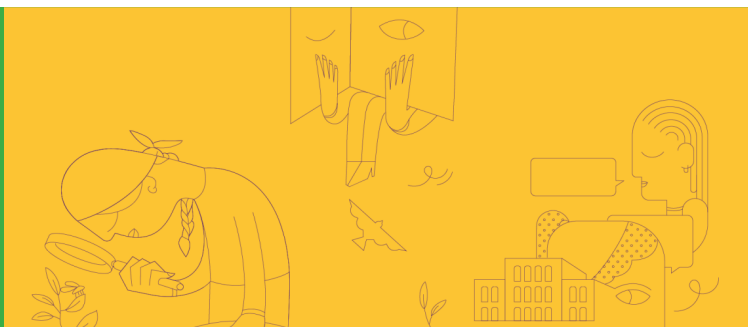


BÉNIN

PREFOSYC Project - An academia partnership to develop sustainable cotton growing



Train to develop sustainable cotton production systems in Benin - this the goal of the PREFOSYC project, which was selected for the second edition of the "Academia Partnerships Africa-France" programme. Led by the Université de Parakou in Benin and the École supérieure d'agro développement international in France, it aims to set up a job-oriented Master's and PhD/doctorate level training programme.

CONTEXTE

The cotton sector is a key economic growth driver for Benin, which has been Africa's leading cotton producer since 2018.

The Beninese Government has set course on further increasing production and moving towards its sustainable intensification. The ambition? Make the sustainable development of this sector the main driver of the country's agroecological transition in a context of climate change adaptation and with a view to enhancing the sustainability of cropping and agro-pastoral systems.

Moreover, support for the actors in this sector is a priority. Given that this growth has high economic and environmental stakes, the links to be forged with the sector's professionals must be robust and match their needs to ensure that young graduates can find jobs in the labour market.

DESRIPTIF

The PREFOSYC project aims to set up a long-term strategic partnership to provide higher education training courses at the Faculty of Agronomy of the Université de Parakou (UP) in Benin: a Master's and PhD/Doctorate training Programme. These quality, job-oriented training programmes, attractive at national and sub-regional level aim to train executive cotton specialists by contributing to the development sustainable production systems.

The project was selected for the second edition of the "Academia Partnerships Africa-France" programme (PeA). It is financed by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs via the Agence française de développement (AFD). The PeA programme is implemented by the Agence nationale de la recherche (ANR - French National Research Agency) and Campus France with support from the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

IMPACTS

This project contributes to achieving the following

01/09/2023 01/09/2027
Date de début du projet Date de fin du projet

 Parakou, Benin
Localisation

 Agriculture and Rural Development, Education and Training
Secteur(s)

 Grant
Outils de financement

 Partenariats académiques Afrique-France
Programme de financement

 1 950 000 EUR
Montant du financement

 4 years
Durée du financement

ONGOING
État

UP - Université de Parakou ;
ISTOM - École supérieure d'agro développement international
Bénéficiaires



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- Achieve zero hunger, food security for all, improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture (SDG 2).
- Co-build quality, job-oriented training programmes on the African continent (SDG 4).
- Facilitate the access of African youth to training that leads to decent work (SDG 8).
- Protect and restore terrestrial ecosystems(SDG 15).