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IECD goes green !

In order to face the challenge of the renewable energy sector in **Morocco** – emphasized by the COP 22– and reach out to the many employment opportunities, IECD team in **Morocco** has included environmental issues in the training program.

New units of environmental awareness and trainings on renewable energy

Since September 2016, new modules of environmental awareness as well as new trainings on renewable energy and on energy efficiency have been added to the students' program in Juk Spel and in the CPT school.

In order to prepare the teachers to these new course units, a one-week training was organized in association with Schneider-Teachers and with the association "Senior Experten Service" at the beginning of September. A total of **12 teachers have benefited from a theoretical and practical training on photovoltaics**. The Schneider-Electric expert also helped creating the new practical class works for the students on the subject.

Moreover, the IECD team has developed together with **the WWF teams** a program of environmental awareness for the CFA of Casablanca, benefiting from their experience and educational materials. The objective is **to increase students' and teachers' awareness about our environmental impact of our way of life, and of the existing solutions to limit our ecological footprint**.

In 2016, IECD's trainings become eco-friendly!



COP22 contest: here we go!

In this context of environmental awareness-raising, IECD team has officially launched a competition on renewable energy in June, in association with Schneider Electric and the French Embassy. The contest aims at developing the students' **technical skills as well as skills related to innovation, communication, project management and team work**. Students have to create new green energy solutions and test these ones concretely with prototypes. There are two trials: "my green energy", which consists in creating a prototype using renewable energy, and "my green city" with the objective of implementing green solutions in the town.

After the award ceremony (which will take place in October), the students whose projects have been selected **will go to Marrakech in order to present their work at the COP22**.

We wish them good luck!

Nexans opens its doors to the CFA students

In June, about **30 students of the CFA Electricity of Mkanssa** were given the opportunity to participate in trainings in the « Nour » center of Nexans. This two-day long training focused on the security facilities of low voltage installations.

"This training was very interesting because it went really deep into details and we have learned a lot of things we didn't know. In addition to the CFA training, these trainings give us the opportunity to be autonomous, it will make our integration into enterprises easier in the future, or even facilitate the creation of our own enterprise."

Abd Maaze , student of the CFA



Study on the professional integration of the graduates - Juk Spel

IECD team of Morocco has conducted a **study on the graduated students of the 2014/2015 promotion**. 52 were interviewed (98% of the total promotion). There are two levels of training in Juk Spel : the **“technician”** training and the **“qualification”** one.



- **Regarding the students from the “qualification” training:** **83%** pursue their studies in the Juk Spel school in the technician level.
- **Regarding technicians:** all the graduates decided to enter directly the job market. 8 months after they graduated, **74%** have found a job. Among them:
 - ◇ **76%** work in the electricity field.
 - ◇ **64 %** found a job within 6 months.
 - ◇ **18%** found a job thanks to the Juk Spel network of partner companies.
 - ◇ **23%** have integrated the ONEE (national office for electricity and water).
 - ◇ **59%** work in the private sector.

In the meantime, in other Seeds of Hope countries

NIGERIA: New guidance and employment offices

Seeds of Hope Nigeria launched the **Guidance and Employment offices** in the John Bosco Institutes of Technology in Onitsha and in Akure on August 29, 2016. IECD team has organized a **one-week training for the managers of the offices**.

The GEO aim at strengthening the **links between local enterprises and the school** and at **enhancing the students employability**..



EGYPT: First Guidance and Employment forum in Alexandria

The IECD team has organized a **Technical Employment Fair in Alexandria**, on May 28, 2016, together with the French Chamber of Commerce. It is the **first time that such a forum took place in Egypt !**



37 enterprises, **92** students from Don Bosco Alexandria and **451** job seekers took part in the event.

LEBANON: The graduates feel self- confident

A focus group meeting was organized with **9 graduates of the Electrotechnics specialization**. The objective was to get feedbacks on the training, on their professional experiences, and to better understand what affect their choices.

The graduates were **proud of their experiences**, had high **confidence in themselves**, were **aware of the skills** they had acquired, and had a **positive vision for the future: an interesting discussion, which is also promising for the rest of the promotions!**



IVORY COAST : Project start!

A **launching ceremony was organized** on May 26, 2016. In the Technical Center of Bonoua, the first partner school, the **activities of Seeds of Hope have started since April**.



Pedagogical training for the teachers and meetings with companies were organized. The schools have also been renovated. Finally, some students have done internships during the summer, **which is new to their training**.

Any suggestion? Any topic you would like to read about? Please send us your ideas at gde@iecd.org