

AfriCAN Exchange and planning workshop of the CBR National Network

From 07 to 08 December 2018 was held in Lomé at the Hibiscus Hall of Agora Senghor, an exchange and planning workshop of the CBR National Network that brought together different actors of CBR, defined as Community Based Rehabilitation. The workshop was facilitated by a disabled woman resource person.

The word of welcome was delivered by the represent of PITR / CBR, who focused on the 1978 Alma Ata declaration that resulted in the first CBR / WHO strategy. Followed by the Vice-President of CAN. She said that CAN was created in 2001 in Uganda. Uganda is home to the CAN Secretariat.

She also added that CAN is present in 42 African countries and is also present in Latin America and Asia Pacific, leading to the creation of the CBR Global Network in 2012. CAN also has a website and is present on social networks. She was followed respectively by the represent of the Plan Togo International Representative

Mr. SABOUTEY, and the representative of the Minister of Health and Civil Protection and



finally the President of FETAPH. The workshop continued with presentations on good practices of CBR projects in Togo followed by debates. The presentation series was opened by Mrs. ALAKA Adjoa of Plan International Togo on Community-Based Rehabilitation of Children and Young People with Disabilities. The other



presentations were that of PITR represented by Mr. KOULONG Appisi-piè, Project Manager Mother and Me without Handicap in Togo. After a background and definition of the project, he then defined the objectives of the project. Mrs. ALLOKPENOU Clémence Coordinator of the Support Program for the Inclusion of Children and Young People with Disabilities in Society. The presentations were closed by CBM projects in Togo

Mr. ZOUMANA Zamo, former CAN President and Regional Councilor CBM, was the next to be heard. He informed the audience about the transition from CBR to DIBC that he defined as Community-Based Inclusive Development. He added that the idea of the transition was born in September 2016 but it was only effective in March 2018. Points were noted regarding the commitment and contribution to the BIC. Finally, he urged the Togolese network to prepare well for the participation in the CBR World Congress to be held in 2020 in Uganda and the next CAN Conference, which will probably take place in Togo.

The afternoon of 07 December and the day of 08 December marking the continuation and the end of the workshop were dedicated to group

work. Three groups were formed to review the texts of the network and make their various contributions. A coordinating committee to finalize the rules of procedure, the action plan, the advocacy plan and prepare for the next CAN conference has been set up. The committee has 7 members namely PITR, FETAPH, Plan International, DPH, CBM, ONATEPH and Inclusive Education Thematic Group. It was proposed two rotating positions of Coordinator and Rapporteur elected for a two-year term renewable once.

The work was closed with an evaluation on the presentation, participation, animation, facilitation, crossroads, reception, and assessments. Most participants were satisfied overall.

