

## Africa 2023 Report

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2023 was our second year of experience as CECA coordinator in Africa. It's a year of challenges in terms of the tasks we were responsible for.

### • DEVELOPMENT OF CECA IN AFRICA

The first challenge, which was to extend the CECA in Africa, was almost a success.

First at ICOM Burkina Faso, the number of CECA members has considerably improved by around ten.

Then, at the level of the national committee of Mali with the national correspondent Mamadou Samaké, there were new registered members. In addition, at the level of ICOM Côte d'Ivoire, Charlène Kossonou also registered new members, as well as within ICOM Kenya with the national correspondent Vivian KINOTI.

Furthermore, the number of national correspondents increased by two with the arrival of the national correspondent of Togo Dr Ekoé KUEVIAKOE, Member ICOM TOGO and that of Benin Mister Abdoulaye IMOROU, Curator, Treasurer ICOM Benin. This was possible thanks to the communication that I led on the CECA during the sub-regional training workshop on illicit trafficking in cultural property held from July 3 to 7, 2023 at Ouidah (Benin).

It should be noted that other committees have been prospected and soon the "dream team" will increase further.

### • MOBILIZATION OF MEMBERS AROUND SOCIAL NETWORKS

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The second challenge was to mobilize members around a social network platform in order to conduct discussions and share information. Thus, our WhatsApp group has registered new members from both sides of African countries. The discussions are pleasant and information is shared. A new group bringing together the correspondents and the coordinator was also created

### • PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The dark task of the year was the failure to implement a structuring project. Efforts were made by Marie Clarté and Nicole Gesche König to support me in the development of a project to submit to SAREC following the call for projects: Solidarity

in times of crisis. Unfortunately, the project was not accepted. In addition, the project to organize a workshop in Africa also failed.

Note the participation of our members in the Best practice award. At least three countries (Burkina Faso, Kenya, Ivory Coast) presented a Best Practice project but there too, there was no winner on the African side.

- **CECA annual conference in Singapore**



The 2023 annual conference held in Singapore from November 20 to 24, 2023 did not see the participation of any member of our network in Africa. According to the latest news, only Mrs. Viviane Amoin N'Guessan, curator at the Museums of Civilizations of Côte d'Ivoire was able to take part with the support of her supervisory ministry.

**The dream team**, as we are nicknamed on the CECA website, is gradually moving forward with the commitment of all its members and that is to be welcomed!

