

## **South-South Partnership: An exemplary model**

### **Visit of the NGO AMAF-BENIN to the Foundation AMAN-International in Côte d'Ivoire**

**Abidjan (22.06.2010) - A delegation of the NGO AMAF-BENIN based in Cotonou paid a courtesy and working visit to the headquarters of the FAI in Abidjan. The visit of the President of the Beninese association, Fataï AINA, was part of the partnership between the AMAN-International Foundation and the NGO AMAF, which is very active in Benin in the fight against poverty. It is within the framework of its vision of developing a South-South partnership that FAI had recently validated the partnership request submitted by the Beninese association to FAI.**

In order to initiate the dynamics of the relations between the two structures, a meeting was organized in the FAI premises to better exchange within the framework of the strengthening of the partnership links between these two NGOs.

The President of AMAF-BENIN, Fataï AINA, accompanied by his collaborator Jean Noël BENDJO, was warmly welcomed by the FAI staff.

After the words of welcome and a few exchanges of courtesy, the collaborators of the FAI's Founding President, Marie Ginette AMANI - out of the country at the time of this meeting -, invited their visitors around a cocktail prepared to welcome them.

Serge GNAHORÉ, Fabrice BROU and Doulaye SORO - the latter in charge of information at FAI and designated to welcome the guests - took advantage of this meeting to present the AMAN-International Foundation, its functioning and especially its various programs of activities.

Very impressed, the President of AINA took the floor to express his satisfaction to be a partner of FAI and his joy to be at FAI headquarters in Abidjan today. He also presented his NGO and particularly expressed the wish that the RENCAP-CH program (Capacity Building of the Humanitarian Corps) initiated by FAI be integrated in Benin in order to allow the Beninese population to benefit from this training; he also expressed his wish to meet with the Founding President of FAI in order to express his congratulations and to exchange with her on the perspectives of the collaboration between the two structures

Fataï AINA expressed his great satisfaction and wished long life to FAI and especially to the partnership between the two structures. Before taking leave of his hosts, he reiterated that it was very important for his association to get to know the headquarters and staff of FAI in Côte d'Ivoire, to learn about its functioning and activities.

This fruitful meeting ended with a cocktail.