



Signing Ceremony of 38 Economic and Academic agreements

Thursday 25 May 2023 at 10:00-12:15

Venue: Adansonia, 1st floor, Radisson Blu Sea Plaza hotel

1. CONTI-LINES GROUP x PORT OF ANTWERP BRUGES INTERNATIONAL – COMPAGNIE SENEGALAISE DES TRANSPORTS TRANSATLANTIQUES – AFRIQUE DE L’OUEST x AFRICAN INDUSTRIES GATEWAY

The companies CSTTAO, AIG, CONTI-LINES (on behalf of ERCO) and Port of Antwerp Bruges International are pleased to announce the signing of a partnership agreement for the realisation of the Jambaar project.

This project is part of the Plan Sénégal Émergent and the implementation of the National Port Strategy and aims to make Senegal's ports efficient and to make Senegal a port and logistics hub by 2035.

The Jambaar project consists of

- developing a Multipurpose Multimodal Terminal to increase the productivity of the Port of Dakar
- setting up a sea-river service between the port of Dakar and the secondary ports, in order to promote multimodal transport and relieve congestion in the city of Dakar;
- develop Senegal's secondary ports, in order to unlock the industrial, agricultural and mining potential of the regions of Saint-Louis, Fatick and Ziguinchor.

The total investment for this project is estimated at between CFAF 95 and 115 billion, and a bid for the first part has been submitted to the Port Autonome de Dakar.

➤ **Websites:**

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- <https://www.portofantwerpbruges.com/>
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2. AMB-ECOSTERYL – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL ACTION OF SENEGAL

Efficient and industrial management of medical waste is a major challenge for Senegal. At present, its population is still exposed to too many environmental and health risks related to this issue.

To meet this need, AMB - Ecosteryl (world leader in the management of medical treatment) will bring its know-how and expertise to the Ministry of Health and Social Action of Senegal.

This national project will allow the installation of 6 industrial platforms for the decontamination of biomedical waste throughout the country, for a total of 16 machines allowing the treatment of up to 24,000 tons of medical waste per year.

By choosing AMB - Ecosteryl, the Ministry of Health and Social Action of Senegal has opted for a sustainable, reliable and environmental industrial solution for the country, with 100% electric machines and long-term support.

The will of both parties is to contribute to a safer and cleaner planet for future generations, by being a leading player in health.

➤ **Websites:**

- <https://www.ecosteryl.com/>
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3. WATERLEAU – WASSER ARAME

Senegalese company Wasser Arame and Waterleau, global reference in the water industry sign letter of intent for the construction of drinking water plant

The company "Wasser Arame", owned by Matar Niang, serial entrepreneur in Senegal, wants to play a leading role in the production and supply of safe potable water and softdrinks on the Senegalese market. For the construction of a new drinking water production unit, Wasser Arame called on Waterleau, a world leader in the water treatment industry.

Waterleau, a Belgian company with branches in Casablanca and Abidjan, has a strong track record in the field of drinking water production, notably in Morocco, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the DRC. The water specialist wants to expand its activities in North and West Africa.

Waterleau would bring in its water production technology while Wasser Arame would be responsible for the operation of the facilities, the bottling, marketing and distribution of the water under the existing water brand "Salimento".

The new plant, to be built near the city of Thiès, will have a capacity of 100 m³ per day, offering healthy, high quality and refreshing water to the Senegalese population.



This project is part of Waterleau's and Wasser Arame's commitment to contribute to the sustainable development of an expanding Senegalese economy. In addition to the equity to be provided by Wasser Arame and Waterleau, the project would call on banks and crowd-funding to raise the necessary capital.

If the project materializes, 100% biodegradable bottles will be used for packaging to reduce the ecological footprint.

Matar Niang, Managing Director of Wasser Arame: "We share the same values. And our activities are perfectly complementary. This collaboration with a real specialist in drinking water production will certainly accelerate the development of our activities in Senegal."

Geert Menu, Vice-Président Activités d'Outremer Waterleau/ "Beyond the support in terms of technology, it is the first time since its existence that Waterleau would be directly involved in the development of a water brand to the general public. This project is a perfect way to develop a footprint in Senegal."

➤ **Websites:**

- www.waterleau.com
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4. WATERLEAU – LA LAITERIE DU BERGER

La Laiterie du Berger and Waterleau sign a contract for wastewater treatment for the Dalima Richard-Toll and Sandiara production units.

La Laiterie du Berger, Senegal's single producer of dairy products made from milk collected exclusively from Senegalese farmers, has called on Waterleau to build two wastewater treatment plants. The installations will enable the producer of the popular Dalima dairy products to comply with the Senegalese environmental code and discharge standards.

The capacity of the wastewater treatment plant in Richard-Toll and Sandiara is 300 m³/day and 600m³/day respectively. Construction is scheduled to begin in the second half of 2023, with commissioning foreseen within 12 months.

The wastewater will be treated using a biological treatment process based on Waterleau proprietary KROFTA® DAF and LUCAS® SBR technology.



Waterleau West Africa, with offices in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, is a branch of the Belgian water treatment specialist Waterleau, active in drinking water production, wastewater treatment and water reuse.

Bagoré Bathily, Founder and Managing Director of La Laiterie du Berger: "Through this project, La Laiterie du Berger wishes to underline its commitment to achieving its sustainable development goals in terms of water use and treatment"

Jean-Luc Piccirilli, Managing Director Waterleau West Africa: "We are particularly proud to help La Laiterie du Berger in its pursuit for the sustainable use of our most precious resource, water."

➤ **Websites:**

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5. AFRIQUE ENERGIES NOUVELLES – BAKIMEX SUARL

The Belgian company Afrique Energies Nouvelles represented by the engineer in renewable energies Eric Nguéguim, Managing Director, has just concluded a historic agreement with the service company BAKIMEX SUARL of Senegal represented by its Manager Mr. Laity SENE, to consolidate access to the energy in Senegalese households and communities, through the formula of light credit and energy credit for the acquisition of a solar kit for lighting and a biogas kit for cooking.

These innovative systems will allow Senegalese households to solve the question of lighting and cooking in the spirit of sustainable development.

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6. ALPHATRONICS – SAGAM ELECTRONICS

Alphatronics, a Belgian manufacturer of access control solutions containing automatic and manual barriers, parking systems, turnstiles, digital signage columns, custom-made digital terminals and other access control systems is delighted to announce the strategic cooperation with SAGAM Electronics. We offer together a total access control solution with a high security level for industry, banks and logistics.



SAGAM Electronics and Alpatronics are currently rolling out security projects in Senegal and other African countries.

Alpatronics is a Belgian family business of innovators. Since 1987, they have been transforming the future of “Access Technology” with high-quality solutions combined with advanced product expertise. Alpatronics’ mission is to provide access management solutions with exclusive design and innovative technology to optimize, unburden and share information for cities and companies.

SAGAM Electronics is a subsidiary of SAGAM INTERNATIONAL Group with more than 30 years experiences within the WAEMU (UEMOA) & EMCCA (CEMAC) zones in Electronic Systems Systems (Access Control, Intrusion, CCTV, Automations, etc.), Fire Safety Systems (Detection, Extinguishment, Dynamic Supervision, Smoke Extraction), Cash Managements Machines (Counters / Sorters). SAGAM Electronics, the first Security company to pass ISO9001:2015 in his branch, has high a huge expertise on studying, supplying, installing and maintaining all these systems with a fully factory trained technicians teams and quality coaching teams to achieve his mission.

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7. ATELIER ESPACE ARCHITECTURAL SOMERS ESMAIL & PARTNER – GEO ETUDES PLUS

CONSTRUCTION OF 1095 HOUSING UNITS IN MBIRDIAM (SEBIKOTANE)

DEVELOPER AND OWNER: GEO ETUDES PLUS

Architects : ATELIER ESPACE ARCHITECTURAL SOMERS ESMAIL & PARTNER

1095 ECOLOGICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE HOUSING UNITS IN KEUR MOUSSE

The purpose of this report is to present the construction project of 1095 social housing units developed by the company GEO ETUDES PLUS. Its main partners are young graduates in urban engineering, land use planning, commerce and business management.

The project consists of the realization of a real estate program of 1095 social housing units on a housing estate of nearly 28 Ha in KEUR MOUSSE (near SEBIKOTANE). The site benefits from an excellent location, 35 minutes from the capital, between the new Diamniadio business centre and Blaise Diagne international airport. The project will be implemented over an eight-year period by construction companies with excellent references in the management of similar projects.

The whole project will be carried out by local ecological materials and Belgian-Senegalese know-how of Atelier Espace Architectural Somers Esmail & Partner (Belgian), managed by the architect & urban planner Marc SOMERS (CEO) and Didier UMUHIRE engineer (CEO), in partnership with the design office and promoter/ owner GEO ETUDES PLUS of DAKAR.



GEO ETUDES PLUS SARL is an engineering and design office for construction, public works and land development. Created on May 24, 2019, the company is registered in the Trade and Personal Property Credit Register under the number SN-DKR-2019- B-16590 and in the NINEA under the number 007392327 2Y2, whose head office is in Dakar, Almadies, Zone 13, villa number 90/A2.

Its main members are Oumar GUEYE, geomatician, surveyor and topographer (co-manager), Mohamed NDIAYE, urban engineer (co-manager), Damel MBOW, architect and Seydou TOUNKARA, civil engineer.

The company has dynamic teams that can carry out new or renovation work on buildings (construction of buildings, interior fittings, maintenance, demolitions, etc.) and rehabilitation and construction work on rural tracks and various road works.

➤ **Websites:**

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8. AWA B. – CENTRE DE FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE ET DE REINSERTION SOCIALE DIOURBEL

AWA B. AOL is an ethical and sustainable brand created by Awa Seck from Diourbel "Baol". She makes hair accessories, ready-to-wear turbans called moussormas and clothes with a touch of embroidery from her Baol. From her shop at 231 Chaussée de Charleroi in Brussels she creates and makes her moussormas and clothes with hand embroidery made by women from Diourbel. Today she collaborates with the vocational training centre of Diourbel which trains young people in the classical and technical fields for their empowerment. Working with young girls in her region is a way to make them actors of development.

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9. BEXPO – ASSOCIATION DES JEUNES RAPATRIES

BEXPO (Beeckman Spices) is a specialized wholesaler offering a wide range of food products and catering equipment. Because they only work with renowned producers, their range is constantly evolving. This allows them to offer tailor-made solutions and to respond to current trends. The "onestopshop" for specialist shops, caterers, butchers, slaughterhouses, retailers, supermarkets, industrial kitchens and the catering industry.

They only choose professional brands and regularly adjust their techniques in order to offer qualitative and unique products. Food sovereignty is the right of every country to maintain and develop its own capacity to produce what it consumes.

BEXPO has an excellent experience and expertise of the African market since 35 years.

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10. BEXPO – CHAINE DE BOUCHERIE ZAM ZAM

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11. BIO-SOURCING – IRESSEF

BioSourcing and IRESSEF announce signing a Memorandum of Understanding for setting up a joint venture of biotherapeutics production in Senegal

Senegal is one of the pioneering countries in Africa for improving the health of populations as well as for the implementation of local production units, particularly for vaccines. However, another class of biotherapeutics, such as monoclonal antibodies, is essential in the fight against pandemics, cancer, or the scourge of metabolic diseases such as diabetes in Africa. These biotherapies are part of the list of essential medicines established by the WHO. However, they are inaccessible to the majority of the African continent due to their production costs and the availability of the product. Indeed, investment in production infrastructure using current technologies and to produce the necessary volumes in West Africa would require billions of euros. To meet this challenge, Bio-Sourcing, a Belgian biotechnology company, has developed a disruptive technological platform making it possible to produce biotherapeutic drugs, in particular monoclonal antibodies, in large volumes, from the pharmaceutical breeding of specialized goats and the treatment of their milk. This paradigm shift in bioproduction makes affordable local production possible, and increases access to these drugs for countries with still limited resources. **The BioSourcing-IRESSEF joint venture project aims to provide an answer to the needs for biotherapeutic drugs in West Africa.**

In their joint venture project, also open to other Senegalese and international partners, Bio-Sourcing and IRESSEF intend to establish, in Senegal, a pharmaceutical unit for the production of biomedicines from goat breeding, dedicated to this purpose and the treatment of their milk in order to purify the proteins that will make up the biomedicines. The partners will bring their own know-how and will seek from financial backers the funds necessary for the realization of the project. This aims, firstly, to make treatments for breast cancer and diabetes more accessible to the population. In their joint venture project, also open to other Senegalese and international partners, Bio-Sourcing and IRESSEF intend to set up, in Senegal, a GMP production unit of goat's milk derived biotherapeutics. The partners will bring their own know-how and will seek other partners and investors to raise funds required to implement the project. The main goal is to make more accessible to the Senegalese population and the one of West Africa, innovative and efficient treatments as such as biotherapeutics, in particular and firstly, against breast cancer and diabetes.

➤ **Websites:**

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12. CBL ACP – CLUB DES INVESTISSEURS SENEGALAIS

The Belgian Economic Mission, which will be held under the Presidency of Princess Astrid from 21 to 25 May 2023, will record the presence of more than 180 Belgian companies operating in thirteen sectors of activity which are as follows Agriculture, Food, Food, Beverage, Education; Services, Consultancy; Medical, Pharmaceutical, Chemical; Energy, Water, Environment, Clean Technologies; Construction Materials, Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment, Tooling; Construction Services, Infrastructure, Steel Engineering; Transport and Logistics; Luxury, Textile, Fashion, Wellness; Education; Financial Services; ICT and Electronics; Cultural and Creative Industries, Leisure/Tourism and finally, Federations and Chambers of Commerce.

This unique opportunity for the development of North-South partnerships is seized by the CBL-ACP and the CIS to organise a cocktail reception on 22 May 2023 to launch the basis of a partnership while facilitating the networking of their members.

➤ **Websites:**

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13. D-TEACH – MAGELLAN-TRANSITION

D-teach online training is a Flemish company specialised in online education, digital didactics and instructional design. Magellan Transition is a Belgian-Senegalese international coaching company that offers manager coaching, team coaching and training. Through this MoU, the two companies will explore synergies.

➤ **Websites:**

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14. FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU FILM DE BRUXELLES – ASSOCIATION LES FILMS DE LA BANLIEUE

The Festival was exported to Dakar, Senegal in 2021 and 2022 to participate in the promotion and implementation of creative and cultural aspects, with companies in the sector that have allowed the emergence, implementation and dissemination of this art. The links of interdependence between cinematographic creation and its industry are, however, consubstantial with their existence, one cannot exist durably without the other.



The sector needs to be rethought as a whole by understanding African cinema in industrial terms at all stages: production, distribution, exploitation. For creation, the most visible and symbolically recognized part, the need has long been to create networks, common structures, meeting places, in which relations are not thought of in terms of opposition, but in the form of cooperation.

At all stages the need for more training can be raised: for scriptwriters, technicians, but also for producers, distributors and exhibitors, whose technical, commercial and programming skills do not come from putting an ordinary product on the market.

The FIFB also aims to stay abreast of new technological and digital trends to introduce them to young and old.

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15. GHENT UNIVERSITY – UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR

In May 2023 Ghent University participates in the Belgian trade mission to Senegal with a delegation of various researchers and professors. This high-level delegation will be headed by the rector of Ghent University, prof. Rik Van de Walle. In the course of this visit Ghent University will be able to showcase some of its research projects in collaboration with Senegalese partners, such as projects on neurology, migration and literature. Future research collaboration with Senegalese universities (such as Cheikh Anta Diop University) will be explored, as well as student exchange. Both a Memorandum of Understanding and a Student & Staff Exchange Agreement with UCAD will be signed on this occasion. With any questions on partnerships between Ghent University and Senegalese/West-African institutions, please reach out to the Africa Platform of Ghent University, the centre of expertise facilitating and enhancing academic collaboration between Ghent University and Africa: Annelies.Verdoolaege@UGent.be

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17. HAUTE ECOLE EPHEC – UNIVERSITE AMADOU MAHTAR MBOW

EPHEC and University Amadou Mhtar Mbow have signed a collaboration agreement to develop student and staff mobility, research projects or any other collaboration that will strengthen the links between the two institutions.

The two institutions have identical visions as they wish to be a vehicle for the development of active and entrepreneurial citizens on a local and international scale. Internationalisation and the acquisition of practical operational skills combined with theoretical, quantitative and qualitative knowledge are pillars of their strategy. Ensuring the development of research projects in their fields of expertise is part of their mission.

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18. HAUTE ECOLE LEONARD DE VINCI – ECOLE NATIONALE DES TRAVAILLEURS SOCIAUX SPECIALISES SENEGAL

The Memorandum of Understanding signed on 25 May 2023 in Dakar is the result of exchanges and discussions between the National School of Specialized Social Workers in Senegal (ENTSS-Dakar) and the Haute École Léonard de Vinci from Belgium. It demonstrates both institutions' commitment and firm intention to develop a concrete, dynamic and stimulating partnership for the students and staff of both institutions.

This agreement will allow students from the partner institutions to do an internship for several months in Belgium or Senegal.

Interculturality is at the heart of youth workers specialized in social and sports activities (Vinci) and social workers (ENTSS) training and profession. The accompaniment of intercultural publics (schools - youth assistance - migrants) requires this opening to the world to perceive its realities and to have another look at what is happening in Belgium and Senegal.

The training courses will allow us to reflect on mutual representations and to work in an interdisciplinary way.

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19. HAUTE ECOLE LEONARD DE VINCI – CENTRE REGIONAL DE FORMATION EN SANTE A THIES

The framework collaboration agreement signed on 25 May 2023 in Dakar between the Regional Health Training Centre in Thiès, and the Haute Ecole Léonard de Vinci is part of an ethical partnership that allows for collaboration and respect between northern and southern training institutes and professional fields. These agreements also open up prospects for work between teams of teachers for the benefit of training in each of our countries.

This agreement is accompanied by a protocol for exchanging students and teachers in paramedical training.

HE Vinci and CRFS offer paramedical programmes, and the professors who teach there have developed similar expertise and skills in the pedagogy of healthcare education.



These professors wish to establish a strong collaboration through student and teacher exchanges that will allow students to do an unpaid internship abroad as part of their studies and a discussion of best practices.

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20. HAUTE ECOLE LEONARD DE VINCI – L'ECOLE D'INFIRMIERS ET INFIRMIERES « MONSEIGNEUR DIONE »

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21. HAUTE ECOLE LEONARD DE VINCI – L'INSTITUT SUPERIEUR DE LA SANTE A MBOUR

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22. JD EUROPE – LP2A SARL

The LPAA's programs greatly open the way to full employment and food self-sufficiency with driving forces such as employability, self-employment and agricultural modernization.

First, it is necessary to act on human development by increasing the rate of qualification among the young, female and rural population and thus meet the needs of the labor market.

The improvement of the competitiveness and the performance of our companies are adequate, relevant and concrete answers through a fruitful public-private partnership, carrier of innovative projects and providers of employment.

The Professional High School in Agriculture and Agribusiness (PAA) is a successful example. In the community field, this project offers a solution tailored to the target of untrained youth and street youth. The LPAA project aims at social insertion through its dual school-enterprise system.

LPAA: Train, Insert, Feed

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23. JUST BIM IT – COMMUNE GOLF SUD

Just BIM It and Golf Sud Municipality Announce Strategic Partnership for Digitalization and Infrastructure Development

Just BIM It, a leading digital engineering firm, and the Golf Sud Municipality are pleased to announce their strategic partnership aimed at advancing digitalization and infrastructure development in the region. This collaboration represents a significant milestone in leveraging advanced technologies to drive sustainable growth and enhance public services.

Under this partnership, Just BIM It will provide its expertise in digitalization and infrastructure planning to support the Golf Sud Municipality in implementing innovative solutions for urban development. By leveraging Building Information Modeling (BIM) and other digital technologies, the collaboration aims to optimize infrastructure projects, improve operational efficiency, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

The Golf Sud Municipality, known for its commitment to sustainable development and citizen-centric services, recognizes the importance of digital transformation. By joining forces with Just BIM It, the municipality aims to leverage cutting-edge digital tools to enhance service delivery, streamline processes, and ensure effective management of infrastructure projects aligned with the municipality's vision and the national development agenda.

This partnership aligns with the Senegal Emergent Plan and demonstrates the commitment of both Just BIM It and the Golf Sud Municipality to contribute to the nation's growth and development goals. By embracing digitalization and sustainable infrastructure practices, the collaboration will empower the municipality to build smarter, more resilient communities for its citizens.

"We are excited to partner with the Golf Sud Municipality in our shared vision of digitalization and sustainable development," said Asmae Ben Bahida, CEO of Just BIM It. "Together, we will leverage our expertise and advanced technologies to create innovative solutions that enhance infrastructure planning, optimize resources, and improve the overall quality of life for the community."

Through this strategic partnership, Just BIM It and the Golf Sud Municipality are poised to drive meaningful change in the region's digital transformation journey. By fostering collaboration and innovation, the partnership will contribute to the realization of smart, sustainable, and inclusive communities.

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24. JUST BIM IT – MASSALIKOUL DJINANE

Just BIM it and Massalikoul Djinane Partner to Empower Women in Digitalization

Just BIM it, a leading Brussels-based company, is thrilled to announce a partnership with Massalikoul Djinane, a non-profit organization committed to social development. The collaboration aims to provide comprehensive digitalization training for women in Senegal, focusing on financial empowerment.

Just BIM it, represented by CEO Asmae Ben Bahida, will share expertise in digital transition, while Massalikoul Djinane, led by director Fatou Ndiayé, brings a dedication to empowering women in Senegal.

The partnership aims to bridge the gender gap in digital skills, offering tailored training programs to enhance women's employability and entrepreneurship.

Together, Just BIM it and Massalikoul Djinane aspire to promote gender equality, create opportunities for women in the digital era, and drive sustainable development in Senegal.

About Just BIM it: Just BIM it is a Brussels-based company providing innovative digitalization solutions for the construction industry, enabling organizations to embrace digital transformation.

About Massalikoul Djinane: Massalikoul Djinane is a non-profit organization empowering woman in Senegal through various initiatives, working towards gender equality and sustainable community development.

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25. JUST BIM IT – AFRICA BATIMENT ENERGIE

Building a Sustainable Future Together: Just BIM it and AFRICA BATIMENT ENERGIE Join Forces in the Construction Industry

"Just BIM it", a leading Belgian digital engineering and consulting firm, is thrilled to announce its strategic partnership with "AFRICA BATIMENT ENERGIE," a prominent Senegalese general building and energy company. This collaboration aims to drive innovation and sustainability in the construction sector, leveraging the expertise of both organizations.

The partnership will focus on knowledge sharing, capacity building, and promoting digitalization in the construction industry. "Just BIM it" will provide its specialized expertise in digital engineering and BIM training, enabling the adoption of advanced digital construction practices in Senegal. Meanwhile, "AFRICA BATIMENT ENERGIE" will contribute its deep understanding of the Senegalese market,



ensuring the effective implementation of digital solutions.

This collaboration promises to deliver significant benefits by integrating digital technologies, fostering sustainable practices, and creating greener buildings and cities. By combining their strengths, "Just BIM it" and "AFRICA BATIMENT ENERGIE" aim to enhance the construction industry in Senegal and contribute to its overall development.

For more information about "Just BIM it" and "AFRICA BATIMENT ENERGIE," please visit their respective websites at justbimit.be and africabatimentenergie.com.

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26. JUST BIM IT – BUILDING CONCEPT HORIZON

Senegalese and Belgian Construction Companies Join Forces to Drive Digital Transformation in the Construction Sector

Two leading construction companies, BUILDING CONCEPT HORIZON and “Just BIM it”, are thrilled to announce their strategic partnership aimed at accelerating digital transformation in the construction sector. This collaboration brings together the expertise and resources of both companies to enhance innovation, efficiency, and sustainability in construction practices.

The partnership will focus on several key areas, including the implementation of Building Information Modeling (BIM) strategies, training programs on digital construction processes, commercial development initiatives, and the utilization of advanced technologies such as SMART BUILDING and DIGITAL TWIN for infrastructure projects. Through these joint efforts, the companies aim to improve project delivery, optimize resource utilization, and drive overall industry growth.

BUILDING CONCEPT HORIZON brings extensive knowledge of the local construction market and a strong expertise in technical engineering studies. Their expertise aligns perfectly with the digitalization goals of Just BIM it, which specializes in providing innovative solutions and services for the construction industry.

This partnership represents a significant step towards the advancement of digital transformation in the construction sector, not only in Senegal but also in the broader African market. By combining their strengths and leveraging their collective expertise, BUILDING CONCEPT HORIZON and Just BIM IT are poised to drive positive change, foster knowledge exchange, and shape the future of construction practices.



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27. KATAL DEFENSE SECURITY – EXPERTS ASSOCIÉS INTERNATIONAL

As part of a bilateral cooperation between Experts Associés International and Katal Defense Security (KDS), this partnership aims to leverage the expertise of KDS in key areas related to the promotion of the economic, peace and security objectives of the African Union.

The aim is to provide specific security training tailored to the needs of civilian personnel, senior managers, individuals at risk, organisations and companies.

The training courses are also aimed at local staff or staff stationed in medium and high risk areas. The main sectoral support services are aligned with the needs of the African Union. The aim is to maximise efficiency and streamline service delivery to key African Union member nations.

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28. OCTOPUS DATA – EXPERTS ASSOCIÉS INTERNATIONAL

The princely economic mission to Senegal was a success for OCTOPUS Data. This is a Belgian company specialised in network architecture and cyber security. Thanks to the titanic work by HUB Brussels, a partnership between OCTOPUS Data and the Senegalese company Expert Associes International" emerged.

Indeed, during the B2B meetings during the mission, the two business leaders exchanged on business opportunities in the field of security multisectoral. Very quickly, they agreed on the need to further promote information security within Senegalese companies and entities. On the other hand, they identified the possibility of creating a training centre to take care of engineers and professionals in the field of cyber security.

On Wednesday 24 March 2023 in Dakar, the two companies signed an MOU during a ceremony presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid.



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29. MACQ – PUBLENIS

Due to its strategic geographical position, its political stability and its march towards emergence, Senegal has been chosen as a gateway and regional hub in Africa by the Belgian family-owned company Macq, a century-old company renowned and recognized as an expert in the field of intelligent mobility. With its Senegalese partner PUBLENIS, they will sign an exclusivity contract to fight against road insecurity, they propose digital solutions that will bring unprecedented changes in the approaches to security and safety of the territories in the interest of Senegalese citizens.

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30. NIXXIS BELGIUM SPRL – SYLAM TECHNOLOGIES GROUP SAS

Dakar, Senegal – (May 23, 2023) – SYLAMTECH GROUP SAS, a leading company in the field of value-added distribution of IT solutions in French-speaking West Africa, and Nixxis Belgium SPARL, software publisher for contact centers, today signed a distribution partnership for the Nixxis Contact Suite solution for Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire.

Faced with the increase in customer relationship needs in West Africa, public and private players are particularly keen to strengthen their loyalty policies for their customers.

This new partnership offers an innovative customer relationship management solution, Nixxis Contact Suite, offering a real and 360° view of the functionalities on the expectations and needs of their customers.

About SYLAMTECH GROUP SAS

SYLAMTECH GROUP SAS is a distribution company for unified communications, call center, computer security and IT infrastructure solutions in French-speaking West Africa.



About Nixxis Belgium SPRL

Nixxis Belgium is a contact center solution editor used by 1,000 customers and 100,000 users worldwide. Nixxis Contact Suite sets new standards in terms of reliability, openness and integration capability. Telephone, email, SMS and social networks are managed to allow a 360° view of your customers with the help of Artificial Intelligence.

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31. SOCIETE WALLONNE DES EAUX – OFFICE DES LAC ET COURS D’EAU

This Thursday 25 May, the Société wallonne des eaux (SWDE) and the Office des Lacs et Cours d'Eau (OLAC) from Senegal will renew the framework collaboration agreement that has been linking them since 2014.

This collaboration has already enabled the implementation of two projects regarding Lac de Guiers, a strategic reservoir for Dakar's water supply:

- The monitoring and quality control of the lake water and the management of incidents presenting a pollution risk
- Collaboration between Senegalese and Belgian universities to protect the lake from pollution by pesticides of agricultural origin.

The extension of this collaboration, considered fruitful by both parties, will allow it to encompass the management of another strategic resource: the Bango natural reserve.

For Philippe Boury, member of the Management Committee - "The SWDE is proud to take part in a program that contributes, through sustainable resource management, to water accessibility for the population of Senegal. We are also very honoured by the renewed trust demonstrated by our Senegalese partners today", added the SWDE representative.

As the main producer and distributor of drinking water in Wallonia, SWDE is the reference operator of the Belgian cooperation for projects linked to water management. Its expertise in quality control, resource management, network performance and training has been put to use in numerous projects on the African continent.

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32. TECH'NC EXPLORE – H2CCM

Tech'NC Explore is pleased to participate in a general program of depollution of thermal engines throughout the world in order to dramatically reduce the discharge of polluting emissions and CO₂. Its technology using hydrogen has convinced H2CCM, which, through an exclusive agreement with Tech'NC Explore, will treat numerous fleets of road, maritime and other vehicles in order to actively participate in making our atmosphere less polluted.

Hydrogen is in fact at the heart of the news for future fuels, but Tech'NC Explore uses it to clean up thermal engines and, via its technology, it allows us to return to the factory values announced by the manufacturers.

It is not a radical solution, but its effect in numbers will dramatically reduce the polluting emissions and CO₂ emitted by all these vehicles.

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33. UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES – UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR

The collaboration between the Free University of Brussels and the Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar started more than 10 years ago. The purpose of the current agreement is the renewal of the framework agreement, signed in 2019. This framework agreement provides for academic exchanges and cooperation in teaching and research for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in general between the two institutions. The exchange of professors, researchers, graduate students, scientific materials, publications and other information of common interest, and the 21rganization of collaborative activities such as joint research, conferences, symposia, lectures, etc. will strengthen the relationship between the two universities and the two countries in the coming years.

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34. UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES – UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR (TROPIMUNDO)

The world faces a crisis risking extinction of species through global warming and other anthropogenic impacts. Due to e.g., changes in land use and destruction of habitats, (sub)tropical rainforests and woodlands, mangrove forests and coral reefs are disappearing and with them ecosystem functions, goods and services on which human populations depend. In order to conserve nature, to manage or to rehabilitate tropical biodiversity and ecosystems in an era of uncertainty, we must understand spatial and temporal patterns in tropical biodiversity, study how organisms interact with their environment and how they respond to perturbations and change, and assess utilization patterns, management and governance systems. This is dealt with in the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystems, a unique masters programme combining theory, practice and independent research. The TROPIMUNDO Agreement integrates the Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar in a consortium coordinated by Université libre de Bruxelles and further composed of Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium), Sorbonne Université (France), Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle (France), Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy), Universidad de Antioquia (Colombia), Université de Guyane (French Guyana, France), Université des Antilles (Guadeloupe, France), Université de Dschang (Cameroon), Technical University of Mombasa (Kenya), Université d’Antananarivo (Madagascar), Université de La Réunion (Réunion Island, France), University of Ruhuna (Sri Lanka), Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (Malaysia) and Université de la Nouvelle Calédonie (New Calédonia, France).

More on the TROPIMUNDO program, applications, alumni and our more than 50 Associate Partners can be found on www.tropimundo.eu.

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35. UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES – UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR/SERVICES DE PEDOPSYCHIATRIE DES HOPITAUX DE THIAROYE, DIAMNIADIO ET FANN

The mental health of children and adolescents is a real public health issue because it determines the society of tomorrow, in terms of well-being, overall health and also productivity in society. In Senegal, child psychiatry is a discipline that is still largely unknown to the population and politicians; there are very few child specialists currently trained.

Developing the child psychiatry skills of those involved in the mental health of children and adolescents in Senegal should allow for the early prevention of disorders in order to allow for optimal social and school integration in close partnership with parents, families and local actors.

Identifying and treating neurodevelopmental disorders such as autism or learning disorders at an early stage, and identifying and supporting families in psychological or psychopathological distress can help a country's development. Improving children's mental health will help prepare them for a better future.

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36. ULB COOPERATION x ECLOSIO – UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR

Eclosio (NGO of the University of Liège), FUCID (NGO of the University of Namur), Louvain Coopération (NGO of the Catholic University of Louvain) and ULB-Coopération (NGO of the Free University of Brussels) have been joining forces since 2016 in the implementation of numerous projects, in the South as well as in the North, under the name Uni4Coop.

In Senegal, the cooperation programme is led by ULB-Coopération and Eclosio. It is based on the development of an agro-ecological model that guarantees respect for the environment, the preservation of natural resources, improved productivity and increased income from agriculture, as well as meeting the growing market demand for healthy products. In collaboration with universities and research centres, producers participate in the dissemination of soil restoration and biodiversity preservation practices. The diversification of income sources for farming families is promoted



primarily through support for the economic activities of young people and women, also on the outskirts of protected areas (such as the Niokolo-Koba National Park) and marine protected areas (such as those of the Sine Saloum Biosphere Reserve).

The Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar aims to be a development university and is committed to participating fully in the socio-economic promotion of Senegal through local development, particularly in rural areas, with the “UCAD Rurale” concept. Thus, for some years now, UCAD has been setting up demonstration and production sites (scientific, technical, agricultural), places of exchange, interaction and cooperation between the university, local communities, the business world and the economic, technical, administrative and scientific decision-making centres.

It is therefore quite natural that the Belgian university NGOs of the UNI4COOP consortium and UCAD Rurale intend to deepen their collaboration in a concern for scientific rigour and for the benefit of the populations of Senegal.

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37. UNIZIMA/UNIVERCELLS x UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES – UNIVERSITE AMADOU MATHAR MBOW x UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR x UNIVERSITE DU RWANDA

Unizima announces new academic partnerships, strengthened cooperation between academic and private actors from Senegal, Rwanda and Belgium around a joint Master in Biotechnology.

In order to support the capacity building needed to enable autonomous vaccine production in Africa, Unizima, Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar (Senegal), the University of Rwanda, Amadou Mathar Mbow University of Diamniadio (Senegal) and the Université Libre de Bruxelles have decided to strengthen their collaboration by supporting the creation of an inter-university Master's in Biotechnology. This Master's degree, which will be complementary to the training provided in Rwanda, will be supported by practical professional internships in the field, organised in the laboratories of the Univercells group in order to enable students to acquire a first practical experience of the world of bioproduction.

On 20 April, within the framework of a Round Table organised around university partnerships, Unizima S.A. ("Unizima"), Cheikh Anta Diop University ("UCAD"), the University of Rwanda ("UR"), Amadou Mathar Mbow University ("UAM") and the Université Libre de Bruxelles ("ULB") decided to agree on



the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the Dakar mission. The aim of this initiative is to encourage the construction of a joint Master's degree at the various universities offering a differentiated and quality training programme to support the strengthening of the necessary skills and to guarantee the production of vaccines locally in Africa.

This South-North collaboration therefore strengthens cooperation between the academic and private sectors and responds to the need to develop the skills required for the proper functioning of vaccine and therapeutic product production plants in Africa. While the primary aim is to anticipate the provision of a competent workforce, qualified in the latest biotechnology and bioinformatics technologies, this inter-university cooperation also aims to achieve closer collaboration between the laboratories of UCAD and ULB in order to contribute jointly to scientific research on malaria.

By signing this university partnership agreement between Senegal, Rwanda and Belgium, the partners wish to concretise their ambition to advance towards a common goal by promoting the reinforcement of academic training specific to the world of biotechnology, the sharing of industrial technical expertise, while supporting the scientific research effort to fight against the health problems specific to Africa.

The particularity of this cooperation also resides in the will to make different academic and private actors collaborate with the same objective of :

- Nourish scientific reflection and advance research work on malaria between the different universities;
- Encourage the strengthening of skills by developing joint and complementary masters in biotechnology between Africa and Europe and promote quality training;
- To make available industrial technical expertise in biotechnology through practical field placements that promote a better understanding of the industrial reality.

Because making health care accessible and affordable for all also requires the development of quality training supported by the creation of university partnerships and close collaboration between academia and the private sector for vaccine sovereignty in Africa.

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38. WALLIMAGE – CENTRE YENNENGA

BATAO means "to tell" in Hindi. With the BATAO project, we want to tell stories through films: Senegalese films, Belgian films, African films, European films. To tell the story of the emergence of an industry, as we have known it in Wallonia and Belgium over the last 20 years, and as Senegal is currently experiencing. The Yennenga Centre, a cultural centre in Dakar, and Wallimage, the Walloon public fund for economic support to cinema, audiovisual and gaming, are joining forces, thanks to the support of Wallonie-Bruxelles International, the Senegalese Cinematography Department and Wallonia, to create BATAO: the Bureau d'accueil des tournages (Film commission), which aims to structure the local film sector and to promote international co-productions.

For more than 20 years, Wallimage has been co-producing cinematographic works in Wallonia in exchange for expenses on the territory. With the development of a support department for companies in the audiovisual sector, a film commission, and a video game support department, Wallimage intends to provide structuring support to the entire audiovisual sector, in addition to the tax shelter and cultural funds. Today, the Belgian audiovisual industry is a competitive industry on a global level. The Senegalese film industry has already proven its huge qualities. With the talent and opportunities offered by the territory, and the support of the Senegalese government and FOPICA, there is no doubt that Senegal will also succeed.

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