

Benin Agriculture's School Entrepreneurship

In 1995, the *Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Recherche Scientifique* (MENRS) expressed an interest in collaborating with Canada in a project designed to consolidate Benin's agricultural training schools. A proposal was submitted to Mrs. Carole Lavergne of the ACCC by the ministry to extend the capacity of training institutes by having them provide continuing education programs to a specific target group, namely women working in agricultural production. In December 1995, the CFA/CCNB submitted a proposal reflecting the above mentioned need, to be further discussed in January 1996 in Benin with a Canadian consortium member. In December 1996, the consortium prepared a proposal to be discussed in the following month with the *Direction des Enseignements Technique et Professionnel* (Benin) and those bequeathed with the responsibility of delivering the continuing education training units.



Since 1990, Benin has aimed at developing entrepreneurship training programs, i.e. self-employment. The past three years have seen numerous pedagogical efforts in activities and programs geared towards initial education, namely in entrepreneurial management. Benin's agricultural training institutions are now ready and willing to become involved in continuing education, as proposed by the MENRS. This coincides with the World Bank's objective which fosters continuing education and recognized by the newly created Labour Force Development Office (*Observatoire de l'emploi*).



The training of instructors subscribes to the action based training approach (*formation par l'action*). The project involves two stages. Year one and two includes the learning of methods and completion of training modules, teaching tools, establishment of training units and follow-up. Year three and four will include the application of learning notions and accomplishments achieved by female work groups, supervised by the Canadian counterpart.

This project must obtain three results: the development of training modules and the establishment of continuing education units in entrepreneurship training as well as meeting specific training needs of women working in the farm-produce industry.



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