



## SPECIAL – SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

This summer ACECI interns are active in Burkina Faso, Quebec and Burundi. In this issue, we also give some news about the Gala fundraising dinner in Montreal at the benefit of the catnip project organised by a student team of the EPM chemistry department.

### FOR THE MDG/PRL CAMPAIGN :

#### Raphaël Gagné – Colombo in Burkina Faso

Finishing his bachelor's degree in Philosophy at Laval University (Quebec), Raphaël Gagné-Colombo is currently doing an internship in Burkina Faso with the UN West African Young Leaders' Network for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, section Burkina Faso (UNWAYLN-MDG/BF). The campaign to « Translate the MDGs into a model law aiming at poverty reduction » has been initiated in Burkina Faso in April 2010 at a workshop organised in Ouagadougou in partnership with the National Assembly. This summer, the campaign will be revigorated and ACECI will strengthen considerably its links with local collaborators.

The campaign is built upon a participatory process carried forward by all national actors. Currently, with the support of our intern, UNWAYLN-MDG/BF is gradually taking up leadership of the MDG/PRL campaign. This organisation has been working on the MDGs for several years already. Major activities have been undertaken all over Burkina Faso already. The UNWAYLN-MDG/BF is planning a set of meetings between CSOs in view of preparing a national public consultation process. For the preparation of the workshops, Raphaël Gagné Colombo in cooperation with the UNWAYLN-MDG/BF has created a preparatory committee for the campaign workshops in Burkina Faso.

#### Tiéoulé Traoré launches the official blog and the Facebook page on the MDG/PRL campaign

Concluding his Master's studies in political science (with a focus on international relations), Tiéoulé Traoré is proud to present the MDG/PRL campaign blog, at this address: <http://aceciomdlrp.blogspot.com/>. This initiative is part of the campaign relaunching efforts in the field and its future generalisation in all countries of the South.

The blog intends to present the latest campaign news and progress made in the field, and will also give updates on international developments. It is also a space for expression for anyone interested in these dynamics.

The official Facebook page is meant to be a support to disseminate the latest blog updates as well as results obtained in the field, all abundantly illustrated with pictures. It is available at this address: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Campagne-OMDLRP>

Connecting the MDG/PRL campaign to social networks aims at the vulgarisation of the MDGs and poverty reduction dynamics. The objective is clear: to make the poverty reduction language more accessible, invite the public to share its opinion on the ongoing process and enhance dialogue between people of the North and the South.

In 2010, in its Human Development Report, UNDP has ranked Burkina Faso at the 161st position on 169. This bad score can be explained by the fragility of Burkina's economy and its vulnerability to exogenous shocks, the low productivity of agriculture and animal husbandry, high costs of production factors and increasing impoverishment (poverty incidence reached 43,90% in 2009). Hence, the numerous gaps in the MDG results make Burkina Faso a privileged country to adopt a poverty reduction framework law. The binding nature of a law will allow concrete and significant progress in terms of national poverty reduction.

## FOR THE CATNIP-BASED MOSQUITO REPELLENT PROJECT AIMING TO FIGHT MALARIA

### Mireille Kayeye, first intern from the South

As a candidate for a certificate in communication at the Hope Africa University, Mireille Kayeye has been given the opportunity to fulfil an internship with ACECI. She's a witness to the installation of ACECI's office in Burundi. She's currently taking up the role of ACECI representative to the team of partners and volunteers preparing the October 2011 exposition.

### Gala-dinner for the fight against malaria

On Tuesday 21 June 2011, a fundraising Gala dinner has been organised in the Molson room in Montreal for the fight against malaria. The event has mobilised some one hundred people. The evening, animated by M. Pierre-Léon Lafrance, in which the officials of the Montreal Polytechnic School (amongst whom M. Christophe Guy) have participa-

ted, started with the projection of a documentary on Burundi, followed by a word from the Burundi Embassy representative Ms. Justine Semonde. Mr Nibaruta Corneille, chairman of the Association of Burundese radio broadcasters (ABR) has presented the role of the Burundi partners in the project. This Gala is an initiative of Mr. François-Xavier Chiron, doctorandus at the Montreal Polytechnic School, and ACECI volunteer.

The amount of funds raised and its utilisation will be published on the website [www.antimalariaomd.org](http://www.antimalariaomd.org).

Initiated in a vision of cooperation ethics and sustainable development to make the mosquito repellents available to the people to combat malaria and improve maternal and child health, this project will also create jobs and income for the poorest. It is a concrete way to contribute to the MDG implementation.

The ACECI direction, all collaborators and the fundraising Gala dinner organising team thank wholeheartedly everyone who has participated in the project as well as all those who will continue to extend financial support to the project.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairperson and co-founder of the essential oils company ALIKSIR has received the Phoenix environment prize from the hands of the Minister for sustainable development for having developed a combustion system based on ligneous residues of distilled plants. ACECI congratulates its partner, environmentalist by conviction, Ms Lucie Mainy, for her love of nature, her passion for humanity, plants and our planet.

The ACECI team welcomes all its partners and collaborators in its newly opened office in Bujumbura, Burundi. Following the signing of a cooperation agreement in March 2011 between ACECI and the Minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation, ACECI is pleased to open its representation nearby the city centre at the following address:

**11 Rue Mugamba, Quartier Rohero II.**

## COMING SOON

- Monitoring workshop on the MDG/PRL campaign in Ouagadougou in July 2011.
- The '5 to 7 of cooperation here and elsewhere' on the mobilisation of partners in Quebec and Canada at the Museum of Civilisation in Quebec – 7 October 2011
- Exposition on the catnip project in Bujumbura in October 2011 at the « Institut français ».
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> international conference in Bujumbura on 17 and 18 October 2011

## FOLLOW OUR INTERNS IN THE FIELD AND AT THE LOCAL OFFICE

### CATNIP PROJECT

- Mireille Kayeye

### MDG/PRL CAMPAIGN

- Raphaël Gagné – Colombo in Burkina Faso
- Tiéoulé Traoré

Collaboration with the Department of Chemical Engineering of



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## DON'T MISS!

Next event of the '5 à 7 de la Coopération Ici et Ailleurs' - **October 7<sup>th</sup> 2011** - Theme: Mosquito Repellent Production Project for the fight Against Malaria in Africa



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