

PAC Centre Report, July 2016 – June 2017- CAMEROON (Francophone Africa)

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International Cooperation (highlight activities and work the PAC Centre has done in the international preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on an international level)

The PAC francophone Africa centre covers an average of 20 countries. These are the countries of francophone central Africa, francophone West Africa, Indian Ocean and Madagascar. In order to carry out our missions, we have appointed representatives from countries whose task it is to identify problems related to the conservation and preservation of heritage in each country. And in general, the problems that have been identified are related to the training of professionals, the lack of conservation policy, the lack of equipment and working materials ... as a result of this exercise, we have set up a standing committee which is made up of colleagues from several countries working directly in the conservation sector to develop a short-, medium- and long-term action plan. It is a group of 10 African specialists. We will exchange via the etherpad platform. This enabled us to draw up an action plan which was forwarded to IFLA at the end of the year (December 2016). The Dakar conference, which will take place from 17 to 19 November 2017, is expected to be our flagship event this year. So, for the organization we have obtained the institutional partnership of the school of librarians, archivists and documentalists of Senegal (EBAD). The organizing committee is led by the association of librarians of Senegal and the IFLA francophone linguistic center.

We are still looking for the sponsors and financial partners for the success of this event.

Local Cooperation (highlight activities and work your PAC Centre has done in the local preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on a local level)

No activity carried out at the local level. But for the vulgarization and the promotion of the Francophone Africa PAC, we have created a website and a logo for our center.

The costs of these services were entirely supported by me.

Francophone Africa PAC website: www.pac-af.org

Workshops/trainings/events (what workshops/trainings/events has the PAC Centre organised? Which workshops/trainings/events did the PAC Centre participate in? both on international and national level)

I participated in the seminar on the physical and digital conservation of collections at the National library of France in November 2016, within the framework of the program "courant du monde" of the French Ministry of Culture. The knowledge obtained through this seminar can be shared in our next PAC activities.

I financed myself the flight ticket and the French ministry supported the accommodation, the meals and public transport

Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Risk Register (e.g. promotion etc.)

Registration of the Lamidat de Mokolo (far north of Cameroon) heritage documentary

Suggestions to IFLA HQ on improvements to the PAC Centre network (e.g. gaps in expertise covered by the current PAC Centre network, communication issues, support requests (non-financial) etc.)

For the success of our conference in Dakar, we wish IFLA active participation and presence in this first and capital event in French-speaking Africa. The presentation of 2 or 3 papers by IFLA will be welcomed (supported by IFLA). Communications, for example, on the PERSIST project, the risk register, the management of documentary heritage in case of conflict or disaster...

New standards/guidelines/best practices which should be shared with the community

Dissemination on the PAC website of papers presented at various IFLA congresses on conservation and preservation

Any other comments

I am a volunteer but it is not enough for the survival of the Francophone Africa PAC centre. I need more than ever support from IFLA to carry out the tasks assigned to me. I would like IFLA to organize a fundraising event for the conference or introduce me to potential financial partners.