



Dr Etotépé SOGBOHOSSOU from the Senghor University of Alexandria and Professor Pierre Albert NGUELIELE from the University of LODJA (DRC) visit ERAIFT

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On Monday, April 03, 2023, ERAIFT had two important visitors: Mrs. Etotépé SOGBOHOSSOU, Senior Lecturer and Director of the Department of Environment at the Senghor University of Alexandria in Egypt and Professor Pierre Albert NGUELIELE from the University of Lodja in the Democratic Republic of Congo, both came to be informed about the institutional organisation of ERAIFT in a perspective of inter-institutional collaboration.

Professor Jean Pierre MATE, Academic and Research Secretary, together with some members of the academic and scientific staff, briefly presented to his interlocutors the ERAIFT organisation, its main missions, its degree programs and content, the student mobility system, and the gradual extension of ERAIFT to the English-speaking world.

After a short presentation of 40 learners of the 4th cohort of regional masters, from 11 different countries, Mrs. Etotépé SOGBOHOSSOU reviewed the different training programs offered by her institution as well as their way of working. She expressed the wish to see a collaboration being built between her institution and ERAIFT which has a great potential for a quality practical training of learners in protected areas management due to its position in the tropical forest region.

This collaboration would allow Senghor University students specialising in protected area management or the environment to strengthen their practical training at ERAIFT's research stations in the biosphere reserves.

Furthermore, Professor Pasteur Pierre Albert NGUELIELE, encouraged ERAIFT researchers, including Master students, to profit from the enormous research opportunities offered by the forest landscape of the SANKURU with its climatic forests as well as the old hevea plantations of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

ERAIFT sincerely thanks Professors Etotépé SOGBOHOSSOU and Pierre Albert NGUELIELE for the visit and for the fruitful exchanges in scientific collaboration opportunities

