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Rokia Sanogo Full Professor!!!

The President of *Aidemet* NGO becomes Full Professor of Pharmacognosy through the CAMES (Committee African and Malagasy of Higher Education). We underline that she is the first woman Full Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy of Mali. Competence, rigour, commitment and hard work of Prof Sanogo in the field of teaching and research on medicinal plants in Africa were so recognized and rewarded.

It is a happy coincidence that the news of the titularisation of Prof Sanogo has come in this time of celebration of the Pan-African Women's Day, which this year has the theme "The Role of Women and Girls in Education, Science and New Technologies for Emerging Africa ". Hurray for the Scientific African Women! Long live, Professor Rokia Sanogo!

Born in San (Mali) in 1964, Doctor of Pharmacy in 1990 in Bamako, PhD in Pharmacognosy in 1999 in Messina (Italy) and Associate Professor of CAMES in 2008, Prof. Sanogo teaches at the Faculty of

Pharmacy of Bamako and is currently responsible of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the Department of Traditional Medicine, which deals with the research, production and quality control of the Improved Traditional Medicines. She is also President of Internal Scientific Committee of National Institute for Research in Public Health.

Prof. Sanogo is involved in other training activities:

- Master in Public Health, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry of Bamako, with the Module "Traditional Medicine and Pharmacopoeia."
- Course of Applied Ethno-pharmacology of the French Society of Ethno-pharmacology in Metz, France, on the theme "Integration of Traditional Medicine in Health Systems in Africa".
- Masters of Biotechnologies at the University of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) with the theme "Medicinal Plants and Malaria."

Moreover, Prof. Sanogo participates in teaching and research activities on medicinal plants of Africa at the Faculty of Pharmacy of Messina and Salerno (Italy), and Toulouse (France). She is author of sixty scientific publications on biological properties and chemistry of medicinal plants from Mali and elsewhere.

Since 1990, Prof. Sanogo is committed to finding pragmatic solutions to the problems of women's health by enhancing the resources of traditional medicine, among others: contraception, maternal and neonatal mortality, female genital mutilation, infertility, menopause, etc.

Since 2003, she is promoter and President of the NGO "Aid to the Development of Traditional Medicine" (*Aidemet* NGO). So, she is author of three books on traditional medicine and public health: *La Guerre des Femmes: Accoucheuses traditionnelles et promotion de la maternité à moindre risque*, December 2009; *Femmes et Plantes*, Bamako, July 2012; *La Décentralisation et la Santé. Recherche-Action sur la Décentralisation de la Santé et la valorisation des ressources de la Médecine Traditionnelle dans le District sanitaire de Kadiolo, Region de Sikasso (Mali)*, November 2012, published in Bamako in the series "Savoirs Locaux et Développement" of the Publishing House EDIMCO.

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