

Newsletter

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NIGERIAN FRENCH LANGUAGE PROJECT

Dear readers,

For almost two years and a half, the Bilateral Cooperation Project lending support to French teaching in Institutions of Higher Education in Nigeria has been on-going. It will end in November 2017 and thus, you are reading the last newsletter of the current project.

These past months, a lot of work has gone towards the successful implementation of the project and it is important to commend the dynamism, professionalism and motivation of those involved, namely: the lecturers from the Colleges of Education, the Polytechnics and the Universities; the Directors of the 3 Centres for French Teaching and Documentation (CFTD), the National Universities Commission (NUC), the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) and also the State Ministries of Education in Oyo, Enugu and Plateau. On the other hand, in addition to the cooperation with the Institut Français and the Alliances Françaises in Ibadan and Lagos, the warm welcome extended to the Nigerian beneficiaries by the Audiovisual Center for the Teaching of Languages of Royan (CAREL) and the Paris Chamber of Trade and Industry (CCIP) is noteworthy. We therefore thank all these groups of people for their continuous efforts to improve French pedagogy in Nigeria.

The most recent achievement of the project is the launch of the IFprofs Nigeria website. Membership is open to all teachers and French education professionals in Nigeria: <https://ng.ifprofs.org/>. A tool

for cooperation, training, development of IT skills and even the dissemination of educative information in French, the website allows users free access to thousands of teaching and training resources. It is also a platform for interacting with teachers in 45 other countries that span 5 continents.

The French Project Manager, Dr Fanny Dureysseix and two Nigerian beneficiaries, prof. Alani Souleymane of the University of Ibadan and Obafemi Olugbemi, a teacher at Alliance Française Lagos, received training on the management of the site at the Institut français Casablanca, Morocco from the 3rd to the 5th of July along with their Moroccan, Qatari and South African colleagues.



> The three facilitators for Nigeria with their Moroccan, Qatari and South African colleagues at the Institut français Casablanca, Morocco



> The group of facilitators of IFprofs Nigeria during the training at Alliance Française Ibadan

The NFLP then organized training for 14 facilitators on the 10th and 11th of October. These facilitators are primarily responsible for guiding the new users and for running the website.

The official launching of the website took place in Lagos on the 12th of October with the French Consul General, Mr. Laurent Polonceaux, and the Permanent Secretary for Education in Lagos, District 3, Mrs. Solarin Margaret, in attendance. In the days following, the first website presentation workshops were organized in Kano, Maiduguri, Akwanga and Abuja.

With regards to the support for the continuous training of the lecturers of the Colleges of Education, trainings were organized in the three Centres for French Teaching and Documentation as well as COE visits by the 6 Academic Supervisors. In 2017, the directors of



> Grade 5 kids from Ibadan International School welcomed during a training session in CFTD Ibadan in October



> The 20 COE lecturers during a cultural visit in Royan, France



> At the NCCE in August, the Executive Secretary with the French project manager, the Officer for French, M. Badmus Razaq and the NFLP Secretary, Mrs. Chidimma H. Ohuakanwa

the CFTD decided to let the students of the COEs or primary or secondary learners to take part in the trainings so that the newly trained lecturers would have the chance to put their newly acquired skills to use.

In July 2017, 20 COE lecturers did a 4-week internship at CAREL in France. They benefited from a structured program and cultural visits.

In order to ensure the continued effort in the restructuring of the COE curricula (NCE Minimum Standards), the Project Manager paid a working visit to the Executive Secretary NCCE, Prof. Bappa Aliyu Muhammadu, to discuss the possibility of collaborating on the revision of the program.

In August, the French project manager met with the Plateau State Commissioner for Education, Mr Joseph Alex Mairiga, on the nomination of the new CFTD Director, M. Precious Edward Yilzuhum. The purpose of the meeting was to also sustain the cooperation between Plateau State and the French Embassy in the Teaching and Learning of French.

The aspect of the project that had to do with the diversification of French courses offered in Universities and Polytechnics, was concluded with a week-long training at the CCIP, Paris in September, for 15 beneficiaries, 11 from universities, 3 from pilot polytechnics and 1 from the Nigeria French Village in Badagry. In addition to the visit to the Louvre Museum and a boat ride on the Seine River, the beneficiaries worked on creating pedagogical material for the subject of Business French. The teaching material prepared will be uploaded to the IFprofs Nigeria website so that other teachers can have access to it.

In conclusion, as part of the preparation of the closure of the Project, the NFLP will play host to Prof. Evelyne Bérard, an evaluator from Centre International d'études pédagogiques (CIEP) from 30th of October to 3rd of November. She will held meetings with the project beneficiaries as well as with the officials of the Federal Ministry of Education.

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Heads of NFLP



> The Commissioner for Education of Plateau State, Joseph Alex Mairiga, with the Permanent Secretary, Mr Freeman Kum, the Director of the Education Research Centre, Mr James T. Y. Danjuma, the French Project Manager and the NFLP Secretary



> The group of 15 Nigerian lecturers with the CCIP facilitators in Paris in September

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