

## YABINAPA AT UNIVERSITÉ DES MONTAGNES (UdM)



**Campus at Banekane, Bangangté, West Cameroon**

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## **Context**

From March 8-11, a DAAD event under the theme “Empowering Women in Science to Develop Entrepreneurial Skills” took place in Bangangté, West region of Cameroon.

As part of this conference, the DAAD Information Center in Yaoundé and YaBiNaPA SDG Graduate School (as project funded by the DAAD) were received at Université des Montagnes (private university) to present both the organization and the project as opportunity givers for scientists. Thus, the manager’s presentation focused on YaBiNaPA’s mission, its relationship to the SDGs which it integrates 7, the target groups of the project. In the same as the event’s theme that about (female) scientists and entrepreneurship, Ms. Amaleke showed *how* YaBiNaPA makes sure, while training young researchers, i.e. PhD students, that they are equipped to face the postdoc period in case they have no opportunity to be employed at the university or in companies. Her presentation was entitled: “YaBiNaPA: Equipping young researchers for the postdoc period”.

## **About Université des Montagnes – Udm**

Udm is a relatively young university since it was created in 2000. It consists of three faculties:

- The Faculty of Health Sciences which is headed by Prof. Pascal Chuisseu (see picture 8) and which comprises, among others, the following departments: human medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy, agronomy (plants and animals). Those are domains in which the natural product knowledge can be applied,
- The Faculty of Sciences and Technology, whose dean is a female scientist, Prof. Claude Marie Ngabireng, and
- The Institute for African Studies, Social Sciences and Management (IEASSM) headed by Prof. Ernest-Marie Mbonda (see picture 4).

To date, the population of Udm is estimated at 2500 students coming from all the 10 regions of the country but also from at least 10 other African countries. Concerning the Faculty of Health Sciences which converge with the vision of YaBiNaPA and according to the stats on the university’s website, it has trained 748 doctors, 273 pharmacists, 105 dental surgeons, and 59 veterinarians. As we can see, Udm is a growing university and as such a potential partner institution for YaBiNaPA. However, the modalities of this eventual future collaboration are still to define.

## Some pictures of the event



*Pictures 1 and 2 : Students of Université des Montagnes (UdM). They are almost all from the Faculty of Health Sciences. On picture 1, standing, DAAD alumna Dr. Liliane Ngawa who facilitated our visit on their campus*



Picture 3: DAAD alumnus Dr. Leonard Tedong, second facilitator of our visit at UdM



Picture 4: Prof. Ernest-Marie Mbonda, lecturer, director of the Institute for African Studies, Social Sciences and Management (IEASSM) at the UdM, and Vice-President in charge of the teaching and research in the same university, thanking the DAAD for their visit and introducing the presentations



Picture 5: From the left to the right – Dr. Lucie Maffo, former student of the universities of Marburg and Heidelberg; Mr. Mathias Donfouet, program manager at the DAAD Information Center in Yaoundé; Dr. Liliane Djouaka, chair of the organizing committee and lecturer at the University of Bamenda, she presented at YaBiNaPA’s last event at the University of Douala in September 2021; and Ms. Amaleke, Network Manager at YaBiNaPA



Picture 6: Ms. Amaleke presenting YaBiNaPA. Some important statements: “PhD holders do not longer belong solely to the academia”, “YaBiNaPA stands for the proper, it means, sustainable exploitation of medicinal plants”, “The valorization of medicinal plants cannot be achieved by a single group of individuals. So, at YaBiNaPA, we strongly believe in networking and collaboration.”



Picture 7: Different groups are represented on this picture: Actors of the private and public sector, PhD students, and YaBiNaPA of course!



Picture 8: New contacts for new partnerships. From the left to the right – Prof. Pascal Chuisseu, Dr. Leonard Tedong, and Dr. Liliane Ngawa, all lecturers at UdM