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I. INTRODUCTION

There have always been healers among men.

No one is immune from suffering, and every individual has the right to health. Since man is a human being, he has the duty to help the other and to make known what can help the other. This implies that any knowledge that can bring relief to man must be known and shared.

*Traditional medicine is as old as humanity, as old as pain.* It has been strongly shaken by our history which goes from the explorers to the current economic boom, through to slavery, colonization ...

Despite this tumultuous history, WHO recognizes that 80% of the African population in sub-Saharan utilize healers not only for their health problems, but also for their health education.

It is known that Africa is the land of the first stammerings, the first civilizations occurring more than seven million years ago. The emigration of Africans to other continents began only two million years ago. It is clear that this unknown hero of civilizations is an African who may have lived in the hot and humid jungles of West Africa, or on the vast highlands of South Africa or in virgin forests and dense areas of the Congo.

In ancient Africa, on the other hand, surgery reached very high peaks. Eight types of operations were known: curettage, piercing, extraction, suture, orthopedics, trepanation, etc. Medical papyri on Egypt successfully note the know-how of doctors in ophthalmology for the treatment of diseases Pleuro pulmonary, urogenital and dermatoses. The great migration of the African sages from the continental hinterland to the nascent Pharaonic Egypt has transplanted the legacy of the surgical art of the civilization of the Zambezi and other countries.

It is surprising how much the Peulh were competent even in the modern practice of cosmetic surgery. The Peulh pierced their ears to wear rings. The weight of the ring sometimes tore the lobe of the ear. There were fifteen known processes for repairing these accidents. It is a mistake to think that skin grafting dates back only to the 20th century.

For three decades there has been renewed interest in endogenous sciences; A new fervor. They are rehabilitated as inspiring discoveries, innovations, progress and stable, humane and sustainable development. This fervor is due to the observation of the limits of the Cartesian system, the deviation of "scientific and technical evolution" and the discomforts of the modern human sciences. Conventional medicine itself engages in dubious and questionable practices, such as overvaccination, horizontal childbirth. The persistence of certain pediatric diseases and the consequences of the misuse of synthetic and chemical drugs.

The endogenous sciences must benefit from a lucid exploration in order to reveal the secrets of the unconscious, to open the exploit on the unknown and the infinite in order to lead to the most hidden springs of action that would bring the sciences of tomorrow To serve the advent of a more humane and enlightened world.
II. PROMETRA INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

II.1. GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF PROMETRA INTERNATIONAL

PRO.ME.TRA is an organization for cultural research, medical practice, scientific dissemination, and an instrument for African integration and international relations through the upgrading of traditional medicines, ancient religions and universal spirituality.

PROMETRA International has benefited from a headquarters agreement with the Government of the Republic of Senegal and present to date 28 National Representations throughout the world, including 20 in Africa.

Each National Representation is recognized by its respective government and has privileged relations based on mutual trust and mutual respect with the leaders of the grassroots communities: Healers, Religious Leaders, Leaders of Worship, Spiritual Leaders, Ritualists and other holders of the Culture and Negro-African cults.

II.2. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF PROMETRA INTERNATIONAL

The specific objectives of PRO.ME.TRA can be summarized as follows:

- Organize at the national level, leaders of ancient religions, traditional cult leaders and healers to enable them to play their full role,

- Provide technical assistance in projects related to the rehabilitation of Traditional Medicine, ancient religions and universal spirituality,

- To lay the foundations of a little-known science, by better popularizing the rationality of African practices,

- To assist conventional science in broadening its field of action by contributing to the treatment of so-called incurable conditions and contributing to the rapprochement of the two medicines,

- Redefining some questionable practices of modern medicine, including overvaccination, horizontal childbirth ..., 

- Fight against all traditional practices that could harm the health of mothers and children and, more generally, the health of populations,

- Promote the exchange of experiences in traditional medicines in the sub-region, in Africa and throughout the world, with a view to rehabilitating cultural values,

- To train the healers as real IEC agents -Information-Education-Communication-to their local population by the FAPEG method, educational method of Training and self-improvement of the healers developed by PRO.ME.TRA,

- Involve healers at all levels to address the health challenges facing Africa and the world,

- Assist in the establishment of legal frameworks for the practice of traditional medicines,
• Assist governments in developing strategies for judicious introduction of traditional medicines into national health systems and enabling every citizen to choose his or her own medicine,

• Organize study and training trips for students and researchers,

• Establish structures for the packaging of medicinal herbal medicines or sanitary equipment on the basis of rigorous research that is credible and in conformity with international ethics,

• Build bridges and networks between all organizations, associations, institutions or structures working towards the rehabilitation of indigenous cultures and civilizations in Africa and the world,

• To study traditional religions, in general, and African religions in a particular way,

• Promote research on spirituality and promote its practical applications for a better and more enlightened humanity,

• Enable pan-African integration and serve as an instrument of international relations,

• Contribute to the training of young African leaders

II-2) ACTIVITIES AT HEADQUARTERS LEVEL

A) Relations with Policy

28 JANUARY 2016: INVITATION OF PROMETRA TO THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL ON THE TOPIC: TRADITIONAL MEDICINE: WHAT SOLUTIONS FOR ITS STANDARDIZATION IN SENEGAL?

As part of the consultations of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council of the Republic of Senegal, PROMETRA International was invited as a resource organization to share its experience on the topic: Traditional Medicine: What solutions for its standardization in Senegal?

This meeting was an opportunity for PROMETRA International to make a number of proposals and reforms to be made through presentations:

A. REFORMS TO BE BROUGHT:

1. Political level: It is necessary to adopt a law regulating the practices and practice of traditional medicine in Senegal. New tools are needed to protect ancestral knowledge, prior public indigenous knowledge, wildlife, and the health of populations.

2. Educational level: There is a need for health reform to enable traditional medicine to be taught in the school system from kindergarten to post-graduate.

3. At the Environmental Level: From the primary level, it is necessary to teach the child the knowledge and management of botanical gardens, to predispose him to understanding what biodiversity is and what is the relationship between health and respect for the environment.

4. At the Nutritional Level: Combating malnutrition in primary school and among parents, through textbooks.
B. PROMOTING COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH:

Collaborative research will enable the health system in Senegal not only to make new discoveries, but also to protect them from intellectual property organizations. Such an approach enhances and promotes endogenous development.

Following the presentation by the President of PROMETRA International, the Advisers first thanked the Organization for the high quality work exposed. This was followed by discussions and exchanges and, finally, the Advisors informed that they now have the material they lacked for the finalization of their consultation work.

Beyond their satisfaction, they proposed to make a field visit to soak up visions of the achievements of PROMETRA International, especially at the Experimental Center of Traditional Medicine (Malango) of Fatick. The President of PROMETRA International accepted the request of our honorable Councilors and scheduled a visit to CEMETRA on 25 March 2016.

25 March 2016: VISIT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL TO THE CEMETRA

On Friday, 25 March 2016, a delegation of 10 members of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (SESE), Health Commission of the Republic of Senegal, paid a field visit to CTICETRA (Center Malango) in Fatick.

Following the invitation of this State institution, the EESC Health Commission had planned to visit / consult a few leading associations / centers in the field of traditional medicine with a view to drafting their reports and to make recommendations to His Excellency Mr. Macky Sall, President of the Republic. Considering the short deadlines they were given, it became necessary to choose one structure to visit on Friday, March 25, and it was CEMETRA that was finally chosen. The delegation left Dakar at 08:30 to arrive at Fatick at 11:00.

Upon arrival, the CEMETRA hostesses gave a warm welcome and installed them. Before the meeting began, representative of the delegation, Dr Sadia Faty, took to the floor to give a reminder of the events leading up to their visit to the Center and explained to the audience and to the President of Malango Association the Reasons for the visit which were motivated by two essential elements:

- Visit of the Center Structures and Discussion / exchange session on the functioning of the Center

Subsequently, the visit started by the host organization, which was presented clearly by Emile Niane, who showed a lot of
mastery and responded in a pertinent way to the questions of our honorable guests. The questions were mainly focused on:

- The registration forms,
- The cost of visit/consultation
- Follow-up by whom of the patient,
- Follow-up after treatment,
- Provision of medicines for patients living far away

Dr. Boury Niang took the floor to give a historical reminder of her visit to the Malango Center, which initially did not believe in Traditional Medicine. But as a result of her contacts with Dr. Sadia Faty and the care of HIV/AIDS and Diabetes patients, she was first impressed by the results of her patient analyzes she had sent to the Center, and subsequently requested immediate integration into the project.

Mamadou Diaw, Representative of PROMETRA International, took the floor to talk about the organization that set up the center, recalling the historical context and the difficult work that had to be done by Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU using his own funds so that the CEMETRA could be created. PROMETRA has benefited from the support of several partners during the past years, and since their project objectives have been reached, we no longer receive their support.

However, the observation is made that Westerners are increasingly interested in the work of the Organization, with invitations and plans to exploit our research results. The Ministry of Health has been approached several times without any reaction from them. If we do not care, these results will benefit Americans and other research partners who risk in the near future to teach our children what their grandparents did.

The delegation then went to the analytical laboratory, where Dr. Sadia recalled the work that had been carried out under his control in the framework of the research projects, where he had to bring his expertise. Dr. Boury Niang recalled that CEMETRA was the 3rd laboratory at the equipment level in Senegal.

Thereafter, a Penc (community/palaver tree) was held with healers and President of Malango Association took the floor to welcome the visitors. He then told them about the many care that has been provided to the people since the Center’s inception. The Malango Association is not closed to modern medical facilities; on the contrary, collaboration and referral activities have taken place with the medical region of Fatick,
through the UNDP PROMETRA Project with the support of Dr. GNING at the time.

Since its inception, CEMETRA has had no deaths on site and has never turned away a patient.

**QUESTIONS / ANSWERS**

Following the speech of the President of the Malango Association, several questions were asked and answers were given. Exchanges are summarized below:

**Question:** How do you help the poor who want to be cared for?

**Answer:** CEMETRA has never turned away any patients. The treatment is widely available in terms of costs to the Senegalese population and is only paid once at the end of treatment.

**Question:** Can the treating healer alone treat many diseases?

**Answer:** Before going to the healer, the patient is first directed through the reception service to the specialist of his disease. If the healer encounters any problem for the treatment of the disease, or does not know the disease, then a Penc is summoned as we are doing today where every healer gives his contribution.

**Question:** do you have representation in the regions?

**Answer:** We have organized healers in every region of the country, the khy and our annual sessions are an opportunity to resonate everyone and exchange. We have excellent relations with the Ndeup Katt who are our privileged partners and who have invited us to Ndeup of Rufisque to be held from 10 to 16 May 2016.

**Question:** How do you fight the charlatanism?

**Answer:** All CEMETRA healers have been selected, tested and recognized as mastering their art for decades before being accepted at the center. We know each other. We have codes of conduct, internal rules and sanctions. But the main problem to fight charlatanism in general remains the promulgation of the Law on Traditional Medicine in Senegal which is lagging behind, given the progress in the other countries of the sub region which send their experts to be trained at our school. We need this law to identify the real healers, to prevent any false advertising in the media: many retirees of the university dusted off their old fascicles and proclaim themselves tradi-therapists!

**Question:** How do you prevent your knowledge from losing it?

**Answer:** The regulations of the Center require each of us to have a disciple to whom our knowledge is learned. The choice of our disciple comes back to us, he can be our son, a relative ... This raises the question of the pirating of our knowledge that we will not accept. We are very open to scientists, but we know their abilities to hack our knowledge.

**Question:** How do you meet your financial needs?

**Answer:** Apart from our consultations, each of us is either a shepherd, a farmer or another. Apart from that, Dr. GBODOSSOU has helped us to have income-generating activities by financing, for example, our cattle and goat farms. Transportation to the Center is difficult because not all healers are from
Fatick. In this regard, we appeal to His Excellency the President of the Republic who has promised to build a Village of Healers at the Center so that we can live in the center and be closer to our patients.

We therefore ask the local authorities to bear the expenses related to the operation of the center (water, electricity).

The visit ended at 4:00 pm and both were able to consult with the healers before returning to Dakar.

**25 MARCH 2016: THEAS NEWSPAPER NEGATIVE ARTICLE ON MALANGO**

The newspaper AS No. 3144 of Friday 25 March 2016 published on page 4 an article entitled "Fight against tuberculosis in Fatick: The Malango Center, blocking factor". In response to these defamatory remarks, the Malango Healers Association of CEMETRA in Fatick denied these allegations and gave an answer.

Published in the same newspaper:

"The healers and saltigui of Fatick deplore the content of this article and express their total disapproval and indignation .... WHO recognizes that 80% of the African population in the south of the Sahara goes to the healers first not only to receive their health care but also to receive health education ... Instead of ignoring Healers who drain 80% of the health needs of populations, the simple logic is that these healers can benefit from a simple training as IEC agents (Information, Education, Communication)."

**CREATION OF PROMETRA ZIMBABWE  29 MARCH 2016**

**PROMETRA ZIMBABWE**: a valuable link has just enriched our chain of union. PROMETRA Zimbabwe brings the number of African national PROMETRA chapters to 20. Welcome to our network!

**16 APRIL 2016: SOUTH-AFRICA HONOR TO HE. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG**: Planetary hero.

HE Ambassador Andrew YOUNG, member of the Executive Committee of PROMETRA International, was honored by the Republic of South Africa for his immense work in defending the Negro cause, but also for his many achievements throughout the continent for the revaluation of Africa and its values of civilization.

**22 June 2016: National Workshop of Sharing and Exchange on Public Policies and Institutional Practices of Valorization of Research Results in Senegal, Faidherbe Hotel, Dakar.**
Under the aegis of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research was held in Dakar, Hotel Faidherbe a National Workshop of Sharing and Exchange on Public Policies and Institutional Practices of Valorization of Research Results in Senegal, On Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

The workshop began at 9:00 am with two presentations:

- The Valorisation of the results of university research: problematics, challenges, stakes of the research, by Dr. Ousmane KANE, of ANSTS
- Intellectual property and valorization of the results of research, by Abdourahmane Fady DIALLO of ASPIT.

Discussions followed, which exposed the weaknesses of the intellectual property protection system in Senegal, the lack of knowledge of actors involved in the issues related to this domain.

It is urgent to make the actors aware that they must never publish before protecting their work.

After the patent, it is also necessary to protect its copyright to prevent the work from being modified by someone else who will protect it under another legal name.

In Senegal, there is a mention in the higher education system of "Teacher-Researchers", but this position does not exist in the regulations. There is only the teaching position of the University. To what are these teachers evaluated on the basis of publications and not on that of their profession of teachers? ...

Collaboration between universities, research centers and companies is at a standstill and hardly exists, while in other countries this synergy is manifested through hubs, incubators, technology parks, and technopoles and so on.

Why Senegal continues to import medicines whose patents have fallen into the domain of public order for a long time? (Amoxcicillin, paracetamol, etc.) The Ministry of Health must work with universities and other actors to set up production units for these drugs.

This is also true in the technological field, where car engines whose patent has expired can be used.

The Representative of ASPIT recommended during his presentation to establish a national Intellectual Property Information Unit, which would be responsible for setting up a database and a monitoring and advisory structure relevant to the exploitation of information on Intellectual property at the global level.

As a result of the discussions, two working groups were formed to reflect on the themes:

- Mechanisms of involvement of political and socio-economic actors on the valorisation of the results of research,
- Mechanisms for collaboration between companies, universities and research centers,

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- Communication, human resources and training needs in the exploitation of research results.

During the group work, PROMETRA International worked to include in the recommendations the creation of a consultation framework made up of experts in intellectual property in various sectors, who will be responsible for defining the national strategy in terms of IP. Regular evaluation of the decisions to be made.

C) RELATIONS WITH NGOs AND CIVIL SOCIETY

15 JULY 2016: VISIT OF PLACIDO CARDOSO, DIRECTOR INASA (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH) OF GUINEA BISSAU AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF PROMETRA.

Following the participation of PROMETRA International in the National Conference on Traditional Medicine in Guinea Bissau, from 03 to 09 July 2016, the Director of INASA (National Institute of Public Health) of Guinea Bissau, Dr. Placido Cardoso, former Director Of the West African Health Organization (WAHO) paid a working visit to the headquarters of the Organization in Dakar. This is an opportunity for him to thank PROMETRA for being able to respond to their invitation as an expert, but also and above all an opportunity to strengthen the collaboration between our two structures in the fields of research in traditional medicine.

27 JULY 2016: EMISSION EXPRESSIONS WITH SADA KANE ON THE WORK OF DR ERICK GBODOSSOU: ETHICS, SCIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Following the publication of the book Ethics, Science and Development, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU was invited to the program Expressions of 2S TV on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. It was an opportunity to discuss the essential questions raised in the book. In collaboration with Prof. Abdoul Kane, Cardiologist and Writer, thanks to whom the questions raised may have been of high quality.

18 AUGUST 2016: RECEPTION OF HELP TEAM DELEGATION AT PROMETRA

On 18 August 2016, a delegation of Help Team, a British NGO working in the field of endogenous development, was received at PROMETRA headquarters. Help Team aims to implement activities for vulnerable populations in order to generate income to enable them to live in better conditions. Help Team is also working to ensure that people can consume locally their own production and limit
imports. Dr Erick GBODOSSOU, President of PROMETRA International, accompanied by Adja Boury NIANG, President of PROMETRA Senegal welcomed the delegation to which they lavished advice and guidance to improve the chances of success in Senegal and the subregion.

18 SEPTEMBER 2016: RECEPTION OF THE DELEGATION OF SENEGAL WRITERS ASSOCIATION IN PROMETRA

On Sunday, September 18, 2016, a delegation of the Association of Writers of Senegal, led by their President Mr. Alioune Badara BEYE went to the headquarters of PROMETRA International for a working visit. This meeting follows the wish expressed for the President of the AES following the publication of the book Ethics, Sciences and Development by Dr Erick GBODOSSOU on Saturday 06 August 2016 at the headquarters of the said organization.

Indeed, the presentation of the activities of the Organization, followed by the vision of the President of PROMETRA International exposed during the discussions prompted these men of letter to want to know more. Their will was to ensure that such a structure had done so much work both in terms of traditional medicine and in promoting our values of civilization existed in Senegal.

Following the visit of the structure, the session began with the anthem of PROMETRA International, followed by a welcome speech by Dr Boury Niang, President of PROMETRA Senegal. Mr Alioune Badara BEYE, President of the AES, gave a speech in which he expressed his joy, he and his delegation, to be able to come despite the heavy rain.

Dr Erick GBODOSSOU gave a power point presentation on the Vision and Objectives of PROMETRA, before leaving it to Mr Djibril Diallo Falémé to do the same on the objectives of its structure. The AES brings together all writers in Senegal and is part of many networks of writers in the world and especially in Africa. The next meeting of the network of African writers and the diaspora is scheduled to take place in Senegal, and a federalist pre-congress is scheduled for November 2016. The AES wishes PROMETRA International a strong involvement in this meeting, says the President of the AES: "PROMETRA and AES are natural partners who meet, with the same thirst for fraternity and africanity"

Following projections of videos on PROMETRA International, its network of therapeutic research on diseases such as diabetes, dermatoses, HIV / AIDS, Ebola Virus fever ... speech was given to each other in turn to exchange on the different and possible axes of collaboration.

Thus, Mr. Alassane Cissé, President of Network of Cultural Journalists of Africa expressed his concern about the loss of our cultural values and practices. In this sense, he proposed to work to enhance certain aspects such as:

- African Culinary Heritage,

- Traditional Games at school and other places of education and training,
- Study and practice of the Mandé Charter,
- Natural African Habitat.

- Mr Emmanuel Magou Faye asked how PROMETRA should be closer to young people and to population. In this sense, he proposed to set up a program of cultural education and to create "PROMETRA Clubs" in schools. Mr. Faye has volunteered to co-ordinate implementation of such a project, which he will harmonize contours and content in collaboration with PROMETRA International.

- AES proposed to publish the cultural content of PROMETRA in as many national languages as are needed for better popularization.

- ESA intends to approach authorities, particularly Ministry of Health, to ensure that Traditional Medicine is legalized and taken into account in Senegal.

- Professor Djibril Diallo Falémé launched idea of competitions on traditional knowledge and sciences at level of educational structures of the country. Topics will be established in agreement with PROMETRA.

- President of AES informed that President of PROMETRA International will be in contact with Mr. Mamadou Ousmane Ndiaye, Director of Publication of the Journal "Le Témoin" for a major extension interview.

- Mr Alioune Badara Beye informed of next decoration of the President of PROMETRA International as Honorary Member of AES.

Dr Erick Gbodossou expressed his satisfaction to his hosts and thanked AES for this fruitful working visit and expressed his willingness to work more closely with the structure for implementation of various projects.
11 NOVEMBER 2016: RECEPTION OF AFRICAN WRITERS ASSOCIATION IN PROMETRA

On November 11, 2016 at 4.30 pm, a strong delegation of the Association of African Writers, from thirty countries went to the headquarters of PROMETRA International.

This visit is part of the partnership established with their counterparts of the Senegalese Writers' Association following their visit in September 2016.

A visit of the headquarters structure was made by the President of PROMETRA International, including Radio METRAF, the Annette Mbaye D'Erneuville Communication Office, administrative offices, among others.

Following the visit, Association of African Writers visited an exhibition on achievements of PROMETRA, its studies, its research results and a large part of discussions revolved around cultural and cultural symbols that our hosts wanted to understand despite the fairly limited time.

Discussions continued in the PROMETRA conference room, where work began with ritual of the Union Circle followed by anthem.

Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU, President of PROMETRA International made a presentation of the Organization, reversing its call to preserve and revalue the culture and values of African civilization.

The Association of African Writers has to be torch bearer of the message to the younger generations, but also to the politicians and other partners, given the attention they receive from decision-makers.

The writers spoke in turn to magnify the unique work carried out by PROMETRA International and reaffirmed their commitment to be the flag bearers of the fight for the revival of the civilizational values of Africa.

Discussions focused mainly on writers' questions about:

- traditional medicine,
- common use of certain medicinal plants,
- importance of nutrition in health,
- Traditional recipes for several diseases.

The President of PROMETRA International expressed his satisfaction at having on our side an equally credible and influential international association.
27-30 NOVEMBER 2016: TRIP STUDY AND EXPLORATION OF PROMETRA / ANDREW YOUNG FOUNDATION AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES PARTNERSHIP

On Sunday, November 27, at 9:30 am, the American delegation of His Excellency Ambassador Andrew YOUNG proceeded directly to Fatick, under escort and with three cars that the Presidency of the Republic was kind enough to put at their disposal.

Indeed, this first stage is the beginning of a journey of 3 days and is part of the completion of the series of films that His Excellency Ambassador Andrew YOUNG is doing to promote the values of African civilization across the continent, showing the best face of Africa and Africans. Thus, the CEMETRA in Fatick was chosen for Senegal thanks to its unique results obtained by the healers in the framework of fight against HIV / AIDS, Ebola Virus fever and several other affections.

Arriving at 12.30am at the CEMETRA in Fatick, the American delegation was warmly welcomed by the healers, with a very strong presence of governmental and regional authorities.

The REJOMETRA (Network of Journalists for Traditional Medicine), strong score of journalists, made a trip to media coverage of the visit, including the publication of several articles welcoming this first visit by such a strong American delegation to Senegal after the election of Donald Trump.

A spiritual ceremony took place with the handing of the ashes of the son of CB Hackworth, a member of the delegation, to whom his child had informed that he had "never been as good as the CEMETRA in Fatick during their previous visit. Before the delegation came, healers initially carried out an advisory ritual from which it was revealed that the son's ashes could be buried at CEMETRA, and that CB Hackworth's son was actually a member of the community who returned to his ancestors.
Subsequently, the delegation visited hospitalization units at Khelcom where therapeutic HIV / AIDS researches was conducted in a cohort of 62 patients treated exclusively with traditional remedies. Former patients came from several regions of Senegal to give a testimonial about their state of health for more than ten years, having no relapse, and with some who do not take any more medicines. An important donation was made by Andrew YOUNG Foundation to the group of former HIV patients of the center "SOPE GBODOSSOU", as a support to their income-generating activities for better social reintegration.

VISIT OF AMERICAN DELEGATION TO METRAF NIAKOULRB HEADQUARTERS

On November 28, 2016, the US delegation made up of staff from Andrew YOUNG Foundation, University Professors from Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, NCCU Brite from North Carolina and a team of cameramen went to headquarters Of METRAF in Niakoulrab. After an exploratory visit of various structures of METRAF, the delegation studied in detail and carefully location where the Andrew YOUNG Foundation plans to install the Aquaponic System project.

This project is implemented by the Andrew YOUNG Foundation, within the framework of its vision to feed by year 2020, twenty million people across third world and especially in Africa.

This Aquaponic system allows to have a large amount of fish tracks fed with duckweed, very rich in protein and allows them to grow very quickly. Moreover, to prevent large fish from feeding on small fish, preference for duckweed can save them and increase production capacity.

The water that harbors the fish is sent to a pond and will allow the cultivation of vegetables, plants and medicinal plants. The faeces and other wastes released by the fish allow the plants to grow very quickly. The system does not require an enormous amount of water because it allows the purified water to flow back to the fish pond.

PROMETRA International will serve as a pilot structure to test and evaluate Aquaponics. Once the experiment concludes, it can be extended to all regions of Senegal and to the different national representations of PROMETRA.
Our network has the advantage of having a partnership with leaders of grassroots communities and can therefore work to feed the 20 million people by 2020.

The US delegation appreciated the suitability of METRAF headquarters for security, water, electricity and all necessary amenities.

VISIT OF AMERICAN DELEGATION TO PINK LAKE

The US delegation, supported by a local guide and a PROMETRA agent, hired a pickup to explore and film the entire site of Pink Lake, following the direction and directive of the guide who is fluent in English. This expedition lasted 2 hours. The same team was joined by Dr. Kofi Kondwani of Morehouse School of Medicine and Kathy White, Executive Director of the Andrew YOUNG Foundation. The new team rented a canoe to explore and film Pink Lake, focusing on salt sampling methods. The whole delegation had lunch at Hotel du Lac Rose around 4:30 pm.

VISIT OF AMERICAN DELEGATION TO METRAF DIAMNIADIO PLANT

The US delegation then proceeded in convoy to the METRAF plant in the new Industrial Zone of Diamniadio. Members of the US delegation were impressed by the quality of the equipment and the appropriateness of the choice of production, but all deplored various obstacles that blocked the marketing of products that should solve number 01 health problem in Africa: Malnutrition.

Everyone is committed to taking the necessary steps to remove the blockage.
WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH RESULTS OF PROMETRA / ANDREW YOUNG FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Under the official presidency of Ministry of Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Senegal, the Workshop between PRO-METRA International, the Andrew YOUNG Foundation and American Universities began on November 29, 2016, starting at 10H00, in presence of Representative of Minister of Culture and Communication.

The session began with ritual of circle of union followed by the anthem of PROMETRA.

Before work began, a video message from His Excellency Ambassador Andrew YOUNG was viewed in which he encouraged all participants to continue to work for the endogenous development in Africa.

Official opening ceremony was given by Professor Coumba THIANDOUR, Director of Promotion of Scientific Culture of Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

Subsequently, various activities carried out within the framework of this partnership were reviewed and an evaluation of the results obtained with leading scientists from United States as part of our research on HIV / AIDS and Ebola Virus.

REJOMETRA

02 AUGUST 2016: RECEPTION IN THE HONOR OF BABACAR SENE AFTER THE RECEIPT OF ITS PRIZE "EPIS D'OR 2016"

The Agropasteur newspaper was nominated as winner of the Partnership Prize awarded by the Support Project Agricultural sector (PAFA). Prize was presented to him during edition of "Epis d'Or 2016" of the PAFA on 02 August 2016 in the Heart of Kaolack City. This event is part of the visit of the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

As a reminder, PAFA is a project of the Government of Senegal supported by IFAD which is observing its completion phase and has achieved important results at the Groundnut Basin region.

To celebrate this award, PROMETRA International organized a small ceremony at PROMETRA Headquarters to honor Mr. Babacar SENE, President of REJOMETRA who sees his efforts, zeal and determination to promote traditional medicines and environment crowned through this decoration.
30 NOVEMBER 2016: INTRAHEALTH WORK VISIT TO PROMETRA INTERNATIONAL HEADQUATERS

On November 30, 2016 at 4:15 pm, PROMETRA International received a working visit of IntraHealth team, led by its General Manager, Mr. Pape GAYE, accompanied by the Director of IntraHealth Senegal Mr. Babacar GUEYE.

IntraHealth has its origins in the University of North Carolina, which is renowned in public health. After 2003, the structure separated from the University to have an independent status. IntraHealth works in thirty countries around the world and is primarily specialized in supporting health care benefits.

Currently the beneficiary of a USAID grant to strengthen health human resources in Senegal, IntraHealth team believes that it is in this field that work with PROMETRA becomes interesting. Interventions span different health domains, ranging from capacity building of nurses and midwives to interventions on maternal and child health, from modern and natural family planning to malaria control, HIV / AIDS, Ebola and various other ailments.

The group has 600 employees worldwide with offices in 19 countries. IntraHealth has been present in Senegal since 2000 and is currently running its third program. The current program for 2016-2021 is: Integrative and Healthy Behavior.

The President of PROMETRA International, after briefly reviewing the vision and objectives of the

• Headquarters Agreement granted by the Government of Senegal to PROMETRA International,

• Presently the organization is strong of 28 National Representations around the world, of which 20 are in Africa, each representation being recognized by its local government, and has partnerships based on mutual respect and mutual trust with leaders of grassroots communities: healers, cult leaders, cultural Religious and spiritual leaders...

Dr GBODOSSOU recalled that the World Health Organization recognizes that 80% of the African population south of SAHARA addresses healers not only for their health problems but also for their health education. It is therefore clear that healers who manage almost all the health problems in Africa. They enjoy an unparalleled reputation among the populations they have the honor to serve. They are, from the start, good messengers. The role of PROMETRA is to give them the right message to make them best I.E.C. messenger (Information, Education, Communication). Dr. GBODOSSOU has developed a teaching manual called FAPEG (Training for Self-Improvement of Healers), which trains healers and other leaders of grassroots communities without distorting them in several areas.

The training curriculum covers a wide range of fields, including:
• Family Planning
• HIV / AIDS Prevention
• Maternal & Child Health
• Malnutrition
• Child Diarrheal diseases,
• Prevention of Ebola Virus Disease

This method of teaching has already enabled PROMETRA to train more than 15,000 trainer healers across 12 African countries in several health fields.

Mr. Pape Gaye, General Manager of Intrahealth, appreciated the work of PROMETRA and was impressed by potential of Healers in their role as Front Line Workers.

The Director General wished to set up a partnership that will allow us to join our efforts in the countries where our two structures have a national representation.

Intrahealth works much with the use of new communication technologies for training and efficiency of health agents and services. Both structures will implement concrete ways of working together.

II.3 ACTIVITIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

A) IN AFRICA

BENIN - 10 JANUARY 2016: NATIONAL HOLIDAY VOODOO CULT DAY IN BENIN

Every year, PROMETRA International sponsors in Benin celebration of 10 January 2016, the national celebration of Voodoo Cult. Established since 1994, this annual commemoration is an opportunity to gather all religion leaders, spiritual leaders, Bokonon, Vadounon, Vaudounsi for a back to roots and celebration of Voodoo whose origins go back to the first stammerings of Human civilization.
3-9 JULY 2016: GUINEA BISSAU: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

On 07 and 08 July 2016 was held in Guinea Bissau, the first National Conference on Modern Medicine, Traditional Medicine. Main objective of this conference was to bring together actors of the two medicines to think, exchange and make proposals for the development of an integral medical system in the country.

Indeed, the government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau wants to put in place an effective health system, combining Modern Medicine and Traditional Medicine.

PROMETRA International has appointed Mr Mamadou DIAW to represent the Organisation at this important meeting chaired by Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau, HE Mr. Baciro DJA.

1. Opening Ceremony:

On 07 July 2016, the opening ceremony took place at the INASA-National Institute of Public Health, under the effective presence of HE Baciro DJA, Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau.

At the table of honor, PROMETRA International was present, together with Secretary of State for Higher Education and Scientific Research, Bishop of Bissau, President of Caritas Guinea Bissau, Secretariat of Hospital Management.

PROMETRA International, through its speech, expressed thanks of its President, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU, for having been associated with such important work concerning the health of the sister republic of Guinea Bissau, but also the readiness and willingness of our Organization to accompany Government of Guinea-Bissau in this initiative, with all necessary technical support. As a reminder, INASA is currently headed by Dr Placido CARDOSO, former Director General of WAHO (West African Health Organization).

Prime Minister, accompanied by a strong delegation, gave a speech recalling the collaborative nature of this conference, before pronouncing official opening of the ceremony.

A presentation of products of both medicines was organized in the INASA showroom. PROMETRA Guinea Bissau had a booth displaying their products and activities with presence of associations of traditional healers that the representation coordinates in the 8 regions of the country.
2. PROMETRA International presentation:

The first was a summary of the session of 07 July 2016 by Dr. Miguel Barros. Subsequently, the presentation of PROMETRA International on the Judicial Introduction of Traditional Medicine in the National Health System of Guinea Bissau was made by its Representative, Mr. Mamadou DIAW.

Following the presentation, Mr. DIAW returned to the discussions of the previous day for which notes were taken on certain points. He proposed the following responses:

The problem of dosage in traditional medicine: admittedly, there are discomforts in traditional medicine due to lack of organization and training of traditional healers, but this discomfort is everywhere and manifests itself more importantly in Modern Medicine. In 2012, more than 400 modern medicines were withdrawn from the world market because of their carcinogenic nature, because containing paraben. To solve the problem of the dosage, Traditionalists must be organized and trained, preferably using the FAPEG method, which is a method developed by PROMETRA, adapted to get the right message, without distorting it. The question of dosage could be taught, as well as the identification of plants or parts of plants recognized as toxic.

B. The question of conditioning: The Representative of PROMETRA International was critical on the conditioning method used by the healers. It is inconceivable that in 2016, in the exhibition hall, there are medicinal plants packed in plastic bags in which they blow to fill them. This is not appropriate hygienically. Traditional Maghreb and Asian products are present in most of our pharmacies and other shops because they have a good packaging, and sometimes it is the raw materials from Africa that they transform, condition and come to resell.

C. The need for an Act for the Exercise of Traditional Medicine: Above all, it is necessary for Guinea Bissau to obtain the voting and promulgation of a law on practice of Traditional Medicine. Without that law, efforts from authorities in the field could be reduced to nothing. A law would make it possible to identify actors, to specify their areas of competence and to exclude all charlatans.

As such, there is no need to reinvent the wheel, it would be interesting to draw inspiration from the existing documents in terms of laws, a prototype being already available in the book of PROMETRA International UNDP project.

D. The Need to Refresh Existing Texts: It is not always interesting to start over while previous work has already been done.

In 2010, two documents were prepared by the Ministry of Health of Guinea Bissau:

- Strategic Plan of Traditional Medicine (June 2010),
- National Policy and Regulation of Traditional Medicine (June 2010)

III. WORKING SESSION WITH PROMETRA GUINEA BISSAU:

On the sidelines of the conference, a working session was held to discuss status of activities at PROMETRA Guinea Bissau with PROMETRA International Representative.
V. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. At the political level:

- Advocate for the adoption of legislation to integrate Traditional Medicine into the current health system,
- Strengthen the articulation of public policies at cross-sectoral levels (health, education, culture, economy) for ownership of the process,

2. At the Strategic level:

- 2.1. To make the necessary revisions in the health development plan, going towards the integration of traditional medicine, including all the legal, conceptual and administrative processes favoring an articulation with the Conventional Medicine,
- 2.2. The need to provide health and financial information on impact of the use of medicinal plants in traditional and modern medicines, particularly in pharmacies,
- 2.3. A major investment will be made on knowledge of medicinal plants, safeguarding of traditional knowledge used in pharmacopoeia through education system and applied research.

FROM 04 TO 08 SEPTEMBER 2016: MOROCCO, MARRAKECH: WIPO / APA WORKSHOP

The Practical Workshop on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions is organized by WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) and APA Initiative (Access and Benefit-sharing), from 05 to 8 September 2016, in Marrakech, Morocco, in collaboration with Morocco Ministry of Environment and Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC).

PROMETRA International, represented by Mr Mamadou DIAW, is invited as a member of the Local Communities Group (CAL).

Workshop is addressed to participants from six countries: Algeria, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Morocco and Senegal. Participants include government officials from Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Environment and two members of indigenous communities and local communities from each participating country.

Main objective

Following the exchange workshop organized in Namibia in 2015 with English-speaking countries, this edition is intended for francophone countries to share experiences in terms of Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions. This interactive workshop focused only on group discussions and included several case studies. However, there were no formal decisions at the end of the workshop.
Monday 05 September 2016

This day is reserved exclusively for the Local Communities Groups (CAL) and following presentations of each other, two presentations were made with the following topics:

• **Introduction to Intellectual Property**: a general approach to intellectual property has been made, including the importance of related aspects:
  - technical aspects of the products,
  - forms of expression,
  - geographical indication,
  - commercial secrets,
  - collective marks,
  - certification marks,
  - patents and mechanism of their revocation.

• **Introduction to access and benefit-sharing**

Presented by Suhel JANABI, this session was devoted to mechanism of sharing genetic resources and their mechanism in accordance with conventions and laws in force.

Subsequently, working groups were formed for group work to reflect experiences related to access and use of technological knowledge, genetic resources and sharing of benefits arising from them and their use in respective countries.

In Senegal, the experience of CEMETRA of Fatick was presented, in particular with regard to patent-sanctioned research carried out in the center where healers were associated. In terms of benefit-sharing related to this activity, access to care was mentioned at lower cost, provision of space for healers to exercise their art, payment of operating costs by the NGO PROMETRA International. It was also raised question of the patent on Kinkeliba recorded by an American university and the reaction of opposition of Senegalese academics to cancel this attempt of appropriation of this resource shared by several countries of the subregion.

Mr. Claudio Chiarolla, Jurist, Traditional Knowledge Division, OMPI

Wednesday 07 September 2017

A recapitulation of the activities of Tuesday was made. Then, a presentation was made on the theme: **Peoples, Plants and Profit.**

Topic relates more specifically to benefits sharing arising from economic activities related to the exploitation of intellectual property, and in particular with **genetic resources.**
It should be recalled that Article 3 of the Nagoya Protocol only concerns genetic resources.

Thus, in order to exploit a genetic resource of a given territory, operator and holders of the resource must necessarily pass through:

- A C.P.C.C. (Prior Consent in Knowledge of Causes)
- A C.C.C.A. (Condition Convened of a Common Agreement)

These two agreements allow a fair negotiation between customer and supplier, establishment of an operating contract between two parties.

These conditions are compulsory for obtaining a permit, in accordance with the Nagoya Protocol. The exploitation permit makes it possible to use the resource in the geographical area concerned but does not allow its use at the international level.

For international operation, this permit must be sent to the APA Exchange Center to issue a Certificate.

A summary of the work of Wednesday, 07 September was done and meetings at national level were held to discuss different topics:

- Contribution of IP instruments to valorisation of genetic resources, traditional knowledge associated with national economic development in Senegal,
- Contribution of ABS instruments to valorisation of genetic resources, traditional knowledge associated with national economic development in Senegal,
- Existing national experiences (Policies, strategies and existing projects) which enable valorization of GR and associated knowledge (through existing tools),
- Gaps and challenges to be overcome,
- Concrete and sustained actions that can be taken in Senegal to overcome these gaps and challenges.

Each country produced a report on this questionnaire and the Senegalese delegation was congratulated by training team for quality and content of its synthesis document.

The program ended at 5.45 pm, marking end of three days of very enriching training and exchanges, which helped us to better understand issues relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions, As well as their articulation with Access to Benefit Sharing.

18-22 JULY 2016: AIDS 2016 DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

PROMETRA chosen to manage the global village of indigenous peoples (PROMETRA South Africa, PROMETRA Uganda). Through its national representations from South Africa and Uganda, PROMETRA International took part in the International Conference on HIV / AIDS 2016, held in Durban, South Africa.
PROMETRA International, together with the International Indigenous Working Group on HIV & AIDS, coordinated Community Village of the Conference. Thus, several high personalities have had to visit the village among which:

- The Honorable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health of Canada
- South Africa Deputy Minister of Health, the Honorable Dr. Joe Phahla

B) TO USA

24 FEBRUARY TO 05 MARCH 2016: TRIP TO USA: Study trip

President of PROMETRA International in USA, from 24 February to 05 March 2016, met with the following partners:

- Morehouse School of Medicine
- Andrew J Young Foundation
- North Carolina Central University BRITE Institute

This USA tour is part of the follow-up to ongoing collaborative research in fields of HIV / AIDS, Ebola Virus being conducted with universities, American research institutions, which have very warmly welcomed the President of PROMETRA International.

The meeting with His Excellency Ambassador Andrew J Young was highly publicized with large portraits displayed throughout the universities.

Receptions were held in honor of PROMETRA International with dances, ballets, and in presence of scientific leaders, Mayors, Senators and Congressmen.
16 TO 23 OCTOBER 2016: STUDY TRIP TO THE USA

Dr. Erick Gbodossou, President of PROMETRA International visited Andrew J Young Foundation and Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA USA. PROMETRA International is committed to supporting Andrew J Young and HATponics Foundation to achieve their goal of "feeding 20 million people by 2020" through the use of Aquaponics systems for growing vegetables, fruits and fish farming in Africa to combat malnutrition.

PROMETRA International maintains a Memorandum of Understanding with Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) and Andrew J Young Foundation. PROMETRA International continues to collaborate with MSM in in-vitro research in field of HIV / AIDS and Ebola. President Valery Montgomery Rice welcomed PROMETRA to the campus. Morehouse School of Medicine is developing a NPRC-Natural Products Research Center to continue its work with PROMETRA International.

III. COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

A) COORDINATION WITH NATIONAL REPRESENTATIONS VIA EMAIL TEL / NTIC:

Periodically and regularly, electronic exchanges take place from Headquarters to National Representations, Partners and vice-versa. The purpose of these exchanges is to maintain a balanced level of information to all links in our chain, to prepare conferences and meetings, to inform about projects or to share periodical magazines (Medecine Verte)

B) WEBSITE

Under the leadership of a new webmaster and a new editorial team, PROMETRA International website has taken a new lease of life with a new platform, a new graphic chart, a redesigned homepage and regular updates.

C) MEDICINE VERTE -
PROMETRA International periodically publishes the review Medicine Verte, a daily newsletter and dissemination of scientific and cultural information. The magazine traces different activities of life of the Organization which is thus widely disseminated among our partners and in social networks.

IV. PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

1. FROM 7 TO 20 JANUARY 2016 - BENIN: WAYS OF REMEMBRANCE AND SPIRITUAL CONNECTION


Hundreds of participants from different backgrounds from Europe, America, Africa, Asia ... made the pilgrimage to Benin to heal wounds buried in collective memory of humanity through five centuries of slavery, but also to remember.

Indeed, instinct and genius have always guided men to meet the challenges of their time and to find solutions to individual, collective and global problems that challenge and threaten human species and the future of humanity.

In today’s global context, Africa has an important and predominant role to play in guiding Nations, Continents and our species towards a better and more enlightened humanity. What is important in present context is that history has led men at a given moment to practice dehumanizing activities that are burningly inscribed in the memory and collective consciousness of humanity.

In Africa, the slave trade has decimated Black race, wealth, culture and civilization. About 500 years ago, Africa had almost 800 million inhabitants. In 1900, African population was 500 million. Africa has lost 80% of its labor force. The consequences are evident in the future of Africa, the Diaspora and the world, so the need to remember remains unavoidable and imperious.

Europe is haunted by the ghost of millions of souls and the need to remember is equally pressing. France expressed this need, in its own way, in 1998 by officially celebrating, in most solemn manner and with the highest authorities, hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the "abolition of slavery".

In America, the consequences of slavery on the social balance are real, permanent, which was foreseeable. Yesterday in the US, anyone who inherited a drop of blood from Black is Black. Today, this position is reconsidered in the right to mixed color. All political, economic, military and police strategies have in no way changed the rise of growing criminality and many other scourges that challenge American
consciousness day after day; And this continent, like all others, has a more and more pressing need to remember.

It is evident that slavery and its corollaries are inscribed in the universal consciousness and the whole world needs to remember. The project aims to offer a few WAYS TO REMEMBER.

2. 05 JUNE 2016: XOY 2016

2.1. PANEL REJOMETRA:

On the sidelines of the annual ceremony of XOY 2016, the Network of Journalists for Traditional Medicine (REJOMETRA) organized on Saturday 04 June 2016 at the Mame Mindiss Hotel in Fatick a panel on the theme "Perception and Public Relations of Traditional Medicine in Senegal ".

The objective was to propose a framework for exchanges between traditional healers and media men to reflect and establish a better platform for collaboration between actors.

Journalists, political authorities in Fatick region, the traditional healers animated this exchange meeting rich in ideas between actors.

One of the main recommendations of the panel was to organize the event every year, as a platform for thinking in preparation for the XOY.

PREPARATIONS FOR XOY 2016

During the preparatory meetings of the XOY, elders Serer, Ritualists and Saltigui have estimated, in order to ward off the negative energies that exist in the country, it will be necessary to invite the spiritual leaders of the 14 regions of Senegal. It was recommended that these leaders should do a ritual of union, communion for peace in our country. These recommendations were scrupulously respected.
PREDICTIONS OF THE XOY 2016

II.1. Rainfall:

Unanimously, the Saltigui predicted:

- Good rainfall, with floods in places, crops of peanut, millet, beans, sorghum will be good,
- There will be a great wind which will carry away houses, without any notable obstacles for the quality of wintering,
- There will be some grain-eating insects that will not diminish the quality of the crops.

II.2. Politics:

- The stability of the country is predicted as a prelude to the preparations for the XOY. To exorcize the negative energies, the evil and the disturbances that watch our country, the Saltigui as well as the spiritualists coming from the 14 regions, together did a special ritual on the margins of the XOY for peace. At the end of the ritual, seven (07) white doves were freed,
- Almost all Saltigui, especially those who have shown their powers for several decades have made it clear that the President of the Republic will have his second mandate, against all odds. To make this success possible, some sacrifices are recommended:
  - The President must sacrifice or offer rice to the needy who live in the vicinity of the Léopold Sédar Senghor Airport,
  - Provide seven meters of percals( White cloth )to seven blind persons: seven meters for each of them,
  - Offer seven pairs of shoes to seven blind: one pair per blind,
  - The offering will be preceded by a prayer that will include, among other things: "no blind man can remove my shoes"
  - He must also sacrifice a black bull in his town of birth.
  - These sacrifices described above are absolutely necessary and recommended.
  - Other young Saltigui who have not yet proved their worth over the decades prescribed sacrifices of two white oxen, one at Fouta and one at Dakar in front of the MariamaNiassschool, these sacrifices

Have nothing to do with the second mandate, but are necessary to reduce accidents.

Still on the political level, the Saltigui predicted that the President of the National Assembly might not finish his term. To exorcise evil, he must feed the sick in hospitals.

NATIONAL SECURITY:

The risk of terrorism is real, and the Saltigui have sought the support of the authorities, including the provision of a SUV, fuel and driver to allow them to make sacrifices at the borders. It was also predicted the need to make a sacrifice of multicolored chicken (guinar petaw) at four cardinal points of our country.
ROAD SAFETY:

The Saltigui have predicted many accidents. The sacrifice of the President of the Republic to avoid the worst was announced earlier: two white oxen, one in the Fouta and one in front of the MariamaNiassschool in Dakar,

- When he goes to crucial meetings; before taking the start, the President of the Republic will have to pour some Laakh (porridge) on the left front wheel of his car. This same ritual was recommended for the Minister of Culture and Communication. Drivers will have to make a sacrifice of a packet of sugar, and those who make public transport must make the same sacrifice plus one meter percale at their bus station.

OTHER PREDICTIONS:

- For peace, each head of the family will have to sacrifice four bowls of Laakh one day on Thursday, the President of the Republic will have to sacrifice seven bowls of Laakh one day of Thursday.
- There will be many victims of lightning.
- There will be an outbreak of pruriginousdermatoses, it is advisable to put a piece of coal in the water and give the children drink a sip.
- To avoid the bad wind, put roots of Thiakhat on the roofs of houses.
- There will be an epidemic of stomach pains at the end of the winter.

06 AUGUST 2016: DEDICATED CEREMONY WORK: ETHICS, SCIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Following the release of the book Ethics, Science and Development, written by Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU, President of PROMETRA International, the signing ceremony took place at the Writers' House on Saturday, August 06, 2016 in Dakar.

The ceremony brought together the Writers' Association of Senegal. The President of the AES, Mr. Alioune Badara BEYE, very much appreciated the book and the vision of its author, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU.

Mr. Beye proposed to make a visit to PROMETRA International, with his Association, in order to better understand the Organization and its activities.

Mrs. Annette Mbaye d'Erneuville, a historical figure in African literature, was present and asked the writers to draw closer to their culture, their traditions, pillars essential for the development of Senegal and Africa.
V. RESEARCH

Research on HIV / AIDS and Ebola Virus

The unique results of collaborative research with Morehouse School of Medicine, USAMRIID (US Army Medical Research Institute), prompted PROMETRA International and its partners to lay groundwork for a new phase of their collaboration: moving towards the development of discoveries.

Thus, the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, under the direction of its President and Rector, plans to make a working visit to PROMETRA International in April 2017.

VI. TRAINING-EDUCATION

Skype training of students from the Diaspora

- A group of students from the Diaspora regularly follows through Skype lessons given by the President of PROMETRA International, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU on endogenous sciences and knowledge. Under the coordination of Dr. Omavi Bailey, these assignments are held periodically.
31 May to 15 June: Internship Miss Eva Mayet at PROMETRA International Headquarters and at CEMETRA in Fatick:

- Ms Eva Mayet is a Clinical Research Assistant at the Institut Mutualiste Montsouris (Paris, 14th) and obtained this advanced training course within the framework of a DU (University Diploma) for coordination in institutions and networks in oncology. Evolve towards the fields of coordination in clinical research. She had to go to the CEMETRA of Fatick as part of her research.

01 FEBRUARY 2016: VISIT STUDENTS OF AIESSEC

- A delegation from the International Association of Students in Economic Sciences (AIESSEC) paid a visit to the headquarters of PROMETRA International where they had to present the activities, goals and objectives of their association. This visit is part of prospections for the placement of international trainees in Senegalese structures and organizations.

21 APRIL 2016: VISIT TO Ms YOUMA SECK MONERON

- Ms Youma Seck MONERON, from Switzerland, met Dr Erick GBODOSSOU, President of PROMETRA International, to gather advice and orientations in the framework of its project to set up a structure for production of nutritional products. These products will be essentially natural and will have advantage of being nutritional.

06 DECEMBER 2016: SUPPORT OF MRS. SYLLA, STUDENT

- Ms Sylla, a student at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, was received by the President of PROMETRA International as part of research on her memory topic: divinatory ceremonies: a comparative study. Necessary elements for drafting of her work were provided, but above all advice and guidance for a better understanding of the research study topic.

VII. ACTIVITIES IN CEMETRA - EXPERIMENTAL CENTER OF FATICK TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

28 January 2016: France 2 journalists visit at CEMETRA

- A group of journalists of France2 television channel carried out a report on CEMETRA of Fatick and to botanical garden of DIAKHAO. They were able to talk to the healers with whom they exchanged their experiences.
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF CEMETRA 2016 DATA

Distribution of CEMETRA’s Patients According to Sex:

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Distribution of CEMETRA’s Patients According to Reasons for Consultation

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Total Patients: 3011
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VIII. CONCLUSION

In more ways than one, the year 2016 was very rich in events that marked the life of PROMETRA International.

The revaluation of our values of African civilization necessarily involves questioning certain practices dictated by the Cartesian system, which enslaves man instead of serving him.

Modern science has gone too fast and the psychological man has not always followed.

It becomes necessary to look at the past with new eyes to better prepare the future for future generations.
African Traditional Medicine - Answers for Today’s Health Problems

PROMETRA INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

PROMETRA is an international NGO headquartered in Dakar, Senegal, established in 1971, whose purpose is to preserve African traditional medicine, culture and indigenous science through research, education, advocacy and practice. It works to improve the health and wellbeing of global communities through the use of quality traditional medicine and indigenous science, and building bridges between modern and traditional systems of health care. It has twenty-eight (28) chapters throughout Africa, Europe, Caribbean and USA.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

PROMETRA currently conducts scientific research in the areas of HIV/AIDS, Ebola, diabetes mellitus, viral hepatitis and dermatosis. Clinical observational studies are conducted at the Center for Experimental Traditional Medicine (CEMETRA) in Fatick, Senegal. CEMETRA is a regional center of excellence where all studies are performed under the supervision of an international Scientific and Legal Advisory Committee composed of international scientists, academicians, lawyers, patients and traditional practitioners.

PROMETRA conducts training of traditional practitioners throughout Africa with a scientifically based curriculum, entitled FAPEG. This curriculum covers the topics of HIV/AIDS, nutrition, maternal and child health issues and natural family planning. Since 1999, more than 18,000 traditional healers have received training through this participatory, culturally specific curriculum.

Working to improve the relationship between modern and traditional medicine, PROMETRA International hosts workshops and conferences. PROMETRA International actively participates in international meetings, and serves as consultants to health organizations, international work groups and advisory boards.

African Traditional Medicine Day 2015

“Traditional health practitioners are an important source of health care for many Africans, with an estimated 80% of people seeking treatment from them. The benefits of traditional medicine are evident to all... I call for stronger collaboration between governments, donors, the private sector and relevant stakeholders to take forward this important undertaking... I also call upon researchers to work in collaboration with traditional health practitioners to produce scientific evidence on the safety, efficacy and quality of traditional medicine products.”

WHO AFRO Regional Director
Dr. Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti 2015

WHO defines traditional medicine as the sum total of the knowledge, skill, and practices based on the theories, beliefs, and experiences indigenous to different cultures, whether explicable or not, used in the maintenance of health as well as in the prevention, diagnosis, improvement or treatment of physical and mental illness.

WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023

COMMUNICATION AND NETWORK ACTIVITIES

PROMETRA International publishes a bilingual (French and English) scientific journal, Medecin Verte, maintains an active web site (www.prometra.org) and produces video documentaries on the topics of African traditional medicine and African culture. A network of officially recognized traditional medicine organizations has been developed and maintained for the purposes of education, research, advocacy and public policy. PROMETRA International’s goal is to improve the health and well being of Africa through the use of quality traditional medicine and indigenous science. PROMETRA advocates for the legalization of traditional medicine, elimination of charlatanism, and the intellectual property rights protection of traditional knowledge.

CULTURAL EXCHANGES - STUDY TOURS

A goal of PROMETRA International is to build bridges between Africa and the diaspora. To that end, study tours are conducted to encourage the sons and daughters of Africa to return home through cultural and spiritual journeys. PROMETRA International has established The Door of Return Museum, located in Ouidah, Benin, that depicts the holocaust of the African slave trade, the glories of ancient African kingdoms and the legacies of Africa. This museum is open to the public. It has revived the ancient XOY divination ceremony of the Sereer people. UNESCO designated this ceremony as a UNESCO cultural heritage. It takes place every June in Senegal.

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