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Visit of a delegation from the University of Messina to the headquarters of *Aidemet* NGO

On Friday, August 7, 2015 at 11 am *Aidemet* NGO received the visit of a delegation from the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Messina (Italy), composed by Prof. Francesco Occhiuto, researcher and professor in Pharmacognosy and Miss Veronica Micheli, Graduated in Herbal Medicine, granted by the



Photo n° 1 : Group photo

Antonio Imbesi Foundation. The delegation of Messina was accompanied by Prof. Rokia Sanogo, promoter and President of *Aidemet* NGO, who made his postgraduate studies in Messina. The visit began with presentations of *Aidemet* NGO's team, composed by Dr Sergio Giani (Programs Officer), Ms. Traoré Korotoumou (Research Assistant, chemist), Ms. Maïmouna Sanogo (Secretary), Ms. Nantenin Sidibé (Bookkeeping), Miss Genevieve Dembélé (Electro-technician) and Ms. Awa Cissé (Trainee). The team of

Aidemet put in uniforms for the occasion. Exchanges between the two teams allowed reviewing the various experiences of *Aidemet* NGO in the promotion of Malian traditional medicine, and other fields, concerning, inter alia, malaria, health decentralization, promoting low-risk maternity and support to women herbalists, and the ongoing projects, namely the local production of chlorine with WATA Standard device, and the project "Women and Plants". *Aidemet* Ong is currently promoting the economic value, through improved production and ethical marketing of plants traditionally used as nutraceuticals in treatments of some common diseases, and phytocosmetics, based exclusively on Shea butter, and extracts of plants, especially soaps prepared cold and special creams. The delegation of Messina visited too the exhibition of posters, books, herbal powders prototypes, and soaps. The talks also focused on cooperation prospects, within the framework of the Agreement between the University of Messina and the University of Sciences, Techniques & Technologies of Bamako, currently being finalized. Prof Occhiuto, Head of the delegation of Messina, has enjoyed the quantity and quality of the initiatives undertaken by *Aidemet* NGO: "You really worked hard and have done a very good job!". Finally, the President of *Aidemet* NGO called for a mobilization of solidarity in Messina in order to support the various initiatives underway. In conclusion of the visit, the team of *Aidemet* NGO offered to the delegation of Messina a seasonal fruit salad.



Photo n° 2 : Fruits salad

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