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I. INTRODUCTION
At all times, instinct and genius have always guided men to overcome the challenges of their time and to find solutions to the various individual, collective and global problems that threaten and jeopardize the human race and the future of humanity.

The current economic boom seems to ignore the importance of a homecoming to better prepare for the future, by engaging in dubious practices, dehumanizing legitimized by a Cartesian system that has finished demonstrating its inability to effectively take over the problems of man.

Technique itself went fast, too fast, and psychological man could not follow. Instead of serving man, it enslaves him, leaving him on unknown promontory.

Conventional health system dehumanizes man, reducing him to a physical object, at most biological, soulless because based on a limited Cartesian system that is narrow and deserted. System that totally ignores feelings, emotions, intuitions and above all, life. System based on having, and detriment to human.

In this ruthless world, a world at a crossroads, the promotion of traditional medicines (PROMETRA) and the revalorization of our Negro-African cultural values are becoming more and more the only solutions to a better and more enlightened world.

Indeed, during this year 2017, through collaborative research with the highest research structures worldwide, PROMETRA International has demonstrated that the best solutions against so-called incurable diseases are in Africa. These discoveries lay the foundations for new paradigms that announce the emergence of new research hypotheses.

From a cultural point of view, the Organization has maintained the course of promoting cultural and cultural practices activities throughout Africa and the world has made its modest contribution to International Organizations for a better valorization of our endogenous knowledge.
II. OBJECTIVES OF PROMETRA INTERNATIONAL

II.1: General Objective:

PRO.ME.TRA is as much an organization of cultural research, medical practice, scientific diffusion, as an instrument of pan-African integration and international relations through the revaluation of traditional medicines, ancient religions and universal spirituality.

II.2: Specific objectives:

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

- To organize spiritual leaders, chiefs of worship and healers of the base communities, so that they fully play their part in their community;
- To support, as a technical plan, entities for the rehabilitation of traditional medicine, the old religions and universal spirituality;
- Contribute to the harmonization of modern medicine and traditional medicine;
- To help the governments to adopt strategies which introduce traditional medicine into national health care systems;
- To work towards the training of tradi-practitioners of health as IEC agents of their populations;
- To promote the conditioning of drugs contained in medicinal herbs;
- To work in networks with the organizations working for the rehabilitation of the cultures and indigenous civilizations in Africa and in the world;
- To support studies and formations for the profit of students and researchers;
- To contribute to the training and the emergence of young African leaders;
- To contribute to the advent of a humanity in harmony with its natural environment;
- To fight malnutrition, and to find local solutions to medical problems which jeopardize the future of the African continent.

III. GENERALES INFORMATION

The year 2017 saw the passing of the daughter of our PROMETRA Ghana President, Tobgbega DABRA VI. PROMETRA International and all its chapters and partners present their saddened condolences and pray for the rest of her soul.

Amen.
IV. ACTIVITES
IV.1. ACTIVITES AT HEADQUATERS

Many activities were conducted at PROMETRA International headquarters during this year, including:

STUDY TRIP :

15-20 April 2017: Working Visit Of The US Delegation Of The Universities Of Morehouse School Of Medicine And Meharry College to Prometra International

Introduction :

From April 15 to 20, 2017, an American delegation composed by universities of Morehouse School of Medicine and MEHARRY College, led by their respective Presidents made a wok visit, but mostly a learning and discovery visit to PROMETRA International.

Collaborative research undertaken since more than a decade with Morehouse School of Medicine on HIV/AIDS, Ebola virus fever obtained unique results at a world level, obtained only by of African medicinal plants, given by PROMETRA International. Those products were tested in-vivo in Senegal, through the Experimental Center for Traditional Medicines
(CEMETRA of Fatick Region) regarding HIV/AIDS and in-vitro in highest standards laboratories in USA with Morheous School of Medicine concerning HIV/AIDS and EBOLA virus with USAMRIID (United States Army Medical Researche for Infectious Diseases)

These results deserved to pay a visit.

US delegation spent a week rich in exchanges, with meetings at different levels which allowed check some information and be convinced about the necessity to shape results of this collaborative research.

**Saturday April 15th, 2017:**

Arrived in Dakar at 5:30 Am, the delegation went in afternoon to visit Gorée Island.

**Sunday April 16th, 2017: VISIT OF CEMETRA CENTER IN FATICK REGION AND MEETING WITH HIV/AIDS PATIENTS**

Having left soon Dakar, the delegation went to Fatick region where they arrived at 10:30. A high welcoming committee composed by Healers, Saltigui (Spiritual Leaders), Ndeupkatt (Priestesses) from Yoff and Rufisque (Dakar) as well as Youth Association of Malango welcomed our guests.
After a culturally and folkloric rich welcoming, the delegation went to hospitalization units in Khelcom, place where HIV patients were hosted during 06 months of their treatment through medicinal plants.

Coming to Healers and Saltigui of Malango’s school, President RICE from Morehouse School of Medicine, under supervision of Dr Erick GBODOSSOU, President of PROMETRA International participated in preparing remedies for
HIV Patients. It was an occasion to understand that knowledge is different from knowing. One plus one is not always equal to two.

In the frame of collaborative research, a sample of 10 HIV/AIDS patients was studied and data related to CD4 account and viral load was given to Morehouse School of Medicine.

Meeting with patients was a strong moment of exchanges. President RICE was able then to put a face on each patient’s files she had and could hold specific interviews and take important number of information in the frame of the continuation of studies.

At end of session, US delegation made a gift of 500 US$ to HIV/AIDS Patients Association « SOPE GBODOSSOU » (LOVE GBODOSSOU) of MALANGO Center. To thank US delegation of this important and symbolic gesture,
patients showed their joy by performing traditional songs and dances and asked to our guests to continue this collaboration.

Back in the courtyard of the CEMETRA, Saltigui women and Malango healers performed a ritual in honor of their guests. The highlight of this ritual is the elevation of the President RICE to the rank of student Healer and Saltigui of Sine. A traditional boubou, pearls, and especially Peme pearls were brought to her. The Priestess's scarf and a traditional levorotary dance put an end to sacred rites and rituals.

After a rich meal, interviews with Journalists Network for Traditional Medicines (REJOMETRA) were done, and session ended at 4:00 PM. The delegation moved then to join Dakar.

**April 17th, 2017: WORK MEETING AT PROMETRA International’s HEADQUARTERS**

Under official presidency of Ministry of Higher Education and Research, represented by Director or Research Pr Amadou Thierno GAYE, session took place with presence of M. Cheikh Tidiane DIOP, Chief of Staff of Ministry of Farming, of M. Ousmane DIOUF Cabinet Director of Ministry of Culture and Communication and with FAFS (Federation of Senegalese Women Association) and PROMETRA Staff members.
The sessions started by Ritual of Union Circle, followed by PROMETRA’s anthem. After welcoming speech of PROMETRA International’s President, Presidents of Morehouse School of Medicine and MEHARRY College at their turn thanked the Organization, Ministry of Higher Education and Research and explained reason of their visit.

After a general presentation of its university, President of Morehouse School of Medicine proceeded to the nomination of Dr Erick GBODOSSOU as Professor of Morehouse School of Medicine.

This nomination and new function allow to measure at its right value bargains of such a partnership, but mostly, importance our partners give to this African man who during his lifelong has worked for revalorization of indigenous sciences, with at the end lot of most important results for tomorrow’s health.

Dr James HILDRETH, President of MEHARRY College presented his medical school which existed since 1876, and who is the first training school intended to black people in USA.
Objectives of these two schools are to eradicate health, racial and social disparities through education, training and healthcares.

Afterward, Pr Amadou Thierno GAYE made a speech by which he glorified collaborative research works between structures and reaffirmed the will of Head of State of Senegal President Macky SALL to accompany these initiatives through development of new structuring and innovative projects, in particular within the framework of the new Diamniadio city, with buildings of Scientific Hubs, Big data calculator, the "City of Knowledge" fitted out on 14HA etc.

After coffee break, it was visited Headquarters facilities, administrative offices including Communication Department, METRAF and Radio METRAF. A long session was dedicated to «Green Gold", where an exhibition of large number of medicinal products of PROMETRA was made as well as presentation of activities connected to research, culture and to universal spirituality. On this occasion, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU through posters explained the notion of Knowledge: Supreme Knowledge which will enable tomorrow science to be at service of man and humanity.

Afterward, a presentation followed by discussions by Dr Erick GBODOSSOU, President of International PROMETRA was made on the topic: Necessary Triangular Partnership In This Fast-Changing World.

After lunch, a second presentation was made on Reviewing and Studying Available Research Data by President of PROMETRA International.

Session came to an end at 5:00 pm with workshop on the topic: The Integration of African Traditional Knowledge into Health Professions Education – “Knowledge and Knowing”

April 18th 2017: VISIT OF BOTANICAL GARDEN AND MEETING WITH RECTOR AND DEAN OF MEDICAL FACULTY OF CHEIKH ANTA DIOP UNIVERSITY OF DAKAR
The American delegation led by President and Rector Dr Montgomery RICE was received by the leaders of Botanical Garden of Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Dakar at 9:00 am. Managers of the Garden, led by Dr. Diatta, made a visit of botanical garden where rare plants are grown, such as fagara used in treatment of sickle cell disease. This garden which extends on 1.5HA benefited since its foundation of financial support of Enda Tiers Monde. In recent years, death of its Executive Secretary Jacques BUGNICOURT, financial difficulties have put in the obligation Enda Tiers Monde to stop its support. Consequence is that all plants that require rigorous maintenance and especially water permanently have mostly disappeared. Technical competence and expertise is always available, and it would be desirable that this extremely important structure for medical, pharmacy and stomatology students to do seagrass beds, to study biochemical and pharmacological aspects of these different plants as well as their therapeutic use.

After visiting this botanical garden, US delegation was to render its honor to Professor Emmanuel BASSENE, Head of the botanical garden.

10h00-12h00: Reception of the delegation by Rector Ibrahima THIOUB

Professor THIOUB, Rector of UCAD, assisted by Professor Amadou Galo DIOP, in charge of cooperation, warmly welcomed delegation of the two American universities. Interview was cordial, confraternal, with practical Topics. These three institutions reviewed opportunities for partnership, student exchange, faculty and collaborative research in multiple and varied fields of common interest. Professor THIOUB insisted on the need to make protocols of active and participatory agreements.

After group photos, the delegation went to the Mixed Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy and Odontostomatology.

The Dean, Professor Amadou DIOUF, surrounded by his staff reserved a warm, fraternal and committed welcome to the delegation of two American universities. They exchanged views on the MSM-A.YOUNG-PROMETRA
partnership, and on the encouraging results they have achieved in the treatment of HIV / AIDS and EBOLA virus disease, with the plants used by African healers. These extremely encouraging results caught the attention of the dean and his staff, and he invited researchers from two American universities to meet with researchers working on HIV and virology.

A luncheon was planned at the faculty 48 hours later to allow meeting of these scientific leaders. This rich lunch allowed both to think about results obtained and to discuss together the possibilities of partnership for the next stage.

**At 1 pm, US delegation left Cheikh Anta Diop University for Pink Lake.**

The delegation observed with admiration this unique tourist city and witnessed live the salt picking at the bottom of the lake by women, some with a baby on the back. It was also an opportunity for the delegation to visit artisanal village, to appreciate artistic works but also to buy some souvenirs to immortalize their passage in this site. Visit ended at 15:00 and the delegation visited the new industrial area of Diamniadio.
Visit of the Industrial Unit of METRAF in Diamniadio:

After workers had welcomed the delegation, Dr GBODOSSOU recalled the history of the project. In order to combat malnutrition in Senegal, the subregion and Africa, PROMETRA / METRAF has drawn up a memorandum of understanding with Procter & Gamble to produce Nutristar in Senegal. To this end, as recommended by HE Ambassador Andrew YOUNG, PROMETRA-METRAF and P & G were invited to the CGI (Clinton Global Initiative) to present this joint project. METRAF acquired in the industrial area nearly 02 ha of land, part of which is fully equipped for this production. For cautiousness reasons, Dr. GBODOSSOU suspended the operation of the plant. This decision was subject of extremely rich discussions and exchanges between PROMETRA and its hosts.

At 18:00, the delegation took direction of Dakar for a rest at the Radisson Blu.

After security formalities, the delegation was received by Director of USAID surrounded by her staff. The 3 group leaders gave individual presentations. Dr. RICE gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining history of MSM, evolution of training of various disciplines as well as perspectives of this university. She highlighted the value of partnership that her university has with A.Y. Foundation and PROMETRA.
International, which have resulted in exceptional in-vitro results using African healer plants on AIDS and Ebola fever. President of MEHARRY, Professor James HILDRETH also made a presentation emphasizing the history of MEHARRY which is the first black university founded in USA. He stressed on different disciplines, especially on the important number of students in odontostomatology.

The President of PROMETRA International, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU, reviewed history of research and clinical studies conducted at CEMETRA of Fatick in HIV / AIDS patients. He recalled that in 1999, PROMETRA organized the first HIV / AIDS and traditional medicine conference, conclusions of which were the subject of Dakar Declaration. A statement that gave to PROMETRA two responsibilities:

1. PROMETRA is responsible at continental level to involve healers in prevention of HIV / AIDS.

2. To undertake collaborative research in scientific institutions and with African healers.

PROMETRA has developed a teaching manual called FAPEG Method (Healer’s Self Proficiency Method) to train healers in order to help them fully play their role as I.E.C. agents.

After an unsuccessful contact with local leaders on HIV / AIDS, PROMETRA, an international scientific committee chaired by Dean Antoine Yangny ANGATE, Dean of Faculty of Medicine of Côte d’Ivoire has set up an international scientific and legal committee. Clinical trials in Malango were conclusive, H.E. Ambassador Andrew YOUNG, a member of the Steering Committee, introduced us to MSM for further research, the results are absolutely positive. USAID Director expressed her interest in this partnership and wished to support it, and to this end, she planned to organize a meeting between local officials and PROMETRA to learn more about the results they had achieved.

May 16, 2017: Meeting with Mr Ousseynou MBAYE, consultant within the framework of SIMETRA organization
Mr. Ousseynou Mbaye is a consultant and director of ABS Consulting. He plans to organize an International Exhibition on Traditional Medicine (SIMETRA). Given the expertise of PROMETRA International in this area, Mr. MBAYE came to seek our support for advice and our support for the said organization show.

June 15, 2017: Visit of Dr. Mame Yauto FAYE, Regional Coordinator MDI

Dr Mame Yauto FAYE, Regional Director of MDI Francophone Program (Management Development Institute) paid a working visit to the headquarters of PROMETRA International. Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU, President of PROMETRA International and his team exchanged with her on the prospect of a possible collaboration. Indeed, the MDI 2017 is held in Senegal and Dr Faye is looking for resource persons for the animation of the different themes.

After a presentation by PROMETRA International of its objectives and activities, Dr. Yauto FAYE was very impressed and assured that the participants will be very grateful if the President of PROMETRA International could share with them his experience of the different fields exposed through the presentation.

Dr GBODOSSOU congratulated Dr FAYE for his dynamism and accepted the invitation to lead a session of the Francophone MDI scheduled for November 2017 in Dakar.

July 18, 2017: Visit of the Delegation of the International Star Lauryn Hill at PROMETRA Headquarters

On Tuesday, July 18th, 2017, a delegation representing the American artist Lauryn Hill paid a visit to PROMETRA International for exchanges and discussions about possibilities of collaboration between both structures.

Session began with the visit of facilities, followed by a presentation of some activities of PROMETRA International by his President, Dr Erick GBODOSSOU.

Previously, the President of PROMETRA thanked our hosts for having come see us in spite of a full timetable.
The presentation stressed on researches of PROMETRA International and on fight against malnutrition.

Afterward, representatives of Lauryn Hill, leaded by M. Solomon Sonaiya, said themselves very surprised of the existence of such a structure which brings down a so important work in the field of health, but also in promotion of our civilizations values. Mrs Lauryn Hill personally had to come to the meeting, but her last-minute obligations prevented her from it. Mr Sonaiya is in charge of setting up projects for a contribution of the artist to the revival of Africa, by working with African and non-profit organizations in adequacy with their philosophy.

Through the presentation, the delegation caught its attention on keywords which are the reason of their multiple efforts to help Africa: find local solutions in our local problems of development.

Mrs Lauryn Hill has already launched fashion products based on African traditions, and they are actually in search for innovative projects that can impulse development of the continent.

In PROMETRA, they see a key partner with whom they are certainly going to work, and M. Salomon Sonaiya promised to put a lot personally so that this collaboration can be real.

M. Ousmane Cissé, in charge of the implementation of projects in Senegal assured that the contact will be established with PROMETRA and that he will play the role of intermediary and facilitator so that future collaboration can be mutually advantageous.

Dr GBODOSSOU reminded them that the most important is not to help PROMETRA International, but by collaborating with us, trying to help
Africa and his sons.

Before leaving, M. Solomon Sonaiya was able to join Mrs Hill by phone and introduced her to Dr Erick GBODOSSOU who was able to speak one moment with her. The President thanked her for her interest in PROMETRA and prayed God and our ancestors spirits to guide her steps for a sustainable success of all her activities.

August 22nd 2017: Visit Of Goodwill Ambassador Audrey Gardner Of Dakar Region Branch Red Cross To Prometra International.

On Tuesday, 22 August 2017, Goodwill Ambassador Audrey GARDNER of Dakar Region Branch Red Cross visited PROMETRA International for a session of discussions and exchanges.

Goodwill Ambassador Audrey GARDNER of Dakar Region Branch Red Cross accompanied with Mr Babacar SOW President of Dakar Region Branch Red Cross came to meet us for a contact and information on PROMETRA and what we do as activities.

H.E. Audrey Gardner is the Goodwill Ambassador of Dakar Region Branch Red Cross and is currently in Senegal on a tour to various countries in the sub region.

After presentation by PROMETRA International, H.E. Audrey Gardner said she was very impressed with the work of the Organization and greatly appreciated the philosophy of bringing African solutions to our local health and development problems.

Therefore, cultural aspect and back to roots is very important, also, she would like to receive documentation on Coumba Lamba USA, on the Ways of Remembrance and Spiritual Connection.
Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU recommended that H.E. Audrey Gardner's contacts be forwarded to Executive Director of PROMETRA USA, Dr. Virginia FLOYD, who also lives in Atlanta, coordinator of Ways of Remembrance 2018.
At the end of the meeting, H.E. Audrey Gardner was very satisfied and hoped that this new collaboration could produce good fruits and allow everyone to look to the future with trust.

**September 14, 2017: Visit of Association Breast Cancer Senegal (AC2S) President Mrs. Diarra Gueye Kebe and Maïmouna Diallo**

Senegal Breast Cancer Association (AC2S) made a working visit to PROMETRA International headquarters on September 14, 2017.

As part of the search for partners and alternatives to problems of cancer in Senegal, Ms. Diarra Gueye KEBE, accompanied by her colleague Ms. Maïmouna DIALLO have thought to approach PROMETRA. Through social networks where a video of Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU talking about cancer is widespread in Senegal and beyond, the Director of AC2S wanted to know more and know if there is a possibility of collaboration with his association.

Ms KEBE introduced her Association, which is made up of members of civil society, cancer patients and close people. The aim of the Association is to provide assistance to sick people through psychosocial care, meetings, discussion groups and help of all kinds.

After a presentation on the research results of PROMETRA, discussions ensued and the President of the Organization gave them several advices, particularly in the area of feeding the sick, which our guests greatly appreciated.

Mrs KEBE thanked the reception and informed the President of PROMETRA to grant them an invitation to meet AC2S, which she will send to us shortly.
20 October 2017: Meeting of the Initiative Committee for the Promotion of Traditional Knowledge at ASPIT Headquarters (Senegalese Agency for Intellectual Property)

Under the official chairmanship of the Secretary General of ASPIT, the meeting of the think-tank for the promotion of traditional knowledge was held at the headquarters of the institution from 10.30 am, attended by members from NGOs and the civil society, ministries and academic institutions.

The Secretary General of ASPIT welcomed the meeting. It encourages for the work of the cell, which is also important for the Ministry of Culture. Mr. Diop assures that ASPIT will do its best to facilitate our work, including technical and financial assistance. Indeed, one of ASPIT's major concerns with TK is its practical articulation for use in accordance with current standards. Subsequently, the Secretary General declared open the reflection workshop for the promotion of traditional knowledge.

the President of the Session, Mr. Amadou Koutoudio thanked the Secretary General of ASPIT for his availability and declined the agenda which will focus on three essential aspects:

- Establishment of a National Committee for the Promotion of Traditional Knowledge,
- The Committee's Mission,
- Strategies to implement.

1. Establishment of a National Committee for the Promotion of Traditional Knowledge.

The think tank will answer the following questions:

- What vocation?
- What mission?
- Which methods?
- Methods of identifying local indigenous communities?
- Legal personality of the structure?
- How to use ethnic and cultural plurality for achieving goals?
2. The Committee Mission:
- Promote and promote traditional knowledge on the national territory,
- Protect and popularize traditional knowledge,
- Creation of groups of reflections,
- Define the working strategies of the group,
- Find technical and financial partners for the implementation of these strategies,
- Identification of individuals and groups holding traditional knowledge.
3. Strategies to implement:

Above all it will write a manifesto defining the role and ambitions of the structure.

From this manifesto will be identified the visions, missions and strategies of implementation.

A draft will have to be drawn up and sent to each for an individual and collective contribution. The general idea will be to set up a network of TK actors to be piloted by the structure.

20 November 2017: Presentation MDI (Management Development Institute) Francophone, Hotel Virage, Dakar

The Francophone MDI (Management Development Institute) is a Strengthening Program in Management for Healthcare Structures is an intensive one-week program designed to enhance the leadership and management skills of managers and leaders of African organizations. - Saharan, governmental and non-governmental, who intervene in the provision of health care services to populations who have difficulty in accessing them. The program is specifically designed to assist African ministries of health in implementing their specific national health priorities.
The MDI program was originally designed by a world-class faculty from prestigious institutions including Anderson School of Management at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), the Ghana Institute of Public Administration (GIMPA), the Higher Institute of Commerce of the University of Cape Town (UCT) and by the leaders of Amref Health Africa. In order to extend the geographic scope of this prestigious program and to meet the needs of Francophone Africa in terms of management and leadership strengthening, the MDI program has been launched in French in Dakar since 2016, in partnership with the Superior Institute of Management (ISM). This is an important milestone for MDI partners as the program celebrates 11 years of success on the continent.

As part of the training seminar held in Dakar from 19 to 25 November 2017, PROMETRA International, through its President, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU gave a course on African Traditional Medicine, its different approaches and research results.

Subsequently, a series of questions and answers was discussed and participants took the opportunity to share their own experiences in traditional medicine and spirituality.

At the end of the session, the young managers of the MDI Francophone 2017 made a standing ovation to Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU and most of them expressed their joy to attend such a session since their arrival at the seminar.

**December 11 to 16, 2017: International Conference on Religion, Health, Healing and Gender in Africa, FATICK, Hotel Malango**
The Malango Hotel in Fatick, located near this center, hosted from 11th to 16th December 2017 the International Religion, Health, Healing and Gender Conference in Africa (CIHA 2017).

This meeting brought together the elite of actors evolving in the field of health, gender and traditional practitioners of Senegal and Africa.

The conference was an opportunity to share knowledge, practices and approaches on the different issues discussed.

The President of PROMETRA International and the healers and Saltigui of Malango Center participated in this important event in the Fatick region through presentations, contributions to the different topics of discussion and sharing experiences accumulated over several decades.

**IV.2. ACTIVITES AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

A) In Africa

**Benin- FROM 07 to 14 January 2017: National Vodou Cult Day of Benin.**

As usual, PROMETRA International sponsored the festivities of the National Voodoo Cult Day, which is held on January 10 each year. The President of PROMETRA International chaired with the political authorities the opening ceremony of this important cultural event that attracts participants from Africa, the Caribbean and the United States.
B) In Europe

-UNESCO

UNESCO expert in the field of enhancement and preservation of Immaterial Cultural Heritage, PROMETRA International contributes through advice and recommendations to the work of UNESCO.

-UNICEF

PROMETRA International maintained a good partnership with UNICEF, which was of interest to healers and other grassroots community leaders in spreading messages about prevention programs for certain diseases such as EBOLA fever. UNICEF is looking at how to develop this activity and to put good content into it. In this context, PROMETRA International has indicated its availability to contribute to this project.

C) In AMERICA:

- 20-25 February 2017: Travel to the USA:

From 20th to 25th of February 2017, the President of PROMETRA International made a tour in the United States to meet our partners to
supervise the evolution of collaborative research works undertaken with them:

- Morehouse School of Medicine: This year, research has taken on a new dimension. The active ingredient could be identified as well as its mechanism of action. As a result, the next step is isolation and in-vivo testing with animals.

UNC Eshelman School Of Pharmacy: On February 22, 2017, a meeting was held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina between Morehouse Medical School, PROMETRA and Natural Products Research Laboratories (NPRL) at UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy to study a potential collaboration. The meeting was successful in more than one way and large-scale collaborative projects on Africa, the United
States and Asia were developed between these institutions.

**Andrew Young Foundation**: The Steering Committee of the Foundation, a privileged partner of PROMETRA, was able to meet with its President on the different perspectives as well as on the projects aimed at fighting against poverty and unemployment in Africa (Aquaponics), but also on the premiere of the film directed on PROMETRA's research by His Excellency, Ambassador Andrew YOUNG.

Indeed, His Excellency Ambassador Andrew YOUNG has for some years begun a series of documentaries to make known the richness of Africa, in homage to the mother earth, but especially as a legacy for future generations.

Among the subjects of his documentaries, he chose PROMETRA International and his research results, following the visit he had made to the Experimental Center of Traditional Medicines of Fatick (CEMETRA) where he met the Malango Association of Healers of the Center.


On April 25, 2017 was previewed and broadcast the movie 'Strong Medicine: Secret Power of African Healing'

In tribute to the wise men of Africa, this film will be broadcast in 80% of American channels and 175 countries in the world.

Synopsis: « Traditional healing methods in Africa are often perceived by outsiders as Voodoo, witchdoctors and other stereotypes. Ambassador Andrew Young, after many trips to Africa, has discovered that old secrets make for strong medicine. Traditional healers, commonly known as “Medicine Men and Women” have handed down those secrets through the centuries. This unique form of alternative medicine is now being studied scientifically and proven effective in treating such conditions as diabetes, high blood pressure, and even AIDS and Ebola.**
While alternative medicine is taking the U.S. and Europe by storm, it’s the trusted methods of ancient healing that include the mind, body, spirit and riches of the earth that keep people well throughout Africa, where access to Western medicine is extremely limited. »

H.E.’Ambassador Andrew YOUNG

V. COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

A) Coordination with the National Representations via email tel / NTIC:

To keep abreast of the 28 National Representations of PROMETRA updated information and events during the year, the headquarters through its Administration department communicates regularly with the antennas via various tools. Thus, e-mails are sent to the Presidents of Representations, the mails received in the website of PROMETRA (www.prometra.org) concerning or being specific to one of antennas are sent directly to them for treatment and / or follow-up.

B) ATMD 2017
In July 2003, African Heads of State and Government approved a plan of action for the first decade of traditional African medicine. The Africa Region of the World Health Organization (WHO AFRO) officially designated August 31 each year as African Traditional Medicine Day. PROMETRA International and its network of 28 National Representations celebrate the African Day of Traditional Medicine and invite the world to recognize, respect, conduct research and join our systems of traditional African medicine and traditional knowledge. PROMETRA’s National Representations in Africa organize individual meetings, conferences, ceremonies and public events to honor our system of African traditional medicine.

This year's topic is: \textit{Integration of Traditional Medicine into Health Systems: Progresses to Date}

Dr. Erick Gbodossou, President of PROMETRA International takes this annual opportunity to launch a PROMETRA International message with our network and our partners:

\textbf{Integration Of Traditional Medicine In Health Systems: Progress To Date}

No one is free from suffering. Since man wants to be human, he has duty to help others and to make known what can help the other. This implies that any knowledge that can bring relief to men must be known and spread.

Traditional Medicine is a knowledge that can bring relief to man, therefore it must be known and widespread even if it runs against certain principles of modern conventional science.

We must indeed acknowledge that there have always been healers among men. This medicine is as old as mankind, as ancient as pain. We can never know who the first healer was: this notion is lost in the mist of time.

In 2003, Office for South-South Unit Cooperation of United Nations Development Program in New York has strongly supported PROMETRA
Research Project entitled: *Introduction of Traditional Medicine in National Health Systems of the Third World.*

This three-year project enabled PROMETRA to:

- assess the situation of Traditional Medicine in African countries,
- meet with several political leaders at different levels in Africa,
- make a statement without complacency of the worrying situation of Conventional Medicine in Africa,
- make the situation of limits for introduction of traditional medicine in teaching curriculum at different levels,
- Implement a strategy for the judicious introduction of Traditional medicine in health care systems of 1/3 world.

It is therefore with unpretentious joy and with legitimate pride that PROMETRA welcomes this topic of integration of Traditional Medicine into health systems as the theme of African Traditional Medicine Day 2018. Problematic to evaluate its progress to date is to be saluted, as well as the courage of WHO-AFRO in its choice.

Since Alma-Ata conference about 04 decades ago, WHO-AFRO has set an extremely important milestone and invited African Heads of State to engage in primary health care policies with recommendation to involve Traditional Medicine agents in achieving its objectives.

Many other activities have been carried out, including:

- WHO 2001-2005 Action Plan, recalling the position taken by African Heads of States at Lusaka Summit in July 2001, making the Decade 2001-2010 the one for rehabilitation of Traditional medicine,
- Making August 31th of each year as African Traditional Medicine Day throughout Africa. This day will be celebrated in its fifteenth edition.

We welcome WHO-AFRO initiatives which have realized that this medicine needs to be rehabilitated and put to the service of people of our continent. Indeed, 80% of populations living in Southern SAHARA address to traditional healers not only for their health care but also to receive their education for health. It remains clear, therefore, that any health policy that excludes healers is doomed to failure. In terms of health, we cannot adopt exogenous medicine, but we have a duty to adapt it to our endogenous realities. Health integrates with culture and faith of beneficiary populations.
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Topic of 15th African Traditional Medicine Day: "Integration of Traditional Medicine in Health Systems: Progress to Date" is very relevant and will awaken conscience of each and all.

WHO, in agreement with 47 African countries, is organizing its sixty seventh session of Regional Committee from August 28th to September 1st 2017 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. As you can see, this session, which brings together 47 Health Ministers from 47 countries, coincides with the African Traditional Medicine Day 2017.

As we went through the program spread over five days, we noticed with bitterness that there is not a small session dealing with Traditional Medicine. This is worrisome.

This shows very clearly "the progress to date" of integration of Traditional Medicine into health systems.

Are health policy makers in our countries aware of the revival interest in Traditional Medicine worldwide over the past three decades?

Are health policy-makers in our countries aware of the limitations of Conventional Medicine, which itself recognizes that 60% of illnesses are psychological or psychosomatic, in which it is limited? This same medicine recognizes many diseases as incurable.

Are health policy makers in our countries aware that the consumption of Traditional Medicine products has increased exponentially over the past three decades?

Are health policy-makers in our countries aware that in the area of health we can find local solutions to our local health problems?

In this same context, we certainly have more to give to the North than to receive from it.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Progress to date of integrating Traditional Medicine into health systems in Africa is still very timid, and in some of our countries almost all population health problems are handled by exogenous hands.
If "Health is basis of all development", we are not yet thinking of development.

In view of this, PROMETRA International and its network throughout the world call African decision-makers and WHO to put in place a strategic plan with 05 key actions:

1. **advocacy and public policy**

   This advocacy must be directed towards politicians so that everywhere a legal framework is put in place for the benefit of practitioners of this medicine.

2. **Education and Training**

   Knowledge of plants, their virtues and their use must begin from kindergarten and continue in post-graduate studies.

3. **Encouraging Collaboration Between Two Medicines**

   Collaboration based on mutual respect and mutual respect, but also for exchanges to the benefit of suffering populations.

4. **Documentation Shall Provide a Picture of Traditional Medicine in Each Country:**

   - at legislative level,
   - in terms of protection of endogenous knowledge,
   - at level of practice of Traditional Medicine in a formal framework,
   - in the frame of protection of biodiversity.

5. **Dissemination of Best Practices**

   This action aims to the judicious introduction of Traditional Medicine into African health systems.

   After implementation of these 5 actions, it remains clear that Traditional Medicine will be rehabilitated as an inspiration for discovery, innovation, progress and sustainable development.
Ladies and gentlemen,

The topic of the 15th African Traditional Medicine Day: "Integration of Traditional Medicine in Health Systems: Progress to Date" challenges the conscience of each and all. In this noble quest for endogenous and sustainable development of our continent, PROMETRA is available to provide technical support and to accompany all needed strategies for the judicious introduction of our health heritage into health systems of our communities, our cities, our countries, our sub region and our continent.

Thank you.

Dr Erick GBODOSSOU
President
PROMETRA International’’

VI. RELATIONS WITH POLITICS

Since 1996, an Interministerial Council has been set up PROMETRA and CEMETRA have been copied as experts of this Committee.

For two decades, we have always and everywhere contributed to the establishment of a legal framework, but also to help policy makers to wisely introduce Traditional Medicine into the health system of our country.

In May 2017, the Council of Ministers, under the presidency of His Excellency Mr. Macky SALL, President of the Republic, took a courageous and historic decision, that of adopting the bill on traditional medicine. This is a happy event, and the National Assembly has passed this law and we are awaiting for the decrees of application.

PROMETRA maintaining relations with the various political powers, be it the government headed by the Prime Minister, the honorable deputies of our august assembly as well as the honorable advisers of the Economic and Social Council.

We have privileged relations with the Minister of Culture, Foreign Affairs and Communication.
VI. RELATIONS WITH PARTNERS:

VI.1. At an international level:

- Andrew YOUNG Foundation

Project manager of several collaborative projects in the United States with our research partners (Morehouse School of Medicine, USAMRIID ...) Andrew YOUNG Foundation is an ally of choice for PROMETRA. Several projects have been developed with the Foundation which does not miss any opportunity to support the activities of the NGO.

NCCU

North Carolina Central University is working with PROMETRA in finding partners to develop research results. NCCU University accompanied the Andrew YOUNG Foundation delegation during its working visit to Senegal to better understand the achievements and opportunities of PROMETRA. Currently, synergies are being implemented to market PROMETRA's research products in a short time.

African News Agency (APA News)

The President of PROMETRA International gave an interview to the APA, as part of the issues related to the promotion of traditional medicine in Senegal and Africa in general.

Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU gave clear explanations and advice on the regulation of traditional medicine in the continent.

VI.2. At an international level:

CONGAD

PROMETRA is a member of CONGAD, which is an instrument of political, social, economic and cultural dialogue for strengthening civil society for development. Its mission is through popular participation, to work in Senegal for a pan-African society, democratic, solidarity, economic and social justice, rooted in our positive cultural values, open to the world and oriented towards sustainable human development.
FAFS

Partner of FAFS (Federation of Women's Associations of Senegal) for several years, PROMETRA has established a protocol agreement with the Federation of Women's Associations of Senegal, in multiple areas of common interests. Whatever the field, the two structures are committed to working together to achieve the objectives to contribute to Senegal's many development challenges.

NDEFLENG

The Cultural Association Sérer NDEFLENG is a major player in the promotion of traditional cultures and practices of the Sérer community. PROMETRA participates in the events of the Association which through its radio NDEFLENG FM covered the annual ceremony of XOY.

ACA (African Cultural Alliance)

ACA involves PROMETRA in its activities in Senegal. In this regard, our Organization provides support to assist in the organization of its various events. Also, during our Xoy ceremonies, we always welcome ACA leaders who honor the Saltigui and the Malango healers with their presence.

REJOMETRA

The Network of Journalists for the Promotion of Traditional Medicine plays a key role in the dissemination of the different activities of PROMETRA International. Their presence remains essential during the public ceremonies of divinations organized by the Saltigui serer and for the media coverage of all the events of the Organization.

VIII. PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

08 and 09 July 2017: XOY 2017

On Saturday 08 and Sunday 09 July 2017, Les Saltigui Sérer celebrated the 2017 edition of the XOY at
CEMETRA (Experimental Center for Traditional Medicine) of Fatick.

As a prelude to XOY, the REJOMETRA (Network of Journalists for Traditional Medicine) held a panel on the theme: CHALLENGES OF THE REGULATION OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE IN SENEGAL. This panel was attended by Mr. Mamadou Kassé, CESTI Professor at the Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar, who made a presentation to the journalists on the theme of the panel.

The night vigil of Saturday was an opportunity for the Saltigui to display all their knowledge, all their science to reveal the social, economic, health and even political future of Senegal.

Several delegations of healers, traditionalists, leaders of grassroots communities, not to mention the NdeupKatt of Yoff and Rufisque, coming from different regions of Senegal joined their confreres at this event recognized by UNESCO as P.C.I. (Intangible Cultural Heritage) and which remains a key element of the Senegalese cultural agenda. Delegations also came from Cape Verde, Europe and the United States.

Indeed, these Masters seeing through a spiritual ascent of which they have the secret connect to what is called the morphic resonance, this kind of universal collective memory, to draw from it unchanging information about the future they share with populations.

At the opening of the ceremony, Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU recalled the uniqueness of this edition, which started after the first rain, and which coincides with the official opening of the 2017 legislative campaign.
This legislative campaign promises to be violent with many clashes, sometimes bloody.

The President of PROMETRA International has also asked the Saltigui to stave off any event unfavorable to the life of the nation, to indicate the necessary sacrifices and if necessary, to meet and work together to avoid any tragedy, accident or calamity of any kind.

Sunday, July 09, 2017 was the official return period of the XOY 2017, with the presence of the administrative and political authorities of the region of Fatick, which despite the electoral period, despite the difficulties of displacement due to heavy rains have honored their presence this edition.

The predictions are summarized as follows:

SYNTHESIS OF DIFFERENT PREDICTIONS:

WINTERING:

we will attend a rainy winter, with good harvests of millet, peanuts and rice. There will be floods in some parts of the country. However, there will be a strong wind that will occur on a Thursday night.

HEALTH:

An epidemic of colds will occur at the end of wintering. There will also be many deaths at the end of wintering. There are many snake bites. There will be epidemics of stomachaches, conjunctivitis, headaches. To conjure them, it will be necessary to put bark of 'new' in the canaries, and fruit of 'soump' in pockets.

ACCIDENTS:

Three large cars (trucks, buses) will make an accident at Keur Martin in the department of Fatick. There will generally be many accidents caused by jinn and rabb in the country. To ward off them, each head of the family will have to sacrifice a packet of sugar. Pilgrims to Mecca will have to take out a packet of sugar before traveling.

POLITICAL-SOCIAL CLIMATE:
Riots will occur during the elections especially in the regions of Dakar and Diourbel, with sometimes bloodshed. Shotguns will be heard in Guédiawaye, Diamniadio and Mbour.

The Saltigui, unanimously affirmed that the President of the Republic, His Excellency Macky Sall will have his second mandate.

Politicians are invited to sacrifice each a white chicken for social peace.

Moreover, always in the context of social peace, it is recommended that each leader, each family leader buries in his house 100 goat feces.

It is also recommended the sacrifice of a 100 F CFA broom at each town hall to avoid riots.

CONCLUSION:

The next day, when some of the participants had not yet left the place, we learn Fatick that the prediction of Keur Martin accident has already occurred on Monday, July 10, 2017 exactly as described. (See photos below)
19 November 2017: Celebration VILOKOE

At the home of the President of PROMETRA International, Thiaroye Gare was held on Sunday 19 November 2017, from the rising to the sunset (06:00 am to 6:00 pm), the Annual Ceremony of VILOKOE.

The VILOKOE is an opportunity to meet wise men from several countries in Senegal and several countries of the sub-region.

Apart from our usual partners, who are the healers, the Saltigui (Master Seers) and the NdeupKatt (Priestesses), it was an opportunity to commune, but especially to pray for peace in Senegal.

The VILOKOE ceremony allowed the participants to experience realities of ancestors’ power, including multiple demonstrations such as the Talking Tree (VILOKOE), other transmutation experiences such as Zangbeto and other paranormal phenomena.

December 2017: Book printing: Symbolism of Sacrifice in Communion and Communication with Transcendence

'Since the dawn of time, the concept of sacrifice often has an ambivalent character, both in its positive and negative aspects, as in its dramatic manifestations.

Some, indeed, perceive the sacrifice as a severe, barbaric act, or as a symbol of evil and demonic tendencies, invoking evil spirits, formidable geniuses who allow violating the rules of reason, or morality. '...

The Symbolism of Sacrifice in Communion and Communication with Transcendence invites us to discover the world of sacrifice, its ins and outs, its symbolism and its results, the importance and significance of numbers, colors, places...

This book is to be discovered and remains a necessity for all those who want to open...
the door of knowledge and traditional practices in Africa and around the world.

FORGOTTEN, NEGLECTED, DISABLED SCIENCES THAT CAN LEAD TO DEVELOPMENT

NDEUP
LUP
FA

The NDËPP

Ndëpp can be defined as a group ethnopsychiatry, which has been used since the beginning of time for a Senegalese ethnic group called Lebu, using dance, rhythm, trance to heal evil, to first eradicate body ache of the patient to put in the body of a sacrificed animal. These are practices where we see immediately, in some rituals of 8 days, a mental patient completely associable, completely aggressive, to find his health. These are sciences that we try to rehabilitate.

The LUP

It is an ancestor of Ndëpp which is practiced in seereer country. We have other practices under other skies which are the work of Puhento, Bokonon, Vodunonn, Sanusi, etc. They are people who have the opportunity, through rituals to communicate with transcendence, to change level and collect specific information to illuminate the human condition in extremely multiple and varied fields.
This science would greatly benefit in this global context where everyone seeks to rehabilitate, protect traditional knowledge, genetic resources and folklore, to bring to the changing world where the Cartesian system to show its limits, to really slow down endogenous development of man.

**The FA**

The FA is an African science whose logic is symbolic classifications. It questions the meridians through which beings establish from birth, their links with the environment that welcomes them. Elastic medium in continuous vibration due to the energy that allows gyration, movement of components of the biosphere.

The human person does not escape this rule of logical connection with the meridians of the biosphere. Better, the human person is in his present, in connection with his past and future. It is thus described in its vertical and horizontal relationships of its own individual life cycle.

As the research on DNA now demonstrates, the human person owes his biological genealogy, to his anteriority and projects it on his posterity. At the vertical level, the person human being is attached to his most remote ancestors but also to his descendants. At the horizontal level, it extends through the broadening of kinship ties resulting from patrilineal, matrilineal interferences.

FA takes into account all this dimension of the human person and defines the latter as an organic whole, physical, psychic and spiritual. This conception differs from that of the conventional science that makes the body, a house that the human person would inhabit!
The civilization of Tado crystallized the apogee of the FA and rooted it in the Gulf of Benin, while the sea echoed it to the seereer country of Siin in Senegal and on the other side of The Atlantic Ocean.

In his traditional thinking, the FA has resulted in a conceptualization of the universe that the symbolism of the Voodoo illustrates through a classification of spiritual forces emanating from Energy. These forces comprise 16 major, which, combined with each other, are diffused into a spectrum of 240 minors.

**IX. A. CURRENT STAGE OF RESEARCH ON HIV / AIDS AND EBOLA**

For almost a decade, PROMETRA International and its American partners have conducted research that has shown that 05 African herbal products used by healers:

- are water-soluble, and therefore injectable if necessary,
- are Viro-static and virolysis,
- have simple active ingredients (Da <10,000),
- are active at low concentration,
- show no signs of toxicity.

The test results obtained during the year 2017 confirmed the virtues of the tested products.

Extensive research is being conducted with our US partners including Morehouse School of Medicine, Meharry College, and the US Army Research Institute.

The results are very encouraging and will certainly open the door to the treatment of viral diseases.

**X. TRAINING–EDUCATION**

Training of students from the Diaspora
A team of students from the Diaspora, coordinated by Dr. Omavi Bailey, has been interested for some years in African traditional sciences and wants to know the realities through practical experimentation and we choose to become a student of the field.

As such, they benefit monthly theoretical courses through the NTIC (Skype, other software) from the President of PROMETRA International.

Also, the same team decided to go to Benin for the festivities of January 10, 2018, National Day of Voodoo Cult of Benin and will take the opportunity to benefit from initiations under the supervision of Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU.

**From 02-04 January 2017: Training Students in Master 01- CRAC-MDP from Gaston Berger University of Saint Louis**

On request from the Gaston Berger University of Saint Louis, PROMETRA International provided the organization's headquarters with a seminar for the UFR CRAC (Civilizations, Religions, Art and Communication). This session lasted a week.

This group of students has thus been able to open up to traditional African knowledge and science, and this formation has aroused vocations because some of them have decided to specialize on this theme.

**21 March 2017: Dr Amoussa's visit to PROMETRA Headquarters**

Dr. Habib Amoussa, having followed the program of Dr. Erick GBODOSSOU on the channel 2s TV, especially the part concerning the collaboration between modern medicine and traditional medicine.

Dr. Amoussa, a young doctor, currently undergoing a specialization in Clinical Hematology in Dakar, met with the President of PROMETRA International to discuss and discuss in depth his concerns.

**September 18, 201: Internship of Miss Maimouna COULIBALY**

Miss Maimouna Coulibaly, a social welfare student, was accepted as a trainee at PROMETRA headquarters for a month. Miss Coulibaly was interested in the management of the health problems of the mother and the
child by the healers of the Malango Center as well as vertical delivery in a traditional environment.

XI. ACTIVITES AT CEMETRA – EXPERIMENTAL CENTER FOR TRADITIONAL MEDICINES OF FATICK
Statistical Analysis of CEMETRA Datos 2017

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Distribution of Patients According to Sex

Men
1682
55%

Women
1354
45%
DISTRIBUTION OF PATIENTS ACCORDING TO REASON FOR CONSULTATION

Distribution of Patients According to Reason for Consultation

Commentary:

Socio-cultural diseases account for 39% of all diseases combined.

This is a proof that traditional medicine takes man as a whole and demonstrates the close relationship that exists between the patient, his health and his culture. Ignoring these aspects in the care of the patient will inevitably lead to a doubtful diagnosis.
### DISTRIBUTION OF SENEGALESE PATIENTS ACCORDING TO THEIR REGION OF ORIGIN:

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**Distribution of Senegalese Patients According to their Region of Origin**

![Bar Chart showing the distribution of Senegalese patients by region of origin](chart.png)
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XII CONCLUSION

In an unfavorable world economic environment, Africa has only one card to play: the preservation and revaluation of its endogenous sciences.

With a strong network of 28 national representations all recognized by their respective governments, PROMETRA International must play the role of spearheading the African renaissance through the promotion of our values of civilization.