

## **UNAFRI Director Visits Kinshasa**

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The UNAFRI Director/Head of Mission Dr. Masamba Sita made a consultative mission visit to DRC during the month of February 2009. On 16/02/2009, he made a courtesy call to his Excellency the Minister of Interior and Security, Mr. Mbuyu Kabangu. He was accompanied by the Minister of State and the Chief of Staff (Directeur Du Cabinet) of the Ministry. He had the opportunity to inform the meeting about a number of activities of the Institute with the possibility of implementing some of them in Democratic Republic of Congo, specifically focusing on programmes to respond to Juvenile Delinquency.

The UNAFRI Director was briefed about the problem of youth joining the Martial Clubs in order to intimidate people in the streets of Kinshasa, a phenomenon locals refer to as “KULUNA”. These are well trained young people in martial arts and are a potential hazard to urban safety.

The Head of Mission assured the Minister that UNAFRI will assist through specific initiatives meant to curb this form of delinquency by the youth.

### **Visit to Foreign Affairs on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 9.00 am**

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UNAFRI Director also had the opportunity to pay a courtesy call to His Excellency Thambwe Mwamba, The Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In their meeting, he briefed the Minister about UNAFRI and drew his attention to the obligations of Democratic Republic of Congo as a signed up Member State to UNAFRI. In response, the Minister

promised to take the needed measures to fulfill DRC’s obligations to UNAFRI.



*L-R H.E. Thambwe Mwamba and Dr. Masamba Sita (UNAFRI)*

## **The meeting with Vice Prime Minister**

It had been planned that a meeting be held with Vice Prime Minister in charge of Interior, Security and Defense at 1.00pm but this meeting was cancelled due to unforeseen commitments involving the Vice Prime Minister.

## **Meeting with the Head of Correctional Administration.**

Later in the afternoon, he held further discussions with the Head of Correctional Administration Mr. Ngoma Madiki, who was accompanied by his colleagues Mr. Mbalira Pyana Katamba (Director Production Department), Colonel Masenge Ndombe Pierre (Director of Military Prisons), Zianda Kombana (Rapporteur) and Mr. Bumba Jackson (Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

In the meeting with Correctional officers and Police, they agreed on a proposal to pay a visit to the Institute (UNAFRI) and attend the training sessions organized by UNAFRI for the Personnel of the two Institutions (Police and Correctional Officers), scheduled for May, 2009. [See the photos below for more details.](#)



*L-R Dr. Masamba Sita, Mr. Mbalira Pyana, Mr. Ngoma Madiki, Mr. Zianda Kombana, Colonel Masenge Ndombe..*

A group photo was taken at the end of the meeting as shown below.



*L-R Colonel Masenge Ndombi, Mr. Mbalira Pyana, Dr. Masamba Sita, Mr. Ngoma Madiki, Mr. Zianda Kombana & Mr. Bumba Jackson.*

### **Meeting with Deputy Inspector General of Police.**

In a related development, The Director/ Head of Mission UNAFRI, had the opportunity to meet with the Deputy Inspector General, in Charge of Logistics, They discussed the problem of Juvenile Delinquency in Kinshasa

among other issues emphasising the phenomenon of “KULUNA” which had already been discussed with His Excellency the Minister of Interior and Security. Both parties indicated that, this was a very serious problem against the society because the members of these gangs were using white arms (Pangas, Knives, Petrol bombs, Bottles, Stones) and many other dangerous objects to kill their victims even during the day.

### **Meeting with the Second Vice President of the Senate**

The Director was received by Hon. Mario Phillippe Losembe, The second Vice president of the Senate.



*L-R: Dr. Masamba Sita (Director UNAFRI), Mr. Jackson of (Foreign Affairs) and Hon. Mario Losembe (Senate)*

The Director took this opportunity to introduce UNAFRI to the Honourable Member of the Senate and indicated that UNAFRI was one of the four United Nations Regional Institutes mandated with implementing programmes for Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders. He requested the Honorable Senator for strong support from DRC and urged for collaboration with government departments dealing with Crime prevention and treatment of offenders.

The Honorable Senator promised to forward the request to the Senate for consideration.