

FARMERS' DIALOGUE (FD) DR CONGO 2014

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The team of Farmers' Dialogue in DR Congo has been active in 2014. It organized and participated in various functions both locally and beyond. The chairman attended an innovation fair at which he presented the fruits of FD work on food production. Earlier on Claude Bourdin of FDI visited the laboratory of CRSN during one of his visits.



FD-DRC chairman presents the fruits of FD's work at a fair for innovation



BXW (banana xanthomonas wilt)



Claude visits CRSN laboratory

In September 2014 he was invited to Uganda to share his experience of fighting BXW (banana xanthomonas wilt).

While in Uganda he met M. Jamil Ssebalu, chairman of FD Africa and vice-president of FDI whom they partnered with to produce this leaflet.



M. Ssebalu and M. Bisusa in a meeting in Munyonyo, Kampala, in Uganda.

In October the team and the community celebrated two important events as follows;

RURAL WOMEN INTERNATIONAL DAY-15TH OCTOBER, 2014

The team spent this day with mothers and fathers from 57 villages, talking about the challenges put to them by the Congolese and the international team of "Farmers' Dialogue"

- To support the work of women on farms
- To involve men alongside women in the fieldwork
- To mobilise and involve youths in farming activities
- To produce enough food for the family's needs
- To increase their income by selling their surplus
- To play their part in making sure the world is adequately fed
- To conserve the environment



Men and Women work together to produce the food needed in the “breast feeding and growth day”



Some beans, rich in iron and zinc help prevent anemia and are good



All participants enjoyed taking part and benefited from the family



M. Alphonse Bisusa, FD-RDC, was satisfied with the comments of the participants



Training on in line planting - Organic manure is used



These fields are a big source of hope for youth



A lady in her field (seeds from FD-RDC)

INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY-16TH OCTOBER, 2014

This day was spent in the fields with the theme:

‘To eat better today in order to work better to-morrow’ –‘We sow today what we shall harvest to-morrow’.

The following areas were highlighted;

- To fight against malnutrition and hunger
- To fight against diseases and health deficiencies
- To improve the quality of cooking

The emphasis was put on goat milk production and the way to prevent brucellosis, as farmers want to develop the goat-cheese production. Blood tests was done on cattle to inform cattle breeder of the effects of ticks on the cow’s life



Training on goat keeping and milk production



Cattle blood testing

Exhibitions on cooking and tasting to improve food quality were conducted as follows:



Soya processing to get milk and condiments for vegetables



Adults and children are all waiting for soya milk and the doughnuts made of okra

Concern for children welfare as future generation was raised



Children need to eat, they are our future: they need care!
How can food and education be given to these children?



The provincial Minister of Agriculture and other agricultural authorities took part in the closing of the training session



Best wishes to FDI

Best wishes to FD-DRC

May god bless us all!