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The 2024 Way of remembering were a moment rich in meeting, connection and prayer for all participants.

Before the pilgrimage itself, preparation sessions took place frequently to allow everyone to fully live this experience.

Several working sessions were also held with the organizing group.

The pilgrimage was held in 14 days with a well-defined program.

January 4: ARRIVAL DAY

Reception of pilgrims at the airport and installation at the hotel. The pilgrims arrived in Cotonou in turn and received a warm welcome from the team there, as well as from the president of PROMETRA USA, Dr. Omavi Bailey.

January 5: TRAVEL TO GRAND-POPO

Every day, before the start of any event or program, the first thing that is done is the circle of union. Indeed, this is a moment of prayer and we entrust our day and our actions to the ancestors.

The second day was more marked by the meeting with King Xwla Xolugbo Meto Ahoussan IX behind the Grand Popo toll. Indeed, the king has several very promising projects on this site, and an



exchange session took place with the participants and local residents to explain the ins and outs of his projects.



January 6: WORKSHOP IN AGBANAKIN AND EXCHANGES WITH THE KING

As usual, after the cercle of union, the group had breakfast and went to Agbanakin to honor the King's invitation to a workshop held at his Palace.

The workshop program was as follows:

**WORKSHOP SATURDAY JANUARY 6, 2024 FROM 9 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. AT
THE ROYAL PALACE OF AGBANAKIN**

**THEME: ROLE OF XWLA CIVILIZATION IN LEADING THIS SCREAMING AND RUTHLESS
WORLD TOWARDS A BETTER AND MORE ENLIGHTENED HUMANITY**

8 a.m.-9 a.m.: arrival and installation of participants

9 a.m.-9:05 a.m.: prayer by the priestesses

9:05-9:10 a.m.: union circle ritual

9:10 a.m.-9:15 a.m.: welcome address by His Majesty Xwla Xolugbo Meto Ahoussan IX

9:15 a.m.-12 p.m.: WORKSHOP N°1:

MODERATOR: PROFESSOR AHOUEBOUEVI

SECRETARY :

PANELISTS:

9:15-9:30 a.m.: SPEAKER N°1: 1 official from the Novicha federal office
SUB-THEME 1: *HISTORY OF NOVITCHA AND ITS ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT*
***OF THE XWLA COMMUNITY* .**

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**9:15 a.m.-12 p.m.: WORKSHOP N°1: MODERATOR: PROFESSOR AHOUEBOUEVI
SECRETARY : DR KOMLAVI ESSEH AND MR DONATIEN**

PANELISTS:

SPEAKER N°1: NORBERT KASSA President of the Federal Office of Novitcha
**SUBTHEME 1: HISTORY OF NOVITCHA AND ITS ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
XWLA COMMUNITY.**

9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Presentation 9:30 a.m.-9:40 a.m.: Discussion

SPEAKER N°4: PROFESSOR AMOUZOUVI BABA AVIMADJENON

Xwla spirituality and sustainable development

10:45 a.m.-11 a.m.: Presentation 11 a.m.-11:10 a.m.: discussion

SPEAKER No. 5: DR OMAVI BAILEY

**SUB-THEME 5: CONTRIBUTION OF THE DIASPORA IN ACCOMPLISHING THE MISSION
OF XWLA CIVILIZATION**

11:10 a.m.-11:25 a.m.: presentation 11:25 a.m.-11:35 a.m.: Discussion

**SPEAKER N° 6: HIS MAJESTY XWLA XOLUGBO METO AHOUEBOUEVI SUB-THEME 6:
STORY OF EZAMEH TADO**

**11:35 a.m.-11:50 a.m.: presentation 11:50 a.m.-12 p.m.: discussion 12 p.m.-12:15
p.m.: BIO BREAK**

**12:15-1:45 p.m.: WORKSHOP N°2 MODERATOR: PROFESSOR AHOUEBOUEVI
SECRETARY: DR KOMLAVI ESSEH AND MR DONATIEN**

**SPEAKER: HIS MAJESTY XWLA XOLUGBO METO AHOUSSAN IX UNDER THEME 7:
PRACTICAL AND STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF THE ROLE OF
BETTER AND MORE ENLIGHTENED HUMANITY**

12:15 p.m.-1 p.m.: Presentation 1 p.m.-1:20 p.m.: Discussion

**1:20 p.m.-1:40 p.m.: preparation of conclusions and recommendations by the
moderator and secretaries**

**1:40 p.m.-1:45 p.m.: reading and adoption of conclusions and recommendations and
closing of the workshop.**

1:45 p.m.-3 p.m.: Snack

At the end of this workshop, a statement from Agbanakin was concluded.





AGBANAKIN STATEMENT

On January 6, 2024, a workshop was held under the theme “: *ROLE OF XWLA CIVILIZATION IN LEADING THIS SCREAMING AND RUTHLESS WORLD TOWARDS A BETTER AND MORE ENLIGHTENED HUMANITY*”

- Considering the quality and diversity of participants coming from the sub-region, Europe, the Caribbean and the United States,
- Considering this world of belobging and power which leads us into the wall,
- Considering the frequency of pandemics and emerging diseases to which conventional medicine is limited,
- Considering more favorably the insufficiency and the difficulties of modern medicine in the face of the health and well-being challenges of our humanity,
- Considering that for more than 300,000 years, all continents were black and health management relied more on humanism than on having it,

The workshop recommends

- 1) The judicious study of several millennia of human experiences with those available to today's science,

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- 2) The introduction of the history of the Xwla into the youth training program of our community,
 - 3) The rehabilitation, protection and promotion of the values of Xwla civilization , notably Vodou and universal spirituality,
 - 4) The implementation of the following 5 projects in the geographical sphere of the Xwla community :
 - The CARES project (African Center for Research and Exploration of Knowledge)
 - The Vodou Land project (Land of Vodou)
 - The Way of Remembering project
 - The Ways of Spiritual Connections project
 - The temple of the ancestors project

The workshop decides

- 1) Novitcha association which has managed to maintain the Xwla community in complete fraternity for more than a century,
- 2) To congratulate the speakers for the quality of their presentation,
- 3) To congratulate the participants for the relevance of their interventions, and the high level of their contribution,
- 4) To congratulate the moderator for his wisdom, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU is the President and founder of the NGO PRO.ME.TRA. International (Promotion of Traditional Medicines), Director of CEMETRA (Experimental Center for Traditional Medicines) in the Fatick region, Senegal.
- 5) He is a consultant and resource person with several international organizations for the protection, promotion and valorization of natural health and traditional knowledge and knowledge.
- 6) Holder of 18 invention patents, initiator of collaborative research with high American and international universities and institutions, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU is the author of around fifteen books and several films and videos dealing with multiple and varied themes, ranging from culture to research itself, including slavery, ethics, science and development in general.
- 7) To accompany, support and help His Majesty Xwla Xolugbo Meto Ahoussan IX in his mission of AZAHO which was entrusted to him by our ancestors,
- 8) To provide all necessary support to His Majesty Xwla Xolugbo for the rehabilitation of these 5 projects.

Done in Agbanakin , January 6, 2024
The workshop

January 7: VISIT TO OUIDAH AND CONSULTATIONS

The morning of this day was dedicated to a visit to the Ouidah site, to the python temple and lessons on the journey of slaves to Ouidah.











A prayer session around the fire took place in the evening. As we know, transcendence is participation. Man lives in harmony with the 4 primary Spirits which are Air, Water, Fire and Earth. Communication with one of these primary Spirits was essential for a good connection with transcendence.

The communication was centered on fire, but the 3 other primary Spirits were there

because the ritual took place at the seaside.



January 8: VISIT TO THE SACRED LAND

This day was rich in prayer and communion with transcendence. The pilgrims toured the temples of Atchamey .



They started with the Legba which is at the entrance to Atchamey to open the day. The divinity Legba responded favorably by showing the sign “DJOGBE” which means that the door is open and admirable.



Building on this result, the pilgrims continued the sessions, particularly at the Houmenou Ayavemi temple, which is a Dan deity on the sacred land of Atchamey . Sacrifices and rituals were made there.

After this, the various temples and deities of Atchamey were each visited and paid homage.





We ended the day with a warm dinner at the King's home and a discussion session with His Majesty.





January 9: SPIRITUAL RETREAT IN DOUTOU

On this day, we were lucky that it coincided with the day before the Vodou festival celebration day. Indeed, the President of the CNCVB (National Vodou Cult Community of Benin) his family and his entourage were there to perform the rituals and sacrifices appropriate for the ceremony. The pilgrims took protective and purifying baths there and the appropriate rituals for their well-being.

The rules of "HOUNKPAME" prevent us from giving more details here.

After that, the president of the CNCVB warmly invited us to his home for demonstrations in preparation for the January 10 celebration.





10 : VODOUN FESTIVAL

The pilgrims had the privilege of attending the very popular national Vodou Cult celebration held in Grand Popo. The party was co-organized by PROMETRA, whose president is His Majesty Xwla

Xolugbo Meto Ahoussan IX. Several Vodou priests attended and gave demonstrations. The presence of several authorities was highlighted there.









January 11: VISIT TO AGBANAKIN (PALACES AND TEMPLES)

This day was marked by prayer in the temple of Vilokoué , the only divinity that the princes and princesses of Agbanakin worship. We had the honor of having the presence of His Majesty Xwla Xolugbo Meto Ahoussan IX as well as priestesses who were the intermediaries between the divinity Vilokoué and the pilgrims. Appropriate rituals and sacrifices were made before sharing a hearty lunch in the King's home.

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After that, the pilgrims were invited to attend a Zangbeto ceremony in Atchamey .





The day ended with a dinner shared with the King.

January 12: VISIT TO HEVE AND PURIFYING BATH

This day began with sacrifices and rituals made at the touching point of the sea and the lake. We were accompanied and guided by the great Vodou master Comlan Diaz and priestesses.



After that, an FA session was held with great dignitaries like Comlan Diaz, accompanied by Bokonon. The session was very rich. We first started with a group session to open the paths and guide us in the sacrifices to make so that harmony reigns within the group, and that we can accomplish the mission that the ancestors put on our path. .



After that, the Bokonon performed individual divination to those who desired it.





Young and old, everyone was there for communion and communication with the ancestors.

January 13: CELEBRATION JANUARY 10 IN ATCHAMEY

During this day, the population of Agbanakin organized a party next to the Royal Palace, a January 10 celebration specific to Agbanakin. It was marked by joy and good humor. The pilgrims then shared a hearty lunch with the King as well as a discussion session.

January 14: THRON CELEBRATION

The group left for Cotonou, then honored an invitation to the temple of the deity THRON. a delegation of initiates to Thron paid homage to the passing of the great dignitary and the ascension of the son to his role.

January 15: DEPARTURE DAY

Some pilgrims returned to their respective countries and another part stayed for the optional 4 days of the pilgrimage.



These 4 days were marked by moments of sharing between pilgrims, discussions on potential partnerships and a visit to Ghanvier .





CONCLUSION

The 2024 Way of Remembering went very well in general, with a very receptive, patient group, open to other rationalities and realities and filled with love. The ancestors have accompanied us throughout and the group is aware of the great mission that awaits it to lead Men and the world towards a better and more enlightened Humanity.

