WORLDWIDE SYMPOSIUM ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

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Characteristics of the OAPI system

- Uniform Law;
- Common Office for the 17 Member States;
- Centralized procedures;
- Registration of trademark, patent, plant variety, Design.

Geographical indication

Since 1962

Our 17 member States... with 200 million inhabitants

A land of real Business Opportunities.
SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBER STATES THROUGH THE STRATEGIC USE OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS.

Cooperation was the key support of GI development in OAPI members state

More partnership on GI project multiply by 6 the number of registered products in a shorter period
4 Products under technical study for registration
- Bingou Stones (*Gabon*)
- Ylang Ylang (*Comoroes*)
- Poutargue de Mouadibou (*Mauritania*)
- Fromage Wagashi (*Benin*)

8 registered Products
- Penja Pepper (*Cmr*)
- OKU White honey (*Cmr*)
- Ziama Macenta Coffee (*Guinée*)
- Ananas pain de Sucre (*Benin*)
- Echalotte de Biandiagara (*Mali*)
- Oignon violet de Galmi (*Niger*)
- Kilichi (*Niger*)
- Chapeau de Sapone (*BF*)

9 Products on registration process
- Baronne de Guinée
- Cacao Rouge du Cameroun
- Gari Sohoui de Savalou
- Huile d’Agonlin (*Benin*)
- Pagne Baoulé (*C. I*)
- Attieké des Lagunes (*C.I*)
- Riz de Kovié (*Togo*)
- Madd de Casamance (*Snl*)
- Café de Maan (*CI*)
Chapeau de Sapone

Attieké des Lagunes

Giving value to cultural and traditional product
**IMPACT OF GI PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**Social and economic**  
**EX: Penja pepper**

- Price increase of nearly 86% in the production area;
- Incomes increased for farmers, around 25 to 50 new hectares of penja pepper are planted each year;
- Jobs were created. Around 1500 people;
- More markets for Penja Pepper in Europe and Africa;

**Human Ressource Development**  
**Ex: Africa Gi training**. Developing national expertise in Members state to conduct Gi registration process (Mali, Cote d’Ivoire, Cameroon)

**Political engagement**  
Project of labeling and promoting local quality product by members state with their national budget are increasing (Ex Burkina Faso. A fabric, made from non-genetically modified heavy cotton yarn, with an annual revenue potential estimated at more than 77 million of Euro)
CHALLENGES ON GI SUPPORT

- Investment on GI sustainability
- Control
- Access to Market
- Branding
- Complementary cooperation

Support adapted to the needs of GI producers

Processss

Type of funding
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!