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On the 18th of July 2016, the 31st meeting of Freinet educators in Dogbo was kicked off by the installation of the Welcome stand. This stand proves the participants with their kit, badge, planning sheet and other documents. The crew has provided a clear orientation to each participant. We hope that the dynamism of the Welcome team today remains until the end of the exchange.



The launch of this event was marked by the presence of eminences, folkloric groups, and the press

At the end of the day, we organized a cooperative meal in the ENI-DO restaurant. Starting from 20h, many different countries presented their food, including Togo, Brazil, Ivory Coast, Switzerland, Senegal, Nigeria, ... and of course Benin. The meals were attractive and appetizing and were appreciated by the participants from different horizons.

The Welcome stand



The Welcome team receives every Ridefian at the entrance



You have to wait...

The speeches

The president of the organizing committee, Edouard Dohou opens the ceremony and presents the distinguished personalities present at the 31th International Meeting of Freinet Educators. He gives the program of the 10 RIDEF days and important information for the smooth running of this event.

He then left the floor to Jean DAYE, president of the Benin Association of Modern School.

The latter in his address appreciated the work of the organization and thanked the people who supported this project to completion. He is delighted with the development of the Freinet movement in Benin.

However, he regretted the conspicuous absence of many RIDEF regulars because of its location in 2016. He wishes that future meetings on African soil will have more active participation.



"Have you noticed how your children, family or school, are wise and easier to bear when they are busy, in whole, in an activity that interests them? The problem of discipline no longer arises: just organize the work so it is exciting. "

The chair of the International Federation of Modern School Movements (FIMEM), Sadick Diaw, traced the history of the RIDEFs that were organized in Africa including that of Senegal 2006. He quoted Nelson Mandela:



"Education is the most powerful weapon that can be used to change the world"

- Nelson Mandela

Afterwards, Emmanuel Salami, the Director of the Normal School for Teachers (ENI) in Dogbo, the location of this meeting, stressed the efforts made by the government and by the ENI to make the RIDEF a success.

The mayor of Dogbo, Vincent Acakpo, continued with saying what a great honour it is for him to welcome the 31st RIDEF in Benin and specifically in

The mayor of Dogbo and the assistant director of the cabinet of the MEMP



Dogbo. Education is in a crisis at the moment in Benin, and he asks the help of the FIMEM movements. He considers education important for the development of nations. He supports an initiative that improves education. Finally, he takes the opportunity to present his town.

The ceremony was closed by Alice Mingninou, the assistant director of the cabinet of the ministry of nursery and primary education (MEMP). She officially declared the 31st RIDEF opened.

She stressed that Freinet education has its place in the Benin education system, especially in the current context of terrorism and war, which requires learning cooperation. The minister confirms the positive impact of the Freinet pedagogy on school results.

She closed with:

Long live FIMEM ! Long live ABEM !

Long live Freinet education in Africa and the world !

Long live Benin !



Folklore group



Cooperative meal



Ridefians happily sharing their cultures