

Created in 2007, the association AQAFI (Aquitaine Afrique Initiatives) managed several local and international projects.

In 2015, it organized the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the **“Printemps de la Diversité”** at the Hôtel de Région. This major event about the cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and the fight against discriminations has become unavoidable for the actors on the ground, the political and economic representatives and for academics.

Since 2009, it has been conducting/running the programme of **“reception/welcome and support for foreign students”**. This programme allowed the help of 421 students in 2015 in their house-hunting, their researches for internships or jobs, and in any other administrative procedures. Regional actors concerned by this action bring a real support to this programme.

AQAFI also took part in several events and meetings in Bordeaux, in France, and all around the world.

At an international level, AQAFI set up and achieved 4 development projects in French-speaking Africa since its creation.

- In the Cote d'Ivoire, AQAFI led the **“Training of farming skills and project management”** project with the UFEDEZ (Union des Femmes pour le Développement du canton de Zabouo).
- It also led the **renovation of the North Saint-Louis preschool** with the parents association, in Senegal.
- In Democratic Republic of Congo, it managed **“the project of social economic rehabilitation/reintegration thanks to training and to the microcredit for young people in Congo (RDC)”** in collaboration with the CRAFOD (Centre Régional d'Appui et de Formation pour le Développement).
- In Mauritania, a project in two phases has been set up. The project is called the **“Support to the irrigate agriculture of rice and truck farming development in the rural commune of Tekane”**. The final report is in progress. This project was realised with the help of the new region Aquitaine Limousin Poitou-Charentes (ALPC). The second phase is about the **“replacement of the irrigation system by motor pumps functioning with solar energy”**, and is supported by the EDF HELP Foundation.

The development and the administration of the association are directed by a board of directors composed of nine members, including a President, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary. A staff composed of an employee, some volunteers, and several interns ensures the effective functioning of the association.

On the whole, the association's situation is doing well despite a few difficulties experienced in its functioning. It enjoys a great attention by its associative or institutional partners.

To continue in this direction, it is necessary that members and supporters keep working harder together for a better distribution of the missions and actions in the field.

Located for two years at the 24 rue du 14 juillet in Talence (Barrière Saint Genès), the association's premises are now located at the 42 rue Sauteyron in Bordeaux near the Place de la Victoire since July 2014. Very accessible and useful for our targeted population, the Permanence is spacious and clearly improves teams' working conditions. Indeed, we moved from 12 m<sup>2</sup> to 120 m<sup>2</sup>.

Regarding the communication, the association's website has been visited more than 13000 times since its renovation in 2015. A new brochure and a new flyer have been edited. Those media have contributed to our awareness and information campaigns.

Our main motivation remains to support development initiatives in Africa, to promote intercultural dialogue and well-being together, to help populations coming from migrations to integrate the economic and social societies, and to support students throughout their studies.

Forthcoming years will strengthen us in this idea as trying to answer to the numerous expectations of our target audience. Solidarity here and elsewhere remains more than ever our watchword.