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Prof. Rokia Sanogo Laureate of the UA Kwame Nkrouma 2016 Award for Scientific Women



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The Full Professor Rokia Sanogo, teacher and researcher of Pharmacognosy at the USTTB and head of the Department of Traditional Medicine of the National Institute for Research in Public Health in Bamako, received in January 24, 2017 at the headquarters of the African Union the Kwame Nkrouma 2016 Award for Scientific Women. This prize crowns over 28 years of commitment in the enhancement of traditional medicine resources of in Mali and elsewhere. His

competence, his rigor, his dedication and his hard work in the field of teaching and research on medicinal plants of Africa have been so recognized and rewarded. Born in San (Mali) in 1964, doctor of pharmacy in Bamako in 1990, Master in Pharmacognosy in 1995 and PhD in Pharmacognosy at the University of Messina (Italy) in 1999, Prof Sanogo began teaching Pharmacognosy in 2001 at the Faculty of Pharmacy of Bamako University. Agree assistant professor of CAMES in 2005, Prof. Sanogo, since 2008, is the first woman of Mali recognized as Associate Professor in Pharmacy by CAMES. So, since 2009, Prof Sanogo participated in the elaboration and discussion of African students PhD thesis, from Congo Brazzaville, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Benin, Guinea Conakry, Togo and Niger. The Prof Sanogo is also an expert of the West African Organization of Health in the ECOWAS space, for the elaboration of monographs of medicinal plants, and responsible for the study of their toxicity, as part of the work for the implementation of the West African Pharmacopoeia. She is also working with the WHO in the field of enhancement of the Traditional Medicine. Prof Sanogo is also involved in teaching and research on African medicinal plants in the Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Africa, Italy and France. She also teaches in Ethno-pharmacology Course of the French Society of Ethno pharmacology in Metz. Prof Rokia has written more than seventy scientific papers on biological and chemical properties of medicinal plants of Mali and elsewhere, as well as several books on social, economic, cultural and public health concerns of African traditional medicine. Like a woman, in addition to general research topics, his projects are primarily oriented to the deepening of gender issues (maternal mortality, female genital mutilation, contraception, infertility, dysmenorrhoea, disorders related to menopause, etc.). To be sure that its commitment to the promotion of traditional medicine can have a real impact on the health of the communities, Prof. Sanogo is since 2003 Promoter and President of *Aidemet* NGO. The commitment of Prof Sanogo for traditional medicine has deep roots: *"My paternal grandfather, Magnan Issa Sanogo, who was a famous hunter and traditional therapist in our area, had attended a woman who had difficulty to get children, with a positive result. After his death, she returned to ask the same treatment for another woman. Unfortunately, no one knew the recipe that had allowed many women to have children"*. Therefore, the graduate also looks to the future: *"My dream is to capitalize on the rich accumulated experience, to develop the many existing skills and the different available opportunities to get to the creation of an autonomous multidisciplinary training, research and development platform for the promotion of traditional medicine resources, with the full involvement of the custodians of traditional knowledge on health"*.