An international mission took place in Ivory from January 2nd to 13th 2019. Indeed, the PEFACI team was happy to welcome 3 experts of the French company ARTELIA, an international consulting, study, engineering, project management and security company involved in the building, infrastructure, water, industry and environment sectors. Through its Foundation, Artelia experts carried out a thermal, hydrometric and acoustic diagnosis of the IFERA buildings – Institute for Rural and Agricultural Entrepreneurship Training – of Yamoussoukro and Afféry. The study paper, completed in June 2019, has brought to light several possible improvements related to lighting, humidity and ventilation. The proposed solutions could therefore enable a better use of space and reduction of energy consumption.

Rainwater harvesting, the installation of solar panels to light up or heat the water, the use of green cover to create more shade and protect the soils represent straightforward solutions to enhance the energy efficiency of our training centres! The study mission also aimed to raise awareness on sustainable development issues among PEFACI teams and students through workshops.

The best solutions are always those that integrate the concept of sustainable development for a viable, liveable and equitable world!

“Some pictures of the program…”

Dizangué student working in a corn field, Cameroon

Afféry students on a study visit to the SACO cocoa plantation, Ivory Coast

Alumni forum at Mokolo, Cameroon
Connecting alumni networks to agricultural stakeholders

On February 7th and 8th, the Alumni forum of the Maroua-Mokolo Diocesan Development Committee (CDD) was organized, gathering alumni students of the Extreme North region and more particularly from the Mokolo and Koza training centers. The forum, which gathered almost 200 participants, has been filled with significant moments allowing alumni, students and agriculture experts to share their experience. Alumni also presented their agriculture, breeding and processing products through a small fair. Round tables and discussions on business creation were organized and 6 alumni received a price for their hard work! The official awards ceremony began with the featuring of the former students’ activities movie. The award-winning students received some of the following valuable tools: wheelbarrow, sprayer, machete, rake, gloves, boots, seeds, etc.

Valuing the work of alumni and highlighting examples of successful agricultural activity: these were the challenges of the ceremony!

Interview with Géraldine Mezing, 18 years old, student of Kienké FFS (Cameroon)

“The advice I would give my classmates at the FFS and those who would like to attend the school is to get started! I would like to show them what I have done in order to prove to them that the FFS is something exceptional. Being a farmer or an animal breeder is a real job. I didn’t imagine that one day I might have my own poultry house, be able to feed my own hens, sell them and earn money.”

Link of video: https://vimeo.com/310337375