

Total success for the 1st edition of the "International Humanitarian and Development Fair" of the AMAN-International Foundation

2nd edition of the "Night of Excellence in Humanitarian Aid" organized by the FAI at the Hotel Ivoire

Abidjan (31.12.2007) - As announced at the launching ceremony last September at the Palais de la Culture, the AMAN-International Foundation organized on December 27 and 28, 2007 at the Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan its 1st "International Humanitarian and Development Fair" (FAI-SIHD) followed by the 2nd edition of its charity gala dinner called "The Night of Excellence in Humanitarianism" (FAI-NEH) on December 30, 2007.

Officials and participants were invited to the inaugural conference organized by the AMAN-International Foundation whose keynote speaker was Hilaire BOHUI who represented the Minister of Culture and Francophonie of Côte d'Ivoire, Augustin Komoé KOUADIO, the first sponsor of the event. BOHUI spoke to the audience on the theme "Culture, Diversity and Development".

The officials then visited the exhibition stands where representatives of several co-sponsoring ministries of the FAI-SIHD, namely the Ministry of Culture and Francophonie, the Ministry of Solidarity and War Victims, the Ministry of Family, Women and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have animated their stands donated by the Foundation AMAN-International

Alongside the AMAN-International Foundation and the ministries, there were many non-governmental organizations, specialized associations and other youth unions.

The FAI-SIHD was particularly well attended by visitors who showed interest in the symposiums, exhibitions, workshops, conferences, panels, round tables, film screenings and other activities that took place during the first two days. The third day, Sunday, December 30, 2007, was devoted to the second edition of the gala dinner called "The Night of Excellence in Humanitarianism" (FAI-NEH).

Marie Ginette AMANI, Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI), declared that "at a time when Côte d'Ivoire, a developing country, is emerging from a long crisis to announce to the world a message of peace, reconstruction, active solidarity, and development, the invitation to this first "International Humanitarian and Development Exhibition" (FAI-SIHD) is:

A sign, a call more than rich in symbols and hope promised to humanity ... in the new faith".

She revealed that this privileged space of interconnection between all the actors of development, humanitarian, civil society with the main theme "40 years of Development Aid - what assessment?" allowed to enrich humanity by the conclusions that could be drawn.

According to him, the FAI-SIHD will eventually allow a real diagnosis of humanitarian and development action from the experiences shared on the different platforms of the SIHD, which could allow at the end of the exhibition to develop a memorandum that will sanction all these exchanges.

Through the holding of the first FAI-SIHD, she insisted, a real need has been identified and a dynamic framework in the humanitarian and development sectors has just been created in a perspective of exchange of experiences and approach of common solutions starting from the state of play of failures and crises suffered almost for half a century by poor countries.

Initiator of this program, the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) offered the public an interactive presentation of its organization. Within this framework, visitors were able to see for the first time a very eloquent documentary film on FAI entitled "The strength of a dream". These different screenings allowed the distinguished guests to appreciate the scope of the actions carried out by the Foundation.

In her address, the President and Founder invited the public to a "leap of faith" for more humanism and benevolence towards the underprivileged and disadvantaged, especially children and young girls. She had already conveyed this heartfelt message to an audience of German diplomats, political, economic and cultural personalities on the occasion of the first edition of the "Night of Excellence in Humanitarian Aid" in Germany, which took place on November 27, 2007 in Berlin, organized by Prof. Dr. h. c. Bernd-Dieter FRIDRICH, Director of the FAI Board of Directors.

It was the moment of awarding participation diplomas to the exhibitors and the solemn presentation of distinctions to five persons for their commitment and major initiatives in the field of humanitarian action. Five ministers of Côte d'Ivoire received the certificate "Personality of honor of the Foundation AMAN-International", a rare distinction given by the President Marie Ginette AMANI to the following guests of honor

- Mr. Augustin Komoé KOUADIO, Minister of Culture and Francophonie
- Mr. Louis-André DACOURY-TABLEY, Minister of Solidarity and War Victims
- Mr. Sidiki KONATE, Minister of Tourism and Handicrafts
- Mr. Youssouf BAKAYOKO, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Mrs. Jeanne Adjoua PEUHMON, Minister of Family, Women and Social Affairs

The FAI-SIHD Commissioner General informed that applications were open for the next 2008 edition of the FAI-NEH.

The happy recipients thanked and especially congratulated the AMAN-International Foundation for the achievements, encouraged the initiative and assured the support of the Ivorian government.

The sponsors of FAI-SIHD called on all development actors in Côte d'Ivoire and abroad to support this noble initiative of the Foundation AMAN-International: "This International Exhibition is a special event that represents a great opportunity to glean new wealth for the full development of economic, social and cultural.

The guests were treated to a fashion show presented by "Pulsart Event" and "Gin's AFRO" followed by a cocktail reception that ended this important charity ceremony.