

A Guinean Delegation visits UNAFRI Secretariat



Guinean Delegation:

Sitting L- R: Director- General of the Institute, Dr. Tall Aguibou; Madam Dieng Manthia, an officer from the Institute; Dr. Masamba Sita, Director/ Head of Mission, UNAFRI and Dr. Alhas Maicibi, Research and Policy Development Advisor, UNAFRI during the Guinean delegation visit.

The Secretariat of UNAFRI received a delegation from the “Institut Itinerant de Formation et de Prevention Integrees Contre la Drouge et autres Conduites addictives” (I.I.F.P.I.D.C.A), a governmental organization from the Ministry of Education, Republic of Guinea, from the 12 - 15 March, 2008.

The Director General of the Institute, Dr. Tall Aguiboh, led the delegation that also included Madam Dieng Manathia.

Receiving the delegation in his office, the Head of Mission of UNAFRI, Dr Masamba Sita, said the purpose of the mission visit was to explore possibility of collaboration on practical means of implementing joint activities between the two organizations with the provision to include other agencies in the region.

Further, the visit explored ways of appealing to the government of the Republic of Guinea for the necessary support on any project related to crime prevention in the country.

During their 3-day visits, a number of opportunities and possible avenues for cooperation were discussed. These included incorporating

the Ministry of Education, Republic of Guinea. In the crime prevention agenda as it contributes to prevention of crime.

In order to formalize the cooperation between the two institutions, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was agreed. A draft of this MOU was presented to each party for consideration and finalization in due course.

Both parties indicated their interests in pursuit of the new strategies relating to cooperation with other organizations, as a way of mobilizing sustainable support for their programmes from Member States.

The meeting also agreed to process the necessary protocols to formalize the cooperation with the organizations in Conakry to give due attention to the impending project of UNAFRI as a Centre of Excellence for Member States.

In his response, the Head of Delegation, Dr. T. Aguiboh expressed satisfaction with the programmes that exist and are projected for implementation by the Institute.

He showed optimism at the opportunities for enhanced collaboration between his organization and UNAFRI and pledged to contact relevant authorities in Conakry to respond to the Institute's call for support.