

Newsletter

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NIGERIAN FRENCH LANGUAGE PROJECT

Dear readers,

The Nigerian French Language Project (NFLP) wishes you a great and fruitful year. In the year that has just ended (2016), the NFLP undertook a number of activities as contained in the 3rd Funding Agreement between both countries. They include the train-the-trainers' programmes at the Centres for French Teaching and Documentation (CFTD), the Launch of the Professional French Seminar among others. The train-the-trainers' programme for teachers of French in Colleges of Education (COEs) and lecturers of French from 11 Universities and 2 Polytechnics will continue this year.

The details of the key activities of the NFLP in 2016 are below.

291 trainers from 61 COEs were trained in the 3 Centres for French Teaching and Documentation: CFTD Enugu, Jos & Ibadan. 70 of the trainers took the DELF exam to enhance their linguistic capacity.

The Heads of the French Project are very grateful to the 3 Directors of CFTDs for their dedication to providing high quality training and also to the 6 Academic Supervisors who visited 30 COEs and observed 91 trainers. This qualitative approach gave room for better knowledge of the teaching and learning conditions in COEs and assessment of the training results.



> Academic Supervisor's visit at Nsugbe COE, Anambra State.

On 30th November, the Seminar on Professional French was held in Abuja. It was launched by Mrs T. Ibe, the representative of the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, and the Ambassador of France in Nigeria, Mr Denys Gauer. The Deputy Director, Language Project Division, Rev. Caleb Anota, the Head of Cooperation at French Embassy, Mr Arnaud Dornon and the Director of the Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry, Prof. Raufu Adebisi, were in attendance.



> Launch of the National Seminar on professional French at Nikon Luxury Hotel, Abuja.

Also in attendance, were professionals from the military, economic, diplomatic and education sectors: the Nigerian Navy, the Military Section of the French Embassy, the the Central Bank of Nigeria, Ringardas, Air France, the Economic Department of the French Embassy, the Economic Community of West Africa, the Federal Ministry of Education, the Chamber of Trade and Industry (CCIP, Paris), Alliances françaises, the Institut français du Nigeria, Campus France, The National universities Commission, Universities, Polytechnics and the Nigeria French Language Village. The focus was on a better knowledge of the needs for French in the job market for young Nigerians (intercultural consciousness, affairs, business, banking, military peacekeeping and diplomacy) and the necessity to develop dedicated language programs and strengthen capacity building.



> Representatives from the Nigerian Navy attended the Seminar on professional French to highlight some specific needs.

Following the Seminar, on December 1st and 2nd 2016, a resource person from CCIP, Paris, animated the first phase of the training for 16 lecturers of French. It took place at the Institut français. The trainees were exposed to the latest pedagogy and the ability to identify pragmatic objectives for teaching professional French.



> The trainees with Maxence Robin, CCIP, Olivier Mouginot, CFTD Enugu, and Fanny Dureysseix, NFLP, Institut français du Nigeria, Abuja.

On 24th January 2017, the Head of Project, Fanny Dureysseix, and the CEO French NFLP, Mrs E. C. Ibe, visited the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) at Bwari, FCT, to meet with the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, the Test Development Department and the French Unit in order to discuss the new standards for language tests at JAMB and the necessity to include an oral component in the test. Further meetings were planned.



> In the JAMB's Registrar office, Bwari, FCT.

Also in January, the new Permanent Secretary, Dr. Jamila Shu-ara, and the new Director for Basic and Secondary Education, Mr J. A. Mbaakaa assumed duty at the Federal Ministry of Education. The NFLP wishes them a fruitful tenure.

Soon, trainings in the 3 CFTDs will commence and an online platform dedicated to all French teachers in Nigeria will be launched. The NFLP team is looking forward to working with all Education professionals who are interested in language and quality teaching and learning.

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