as of volunteers from around the world, in order to strengthen them in humanitarian work and to share experiences in this field.

The following link offers the possibility to have more information about the program but also to make a pre-registration online, please click on the link: [Big School Summer Workcamp 2012](#)

2008

AMAN-International Foundation moves to larger premises

Abidjan (01.08.2008) - The Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) has announced that the AMAN-International Foundation has moved to new premises.

The move of the headquarters in Abidjan to its new premises is now effective.

Previously located on the 2nd floor of the Pako Gourmand building, the AMAN-International Foundation has since the beginning of 2008 been looking for a new location to accommodate the new size of its activities.

It was clear to the FAI team, but also in order not to "confuse" its visitors too much, that the new FAI headquarters in Abidjan had to remain in the same neighborhood where it started its activities since its creation in 2003.

Also, the new location perfectly meets FAI's expectations as it is much more spacious to embrace the scope of activities addressed by FAI and prepare for their eventual expansion. But above all, this new location allows the FAI to remain in the vicinity of the old headquarters in order to facilitate the orientation of its visitors.

From now on, FAI is based in Abidjan at the following address Deux Plateaux Vallons, Pako residential area, duplex villa No 7.