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Première Université mondiale nomade, interactive et en recherche-formation- action

The first global , interactive and nomadic University for research - training - action

Pour la mise en pratique du développement durable

To implement Sustainability

The sustainability must become desirable and globality must be fruitfulness for all. To this positive imaginary, this share of "seduction" and this efficiency without which no strategy can be motivating, the world university proposes to enliven it.

Primera Universidad nómada e interactiva, centrada en la investigación - entrenamiento - acción

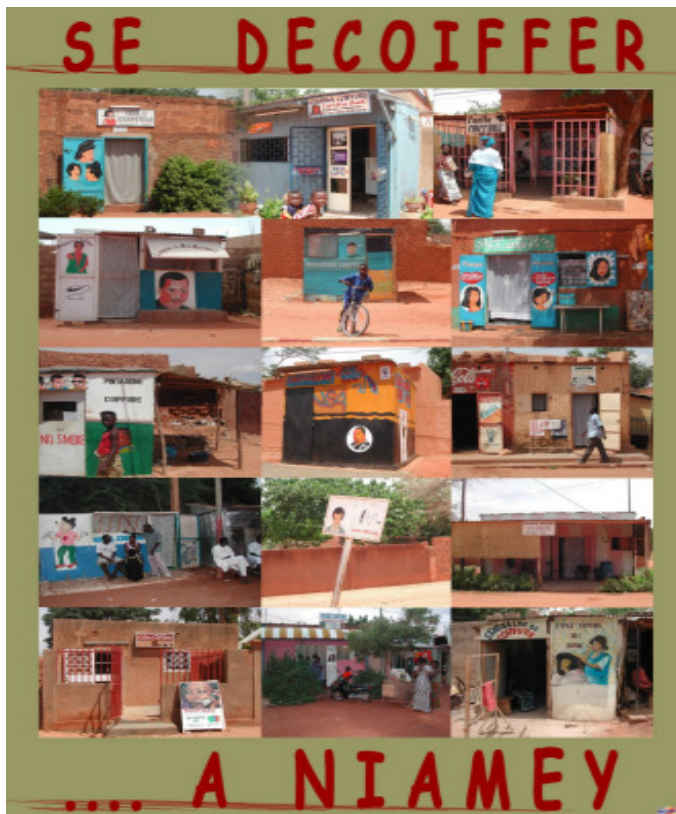
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Para poner en práctica el desarrollo sostenible

Para colocar em pratica o desenvolvimento sustentavel

FIRST NOMADIC WORLD UNIVERSITY
in research - training - action - realization to implement sustainable development

FIRST EDITION



NIAMEY - NIGER

FIRST NOMADIC WORLD UNIVERSITY which thrives to implement sustainability

The university does not deliver a diploma; it creates a mobile, flexible chain of actors, places, disciplines, professions and skills. Its resources, knowledge and expertise are put into downstream to upstream synergy for a local sustainable development project. It is defined and carried out within a scientific and ethical framework of local actors while using an intercultural, interdisciplinary, inter-sectoral and intergenerational approach.

Given that sustainable development will inevitably affect future generations, it is only natural that young people participate in this project. There are thus no "students", nor "teachers" only co-participants who train and cooperate with each other via a mutual exchange of information and experiences, within a research-action framework, i.e. action from theoretical/ conceptual research. A number of results are hoped for: concrete outcomes for local development projects, thus improving a population's status in the long run; contributions to an intercultural dialogue; and an increase in the world's collective capital of conceptual, technical and practical knowledge.

Executive Summary

NOMADIC WORLD UNIVERSITY

to implement sustainable development

- To release the local creativities, energies and undertakers , to enable the participation of local actors with expertise or entrepreneurship but lacking sufficient financial means or logistics and to achieve methodologically transposable projects of local sustainable development improving the vital needs of the local populations and global sustainability
- To promote, to develop, to protect, to integrate into the capital of world knowledge and to give value to the spirit and to the culture of deserts
- To contribute to the intercultural dialogue
- To develop and integrate world co-operative space and capital - *interdisciplinary, interprofessional, intergenerational, intercultural* - of research, formation, practices and action to implement sustainability
- To insert local projects of development in the world society of information
- To emphasize the notion of attraction and the positive conception which form the basis of sustainability and globalization. To contribute to make desirable the requirement of sustainability, to make right to the sustainable development a local reality and to return the globalisation fruitfulness for all
- To assist the private and public decision-making process by implementing integrated development projects, local project administration and training in the context of globalization of economies and information, globalization of developments and the necessity of sustainability
- To go from government to the projects development ownership and to promote local, private - public, institutions-enterprises-NGO, researcher-civilian partnerships in the governorship of local sustainable development projects

✚ This WORLD UNIVERSITY's research work opens each year in a different country. French, English and Spanish are the official languages for all written scientific communications.

✚ This WORLD UNIVERSITY's research work will be conducted over a five month preparatory period via electronic media,(based on a mobile and interactive numerical platform), plus a three-week plenary session in the host country. An intermediate, optional discovery session is also be planned (excursion focused on sustainable tourism).

✚ Each annual session leads to the definition and implementation of a concrete sustainable development project, based on the local priority needs of the host country. This project must be methodologically transposable and developed through constant interaction and co-operation of all the international and local participants.

✚ During the plenary session, the WORLD UNIVERSITY participants (practitioners, experts, academics, local authorities, decision makers, civil servants, professionals, financials, NGO, students) will undertake the following : cooperation, synergy of information and qualifications, investment in exploration, selection, study, design, evaluation, feedback and applicability of a given concrete local sustainable development project.

✚ At the end of the plenary session two working cells will be formed and work in close cooperation :

1. An 'Entrepreneurial' Cell in charge of the coordination of all aspects of project development and completion, i.e. assembly, funding, execution, follow-up, monitoring of impacts and feedbacks.
2. A 'Diffusion' Cell in charge of the diffusion, evaluation and applicability of the local sustainable development project, plus methodological transfer and theoretical / practical diffusion of the experience as a whole

✚ The monetary investment is negligible, a crucial part of the monetary costs relating to the setting up and operation of the plenary session.

✚ Niger will be the host country for the WORLD UNIVERSITY's first annual session, (University of Niamey campus). Nigerian's highest authorities have already agreed in principle.

The choice of Niger as host country for the first session of the World University

Hosting the first session of a World University in a world university without resources, but not talent, and in a country where a creative population makes do with little, represents one of the stakes of the project. Conception in sustainable development is a challenge for the globalization of development and for the fruitfulness and ethical relevance of the concept of sustainability, on which depends the utility of globalization.

The choice of Niger illustrates the universality of the concept. It is the positive expression of the globalization of human activities and ethics which require efficient «mutualisation», knowledge and know-how, and success of the geographical, professional and disciplinary decompartmentalization of the actions, activities and actors.

Statistically, Niger is considered amongst the poorest countries of the world. Furthermore, French (and not one of the native languages) is the country's official language. It also contains several ethnic groups and is in a recovery phase following a lengthy conflict between the State and one of the local communities. Moreover, among these ethnic groups is the Tuareg community whose desert culture, which is simultaneously one of limits and humility, *the local*, is also one of great spaces, without proximities, partitions and borders other than itself, *the global*.

The highest authorities of Niger have in principle agreed to host the first plenary session of this World University on the University of Niamey campus.

Course of the first World University

- ✘ The World University is held in **2 compulsory sessions**, plus **1 intermediate and optional session** (a trip focused on sustainable tourism) and is completed by the setting up of **2 permanent cells**: the "Entrepreneurial" Cell and the Scattering Cell.
- ✘ the Opening Session, *an incubation session* is centered on the broad priority topics of development, the Plenary Session is centered on the priority projects of local development and their finalizations.
- ✘ **the official languages** of written work will be the language of the host country, French, English and Spanish. The official spoken languages will be the language of the host country, English and French.
- ✘ Approximately 100 motivated and qualified participants will be selected through dossier from all countries, including local participants, and from all professional sectors.
- ✘ The travel expenses (within the limit of 1200 €) and lodging (in the home of local people which the organizers will assist in financing) of the participants in the Plenary Session will be borne by the Organizers.
- ✘ 40 € registration expenses will be paid by the foreign participants.
- ✘ Free Auditors can be allowed in Plenary Session.
Registration charges for non residents : 140 €. There will be no registration fees for the residents.

FIRST SESSION: STAGE OF EXPLORATION, FORMATION AND INCUBATION

duration:5 months

During this stage information, testimonies, experiences and financial statement analyses, problems and the needs of the host country on broad topics retained by the Partnership Committee for Orientation and Ethics will be electronically circulated publicly.

The residents of the host country will be the principal source of local information and testimonies.

A free public Internet Center will be opened in the city of Niamey and Agades in Niger.

non-exhaustive and not hierarchical list

**INDICATIVE LIST AND PROVISIONAL BROAD TOPICS
RETAINED FOR ELECTONIC SESSION**

Justifications in the finalized version of the project

1. **Water : provisioning, cleansing**
2. **Waste sustainable treatment**
3. **Regional planning and protection of the desert and its populations**
4. **Creation of female-oriented jobs**
5. **Education**
6. **Artisanal activities and eco-industrial connections**
7. **Fight against urban poverty**
8. **Sustainable tourism -Valorization of the resources and the native inheritance**
9. **Transportation**
10. **Health**

The approximate duration of this stage is 5 months starting from the final development of the program of the World University by the Partnership Committee of Orientation and Ethics.

During this incubation period, in addition to the permanent interactive numerical meetings, physical thematic decentralized but coordinated and crossed meetings are envisaged.

Official invitations specifying the conditions and the procedures of participation and the broad topics of studies retained will be launched to the potential participants at least **two months** before the launch of the Course Training and Incubation Session. The official invitation specifies the mode of contribution, the time frames and the framework of intervention of the Incubation and Plenary Sessions.

Once, the participants are selected and connected electronically to the network, and with the local actors, **working groups are formed during the second month which will concentrate on the broad topics retained by the Partnership Committee of Orientation and Ethics.** The Committee will indicate the animators and the organization methods of the working groups.

Parallel to the exchanges inside the groups and between them, a second electronic line will allow public debates with Non-Participants.

The objectives of the working groups will be to identify projects of sustainable development and to study their conditions of realization by using profitable competences of the participants.

At the end the fourth month, a debated short list of concrete local development priority projects must be drawn up. Workshops set up henceforth by project will have to operationally set up the selected projects, discuss amongst themselves and local actors and accompany them with recommendations. The final short list of the adopted projects will have to obtain the **approval of the Committee Partnership of Orientation and Ethics.**

This list of concrete projects is subject to the work of the Plenary Session.

OPTIONAL SESSION DECOUVERTE (stay in sustainable tourism)

Duration : 8 days

This session lasts twelve days and will be scheduled on the with variable and adaptable dates, fixed according to the effective dates of the two other sessions, the appropriateness of the calendar and the request of the participants. It may be held before, during or between Sessions or immediately after the Plenary Session.

A trip (with additional costs) focused on sustainable tourism in Niger is proposed to the participants of the World University by "Vie et Développement", a Nigerien NGO, which is partner of the project of World University (program and conditions : see an example on www.apreis.org). In addition to its entertaining dimension, the objective is to establish links between participants and the local population and to better match the learning experience to the reality of the host country of the First World University.

"PHYSICAL" PLENARY SESSION

duration : 18 days

This is a three week session open to the participants of the Investigation and Incubation Session and to foreign and local auditors.

It relates on the identification of concrete projects of local development priority to realize and the implementation of the operational conditions for its finalization.

The work-load is on average 5 hours per day, with two days per week off. The participants will be lodged at local residents homes (with financial support from the organizers) during the largest part of the stay.

The general meetings of work, the workshops, the debates, the exchanges with the local actors, the public conferences, the visits and the excursions (paying) will alternate during the first two weeks.

The three week duration is necessary in order to produce high quality work. It is also a selective criterion which will require from the participants real motivation, and commitment.

The **first two weeks** aim at creating a **concrete dynamics** and **field attachment**. They will be devoted to the presentation and to the discussion of the development projects, **their issues, their priority** and examination of their **feasibility**. These discussions will transpire amongst the participants and, within the framework of open public meetings and field meetings, between the participants and non-participating local actors.

At the end of the two week period, the Plenary Session must adopt a transposable project or a convergent group of development projects based on local priority needs.

The **third week** takes on a **technical and professional orientation**, and is devoted to the operational development of strategy, technique, implementation and project management as agreed upon with the local actors. This session is completed by the set up of :

- an **"Entrepreneurial" Cell** in charge of the coordination of all the chain of development of the project and its finalization: local assembly, financing, realization, follow-up, impacts,

and

- the **Experience and Feedbacks from the Diffusion Cell**, in charge of the diffusion, evaluation and transposability of the local development project, methodological and conceptual transfers, and practical scattering of the experiment as a whole.

The official languages of the plenary session are French and English. Translators will be at the disposal of the participants when needed. A simultaneous translation is possible for certain general meetings.



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APREIS IDENTITY CARD

Objectives

APREIS is a Laboratory-Network created in January 2002 by the French non profit NGO EPIC. It is :

- An international laboratory of scientific researches, that is nomad, flexible and based on a numerical platform. It is also a civil source of information, proposals, initiatives, studies and projects to implement sustainable development.
- An international, intersectoral, interdisciplinary, interprofessional, intercultural, and interactional network of experts and researchers that join together to develop a world cooperative space of research - actions concerning sustainability.
- A location for : the transfer of information and competences, the promotion of self-expression and involvement of young people and women in general, the rise of civil society proposals. It is also a venue to assist public and private decision-making on ethical investment, fair trade, sustainable tourism, global prevention of environmental risks, technological trajectories of sustainability, strategies to achieve sustainable development, alternative means of transportation, industrial ecology, spontaneous popular economy, social integration, world co-operations, culture dynamics and intercultural partnerships, regional solidarities, organizational patterns of local self-government and governance patterns in general.

Commentaire [S1]:

Commentaire [S2]: