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Welcoming a delegation from the Ministry of Higher Education and Research of Senegal

A delegation of ten or so vocational training managers led by the Senegalese Minister for Higher Education and Research, Mr Mary Teuw Niane, was welcomed to the premises of AgroSup Dijon and the Quetigny-Plombières agricultural secondary school on 25 January 2016 as part of a mission entrusted to Agreenium by the French Development Agency (AFD).

The aim of the visit was to mobilise the training-research-development expertise of Agreenium members in helping to set up and support in the long term a network of Higher Vocational Learning Institutes (ISEP) in Senegal. AFD is in fact about to finance the construction and start-up of two new institutions, one in Richard Toll (Saint Louis region) and one in Bignona (Casamance region). Both these ISEP offer training in the agricultural, agri-food, forestry and livestock sectors. They will train senior technicians (school leaving certificate + 2) intending to join the job market on finishing their studies.

The day's programme included discussions with AgroSup Dijon specialists through Eduter, ENFA in Toulouse and the Hot Region Institute at Montpellier SupAgro on the following questions:

- Educational engineering and constructing programmes
- Distance learning: available digital products and services
- Training of teachers and supervisory personnel
- Sharing experiences of vocational training projects in Africa (Cameroon and Côte d'Ivoire)

The Quetigny-Plombières agricultural secondary school described its experience in Côte d'Ivoire and conducted the visitors around its technological workshops. The delegation will also meet representatives of the City of Dijon, the Regional Council, the University and the Chairman of the Vitagora competitiveness cluster. This internationally-focused day is being organised in Dijon under the agreement of 30 October 2015 between François Rebsamen, Chairman of Grand Dijon, and Claude Bernhard, Agreenium Director, in the presence of the Minister for Agriculture, Stéphane Le Foll.

List of personalities attending on the day:

- **Delegation from MESR in Senegal**
 - Mr Mary Teuw Niane, Minister for Higher Education and Research
 - Mr Malick Sow, Private Secretary
 - Mr Fadel Niang, Director, ISEP (Higher Vocational Learning Institute) in Thiès and responsible for the ISEP network
 - Mrs Awa FAYE, ISEP Coordinator, ISEP in Richard Toll
 - Mr Omar Niang, ISEP Coordinator in Diamniadio
 - Prof. Fatoumata Hane, ISEP Coordinator in Bignona
 - Mr Ba, Higher Education maintenance, construction and facilities Division
 - Mrs XX, ISEP Coordinator in Matam
 - Mrs Marie Mbow, Cultural Advisor, Embassy of Senegal in Paris

- **French Development Agency**
 - Christian Fusillier, agro-economist and geographer
 - Florian Mugnier, Project Leader
 - Véronique Sauvat, Project Leader, Education, Training and Employment Division

- **Ministry of Agriculture-Directorate General of Education and Research**
 - Maryline Loquet, Project Officer

- **Agreenium**
 - Claude Bernhard, Director
 - Christian Hoste, Director of International Relations
 - Philippe Prevost, Digital Cooperation Officer

- **AgroSup Dijon**
 - François Roche-Bruyn, Director General
 - Gaëlle Roudault, Director of European and International Relations
 - Thierry Langouet, Director, Eduter
 - Jérôme Marcel, DFAE
 - Hélène Cocher, Eduter Ingénierie
 - Sylvie Deblay, Eduter Ingénierie
 - Christophe Tarragon, Communications Director
 - Corinne Dasen, Management Assistant

- **EPL of Quetigny-Plombières**
 - Pierre Mathis, Director
 - Cyril Bon, CFPPA
 - Guillaume Baud - Manager, DEFIS or Christophe Lesueur, Project Leader DEFIS

- **ENFA Toulouse**
 - Marie-Hélène Bouillier-Oudot, Deputy Director
 - Guillaume Gillet, Lecturer-Researcher

- **Local guest dignitaries**
 - Alain Bonnin, Chairman, Université de Bourgogne
 - Pierre Guez, Chairman, VITAGORA
 - Océane Charret-Godard, Vice-Chairperson, Research and Higher Education, Regional Council
 - Sladana Zivcovic, Deputy Director, International Relations, City of Dijon

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