

Series of hearings for civil society at the FAI offices

The Director of the Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation met with several representatives of Ivorian civil society

Abidjan (01.09.2009) - As part of the partnership exchanges with regional institutions and local organizations in Côte d'Ivoire, the Director of the Board of Directors and the Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) held a series of hearings with some twenty civil society leaders at the FAI headquarters in Abidjan on August 31 and September 1.

On August 28, FAI organized in close collaboration with the Goethe Institute of Abidjan a solemn ceremony to present the insignia of the decoration of its two leaders in the Order of Merit of Solidarity of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the FAI documentary film "The Force of a Dream". On the same occasion, FAI proceeded to the awarding of the FAI-RENCAP-CH diplomas to the first promotion of its Humanitarian Corps (CH) during an official visit of Prof. Dr. h. c. Bernd-Dieter FRIDRICH, Director of FAI's Board of Directors, to Côte d'Ivoire.

A large number of national and international organizations and institutions came in a strong delegation to take part in this ceremony alongside eminent personalities who gave very edifying testimonies of the many outstanding actions of FAI which have enabled it to obtain two national distinctions in two consecutive years.

Seizing the opportunity of this official visit of Professor FRIDRICH to Côte d'Ivoire, a large number of leaders of civil society organizations and institutions had requested audiences.

These very fruitful discussions focused on the possibilities of collaboration and partnership, but above all the presentation of grievances to the FAI in order to benefit from various supports.

The first two senior officials of FAI informed them that they had taken note of their various concerns and requests which would be examined in the framework of the Foundation's future interventions.

At the end of these hearings, several organizations confided that they were satisfied and above all touched by the availability and warm welcome they received from the FAI's top officials.

The meetings were concluded in a friendly atmosphere with family photos being taken in the FAI gardens.