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## 18 IFERA students take the CAP Agriculture & Breeding exam !



After a three-year training at the IFERA of Yamoussoukro (Rural & Agriculture Training Institute), the 18 students of the second batch took their written tests of the CAP Agriculture & Breeding exam. From January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, they have been assessed on breeding and crop production techniques, processing and value-adding activities for agriculture products and on general courses (mathematics, French, sciences, etc.). While 14 students have successfully passed the written part of the exam, 4 others will have to work even harder to ace the practical tests

scheduled in July to graduate. Meanwhile, the students are carrying out a six-month internship to improve their technical skills and complete their entrepreneurship project.

Indeed, right after they graduate, our junior entrepreneurs hope to start their own business. But before, they have two major events: the CAP practical tests exam scheduled from the July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 13<sup>rd</sup>, and then the oral presentations, starting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We wish them good luck in all these key moments !

### The CAP exam

The CAP Agriculture and Breeding is a professional degree for young people aged 16 to 25. The exam assesses 14 general and technical subjects. CAP holders can manage different

kind of activities such as breeding, food and cash crops production, basic processing activities, etc.

Since 2016, 15 alumni graduated from the IFERA.

## Interviews

### Ismaël Sawadogo, 18 years old, alumni of the Toupah FFS



In 2016, after completing my training at the Family Farm School (FFS) of Toupah, I wanted to apply my skills and knowledge right away. I first started with a few crops and

3 rabbits to make a little money. Then I built my first henhouse (21m<sup>2</sup>) which had a capacity of 240 chickens. I quickly realized that in one month I could earn 125 000 FCFA (190 €) with an initial investment of 60 000 FCFA (90 €). Two years ago, I have started with 60 chicks, and now I can feed, look after and sell 400 chickens. I am very proud of what I have learned at the FFS and I am grateful to my trainers who trained me and pushed me to start my own business.

### Vincent Anodjo, Manager of the Agriculture Integrated Unit of Toupah, SAPH



As a key actor contributing to Ivory Coast's development, SAPH has made concrete commitments to support sustainable development. Together with our stakeholders, we have

implemented several community-based initiatives such as the Family Farm School (FFS) project of Toupah. For us, supporting the FFS means standing up for education and professional training. As a company, it is very important for us to help local communities as far as we can. Investing in vocational training will help young people to build themselves a better future. That's why it is essential that the FFS network exists and progressively takes off.

## The PEFACI visits Lyon's World Trade Fair !



The Ivory Coast Family Farm Schools Platform (PEFACI) took part in the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Trade Fair organized in Lyon, France, from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2018. Invited by the International Association of French-Speaking Regions (AIRF), the PEFACI represented the Béliér Region of Ivory Coast and showcased its agriculture vocational training activities.

The Béliér Delegation was constituted by Jean-Bedel N'Guessan, the PEFACI Deputy Chief Operating Officer (DCOO), Christian Koffi and Herbert Kouakou, two IFERA students. The Béliér Delegation co-hosted the stand of the Lyon Pressin Horticulture and Landscape Gardening High School and took part in several discussions on agriculture vocational trainings. The group was also interviewed by Radio Pluriel, a local radio, to describe its vocational training activities in Ivory Coast. At the end of the event which gathered more than 116 000 visitors and participants, the FFS team exchanged on structuring partnership opportunities with international training centers.

## Meanwhile in the other countries...



### Cameroon - Let's start the trainers' competency-based assessment

In Cameroon, the assessment of FFS trainers' teaching skills have started in the North West in January, in the Littoral and the South in March, in the Far North in April and will be extended to the East in May.

These evaluations assess the trainers' capacities to prepare and conduct courses according to the Competency-based approach (CBA), at the heart of the Agriculture Training program at IECD.

All in all, more than 25 trainers have already been assessed and the pedagogical team has identified several points that will be strengthened in the upcoming trainers' training sessions. Congratulations to Anastasie Ngo Gwem and Emile Wobenso of IECD Cameroon vocational training department !



### In DRC, third-year FFS students have completed their training internship !

Niclette, Pelaji and Hornelly have carried out a four-week internship on apiculture at Kisantu's botanical garden. They were supervised by professional beekeepers such as Brother Mansala who has built the apiary of the Technical Institute of Horticulture and Agriculture. During their first professional experience, they have learned to master the different activities related to the management of an apiary. In the upcoming weeks, third-year FFS students from Ngidinga will build an apiary in their school's teaching garden and start their first income generating activity (IGA).

## Events

### April 2018

- ◇ Training of trainers at the PEFACI in Yamoussoukro
- ◇ External evaluation of the Agriculture Training (AT) program: the evaluator will meet agriculture training actors and visit several training centers (FFS and IFERA)
- ◇ Training on « Employment and Orientation Office » conducted by Manuel Leick Jonard
- ◇ Preparation of the upcoming financial audit, mission led by Eloïse Petit