



Newsletter

In this issue of our newsletter, you will find:

- a rapid presentation of three recently signed partnership agreements, one in Togo and two in Gabon,
- following our opening to Latin America, we are submitting two requests for collaboration, one in Nicaragua and the other in Peru,

Wishing good reading. ■

Prof. Robert Laurini, president of USF-AWB.

Three global conventions have just been signed (Togo, Gabon)

Two conventions have recently been signed, one with the Superior School of Administration and Management (Ecole Supérieure d'Administration et de Gestion) in Lomé, Togo, and the other with the Masuku University of Sciences et Technologies (USTM), in Franceville, Gabon, in particular for:



- assistance in the recruitment of permanent staff or mission experts,
- improvement, development, implementation and evaluation of training and research programs, training engineering,

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- strengthening relationships with the socio-economic world and the professional integration of students,
- participation in PhD defense committees,
- doctoral support for teachers and students,
- hosting internships, research trips or visits to France.

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In addition, a third cooperation agreement has been signed with the National Institute of Management Sciences of Gabon. It is an institution that trains executives. Some of these students have held very senior positions in administration and business. The vision of this Institute is to train operational managers with solid theoretical foundations, an excellent mastery of technical tools and a strong orientation towards entrepreneurship with a quadruple competence.

- Form the personality without taking it away from economic realities.
- Continue to update knowledge and technology, taking into account local realities.
- To be a productive and pro-active player in the economic life of Gabon and more generally of Africa.
- Develop a sense of innovation and creativity in management sciences.

The courses of this national institute cover a relatively broad panorama starting from the bachelor level up to the doctorate. The requests that have been submitted to us mainly cover the level of the Master.



This agreement focuses primarily on distance learning and face-to-face teaching missions in the fields of economics, finance, management and accounting. Logistics is also present as well as a marketing dimension on the fundamentals of this discipline. To this first dimension, there is a more specific research project concerning the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on companies in Gabon. The request on this point is that of participation in the Scientific Committee and possible contributions. We had two Skype discussions with the rector of the institute, Mr Jocelyn Nimbé, and the different heads of the departments such as finance economy, logistics marketing which were very positive and effective.

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Looking for collaborator in Peru

A university located in southern Peru is asking us to help in the following areas:



1) Internationalization of research through joint exchanges and participation in projects with similar institutions;

2) Participation of foreign professors in their post-graduate studies, both in the development of subjects and in the co-supervision of PhD's;

3) Organization and conduct of an international event on teacher training in Latin America and Europe;

4) Organization and development of a graduate course (Postdoc) in social sciences and education, with broad participation.

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Veterinary doctoral school in Nicaragua

A public university in Nicaragua is specialized in soil management, plant science, forest resources and tropical animal production. It has a research group with few PhDs. In order to strengthen its activity, it wants to set up a doctoral program in tropical animal production.

Interested volunteers must be university professors with extensive experience in supervising doctoral degrees in these fields. The former directors of doctoral schools will be appreciated. Proficiency in Spanish is not mandatory but would be a bonus.



Its role will be to establish a doctoral training program (research methodologies, writing dissertations, knowledge of the scientific community, economic and international partnerships, links with university administration, etc.).

A week-long visit to Nicaragua should be considered.

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