

## **FULL LAUNCHING OF THE RESEARCH CENTRE AND CONTINUING TRAINING OF YAOUNDE**

### **A. Brief Presentation**

The Research Centre and Continuing Training of Yaoundé (RCCTY) is an annex of the Higher Institute of International Development (HIID) officially recognized in Cameroon under the registered number, 12/ 06235/ N/ MINESUP/ DDES/ ESUP/ SAC/ NNL/ EBM of 28<sup>th</sup> / 12/ 2012. Its headquarters is situated at Mokolo in the Extreme – North region of Cameroon. It opened its doors in September 2014 at Yaoundé and is situated at the Oyom – Abang quarter between the medical centre, La Passerelle and the Mbiya launderette. It is the representation of the H I I D in the big South in general and at Yaoundé in particular.

### **B. Context of Extension**

The extension context of HIID to Yaoundé is due to the exactions of Bokoharam Islamic sect in the Extreme – North of Cameroon, particularly the Mokolo region where the HIID headquarters is located. In this region, the population lives under the psychosis of the frequent Bokoharam attacks and the socio – economic and cultural activities are under permanent threat of this sect. All the same, in pursuing its vision and desiring to maintain the confidence of its partners, HIID has realized the necessity to open a campus at Yaoundé known as the Research Centre and Continuing Training Yaoundé (RCCTY).

### **C. RCCTY: A mission, a vision.**

RCCTY is not only a center of training or education but also a mission and a vision shared together by its founders and partners. Her mission is to impact the world with divine love and excellence through auto – formation, mentoring, holistic development in maintaining equilibrium between faith and reason, theory and practice, distant learning and presence learning. Its vision is to transform lives and communities taking into consideration their intellectual, physical, financial, moral and spiritual needs with a holistic perspective.

### **D. Activities**

Since it's opening in September 2014, RCCTY has oriented her activities toward sensibilisation and education. But previously, despite its limited means, RCCTY needed to find a location in order to install and display. As a result, a contract of rentage was signed on November 2014 for the occupation of 2 apartments at the cost of 380000 Frs. per month. Since then, RCCTY began her sensibilisation activities owing to her very limited means or funds at her disposition. Her sensibilisation is focused towards churches, academic institutions and universities, markets and the main roads of the town of Yaoundé.

The training was the second part of her activities (cf. Annex) and carried out her courses on line as well present participation. Two fields were in function during this brief academic year: International development and Theology. The dynamism of the theological field was remarkable. This field in particular has just terminated the academic year in the company of a visiting professor in the person of Dr. Egbert Brink of Holland. He animated the study days with a study on the book of Job (from the 03, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2015), a doctorate seminar on the 07<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 on the theme “A holistic approach in the image of God” and a seminar open to the public on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 on the theme “Christian families faced with trauma and post trauma experiences”. The orator widely touched the expectations of the participants and especially it made the HIID and RCCTY to be well known to the public who came in their numbers to benefit of these teachings. The students registered at RCCTY are very grateful and wish that such teachings can be renewed in the future.

#### **E. Means (Funds)**

The funds made available for the establishment of RCCTY were very limited, but efficient. This has not in any way impeded those in responsibility to resolutely get on with their work and duty. As regards sensibilisation, RCCTY has made use of hand – outs, leaflets, posters without forgetting personal relations of the head team. This human means in application have greatly contributed for the take – off of RCCTY.

#### **F. Staff**

The RCCTY staff is made up of;

- Coordinator: Prof. Kalemba culminated with the function as vice – Rector in charge of research, innovation and the doctorate study.
- Administrator: Dr. Djoubairou Dieudonne.
- Assistant – Sectary in Communication: NtatmenFotso Judicael Nina.

A dynamic team which duels in understanding, cohesion and complimentality. This staff has stood the test of time in relation to financial difficulties and challenges in order to assume with some validity her responsibilities in the capital city of Cameroon.

#### **G. Difficulties**

As a young centre, RCCTY is facing a lot of difficulties. First of all, the lack of sustainable funds for its development remains a problem. On the infrastructural perspective, there is not yet a land or property in possession, the working instruments are obsolete, inexistent, and insufficient. The cost of rents is greater than the available funds. The means of communication and transportation or displacement are very limited in relation to our objectives to be attained. The remuneration problem of the staff as well as the payment of vocational teachers equally is a problem.

## **H. Future Agenda**

In order to alleviate these major difficulties, it is important for RCCTY to urgently endow sustainable funds so as to ensure its effective implantation as well as auto financing. Then in the nearest future or distant future, the necessity to own its own premises will impose or be essential. As concerns autofinancing, the development of generating activities will be very useful.

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The administrator of RCCTY

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