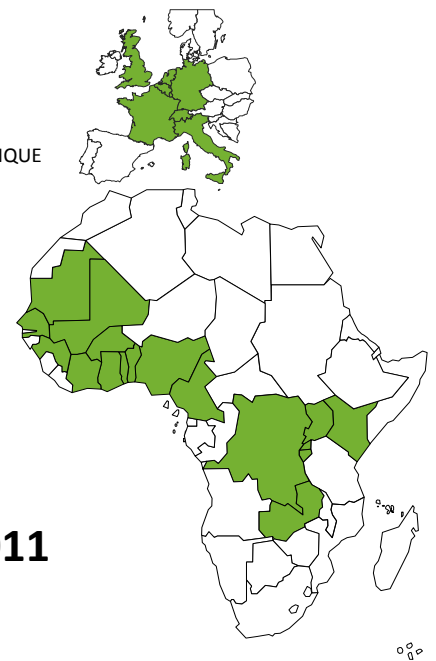




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Our challenges

Further development of IDAY now depends on its capacity to meet 4 major challenges :

1. Bring some African governments to act on the network's advocacy for education for all. We must, for instance, obtain from the Burundian Government that it adopts and implements the law on the domestic workers; from Togolese authorities, that they integrate the FES scheme into its national education strategy, etc.

2. Disseminate *Artemisia annua* in several countries as a way to fight malaria, in the same line as the successful Kenyan pilot project initiated in 2010. We know that malaria is a severe public health issue and that it has adverse effects on the quality of education (absenteeism, weakening of people affected). Yet, current anti-malaria approaches are too expensive and hardly accessible to local populations. It has also been demonstrated that the *Artemisia annua* tea is more effective than drugs. IDAY must take advantage of its ability to experiment *Artemisia annua* in various African countries and to foster appropriation of the plant by local populations.

3. IDAY's European coalitions must seriously participate in the network and conform to its action principles, especially by focusing more on supporting and collaborating with African IDAY members, and on collective advocacy. IDAY has to demonstrate that a real balanced partnership between African and European partners is working.

4. All IDAY coalitions must follow the excellence rule (meetings starting on time, timely sending of agendas and minutes, equitable participation in meetings and trips, financial accounts properly kept, transparency and honest presentation of results, etc). The NGO market is saturated: only those displaying rigorous and efficient procedures will emerge.

IDAY has expanded spectacularly since it was launched 5 years ago. Time has come to demonstrate the soundness of our approach based on advocacy and constructive dialogue with the governments. We must succeed in the coming two years in providing quality education (formal or informal) to a significant number of vulnerable children and youngsters. It is up to us all to meet these challenges.

Jean-Jacques Schul
President

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IDAY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010

After the 3 IDAY Regional Assemblies held in June and July 2010 in Senegal, Kenya and Belgium, IDAY-International held its General Assembly 2010 virtually from 1st to 23rd December 2010.

22 national coalitions out of the 24 members took part in this consultation coordinated by IDAY's International Secretariat. Network members reviewed the activities of the past year, approved the accounts and Evaluation Report 2009-2010, and decided on the network's programme for 2010-2011. The General Assembly also appointed or reappointed several people to the Board and voted on a number of amendments to the statutes of association.

The new Board held a first virtual consultation in February 2011, during which its members chose to prolong the mandate of Jean-Jacques Schul as President of the Board. A new Management Committee will be proposed to the Board for the daily management of the network's activities at international level.

Members of the Board of Directors

Appointed / reappointed (2011-2012):

Mr Akelo Maurice Misori
Mr Paul Bayiké
Mr Kenneth Nana Amoateng
Mr Jean-Jacques Schul
Mr Sileye Gorbali Sy
Mr Dotsè David Kodjovi Amouzou
Mr Frédéric van den Abeele
Mr Adamou Fehou
Mrs Pilar Pineiro Perez

Ongoing mandates (2009-2011):

Mr Fred Kakembo
Mr Bernabé Ollo Kambou
Mr Collins Mutanga
Mrs Yemisi Sanusi
Mrs Salomé Ngaba Zogo

2011 WORLD SOCIAL FORUM | 6th - 11th FEBRUARY 2011, DAKAR

IDAY-Senegal and IDAY-Mauritania participated in the 2011 World Social Forum held in Dakar from 6th to 11th February. The Forum brought together participants from civil society around the world to reflect on current social and developmental challenges.

Members of the two coalitions have held a joint booth and participated in various sessions relating to the issue of education.

Children wearing the IDAY T-shirt participate in the march organised during the Forum.



EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT DAYS | 6th - 7th DECEMBER 2010, BRUSSELS

The IDAY network participated in the 5th edition of the European Development Days on 6th and 7th December 2010 in Brussels.

In addition to holding a booth, members of the Management Committee attended various lectures on topics such as aid efficiency and local actors' accountability, children's rights in development policies and the role of civil society. Attending this event contributed to give greater visibility to the IDAY network and to present its work to other European development stakeholders.

eudevdays.eu



NEWS FROM IDAY NATIONAL COALITIONS

- MAURITANIA** Procedure ongoing for the official recognition of the coalition as an association.
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- GHANA** Official recognition of IDAY-Ghana coalition as an association.
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- BURUNDI**
- Election of a new Management Committee composed of Mrs Goreth KANYANGE (president), Mr P. Justin NKUNZIMANA (vice president), Mrs Teccla KABUYE (treasurer), Mr T. Claude HARUSHIMANA (secretary general), Mr Adrien VYAMUNGU (deputy secretary general) and Mr Johnson HAVYARIMANA (deputy treasurer).
 - Inauguration of IDAY-Burundi's national office in Bujumbura on 22nd February 2011.
 - Meeting with the Ministre of Labour and support by the Belgian Ambassador, His Excellency Jozef Smets, for the programme on domestic workers.
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- UGANDA** Integration of the IDAY-Uganda coalition in governmental consultations on women's rights and protection of young domestic workers.
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- CAMEROON** Constitutive General Assembly of IDAY-Cameroon in Yaounde held on 19th January 2011. The members adopted the statutes of the coalition and set up a Management Committee composed of Mrs Salome NGABA ZOGO (president), Mr Paul Bayike (vice president), and Dr Ferdinand NGOH and Marie Louise NOUBISSE (advisors).

IDAY-INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Burkina Faso

IDAY-International's president, Jean-Jacques Schul, and coordinator, Noelle Garcin, paid a visit to the IDAY-Burkina Faso coalition from 6th to 13th February 2011. This mission had 3 goals: meet IDAY-Burkina Faso members, update on the coalition and the establishment of the national office in 2011; follow-up on ongoing dossiers for the Projects Bank; make contacts for the launch of experimental cultures of *Artemisia annua* by IDAY members.

With the president of the coalition, Bernabe Olo Kambou, and other members of the Management Committee, 2 meetings were held with coalition members in Ouagadougou and Gaoua during which participants were able to discuss various aspects of IDAY's activities. The mission was also an opportunity to meet with several institutions and organisations active in the field of education. This contributed to inform on the coalition and to identify some courses of action for closer collaboration between IDAY-Burkina Faso and other stakeholders. 4 structures (associations, researchers, traditional leader and community schools) were contacted to initiate experimental *Artemisia annua* cultures in different regions of the country at the beginning of the coming rainy season (April 2011). The process under way to launch a rural community radio project was suspended because of an unresolved dispute involving one of the promoters of the project. In the meantime, IDAY-Burkina Faso is developing a literacy and vocational training project for children and young 'garibous' (talibés) based on the ZIP model (Zero Illiteracy Program).

The mission concluded that the establishment of a national office in the early months of 2011 is essential to monitor and deploy the coalition's activities, give greater visibility and enable better integration in decision-making processes at all levels (local, national, regional).

Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda

On the occasion of the IDAY conference on domestic workers held in Bujumbura in late November 2010, Jean-Jacques Schul, Frédéric van den Abeele and Daniel Wilberz have made brief visits to Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.

In Burundi, they met with the Belgian Ambassador to inform him of IDAY-Burundi's advocacy for the passage of a law to protect domestic workers, and met with coalition members.

The team met in Uganda with the new national coordinator, Ms Reginah Namakula, and visited several projects financed via the IDAY Project Bank (*see below*).



IDAY-Ouganda meeting.

In Rwanda, the team found a dynamic coalition willing to engage actively in the two programs launched by IDAY in the region, eg the legal recognition and training of domestic workers and the dissemination of *Artemisia annua*.

Next IDAY-International missions:
Bénin, Ghana, Nigéria
(2nd quarter 2011)

PROJECT BANK

9 new projects were submitted since September 2010, of which 4 have already been published:

- Extension of Nalinya Bright Future primary school (Uganda)
- Extension of the installation of Jiko energy saving stoves in schools of the Kibare slum (Kenya)
- Pilot project for the dissemination of *Artemisia annua* against malaria (6 countries)
- Extension of the rainwater harvesting, storage and use (Uganda)

Since September 2010, over € 93,000 of funding was received for projects published by IDAY.

Each project includes a commission (5-10%) to cover the operating costs and advocacy activities of the IDAY national office.

During their mission in Uganda in November 2010, members of the Management Committee visited two projects published and funded through the Project Bank: an initiative to promote girls' education in northern Uganda, and the renovation of Nalinya Bright Future primary school in the slums of Kampala.



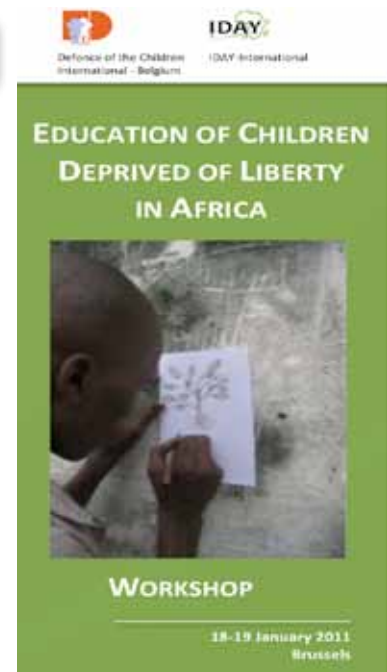
Like most schools in the slums of Kampala, Nalinya Bright Future primary school is run by teachers without any public funding. The renovation, funded by Foundation Croix du Sud, cost € 3000.



MATO's 'Girls' Education' project responds innovatively to a common problem in Africa: the exclusion from school of girls during the period of their menstruations. Funding: Association Femmes d'Europe and Foundation Croix du Sud.

MINORS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY | 18th - 19th JANUARY 2011, BRUSSELS

A seminar on *Education of Juveniles Deprived of freedom in Africa* took place on 18th and 19th January 2011 in the City Hall of Brussels. Organized by IDAY-International and Defence of Children International (DCI)-Belgium, this two-day workshop intended to highlight the lack of respect of the right to education of children and young people deprived of liberty in Africa, to examine the practical contingencies that should be overcome to promote the rights of these youngsters - including the right to access to quality basic education -, to foster better coordination between all stakeholders (European as much as African) and to conceive ways to help coordinate and strengthen the relationship between African organisations and their governments.



The seminar, which was designed as a first step in a dynamic focused on African stakeholders, targeted European stakeholders (public and non-governmental) engaged on this issue in order to know their approaches and explore their willingness to develop a coordinated action in support to African actors.

The various discussions and workshops led to a series of conclusions and policy recommendations (available on www.iday.org).

Regional conference for the regularisation in labour laws and the training of domestic workers in East and Central Africa | 22nd - 23rd November 2010, Bujumbura, Burundi

Under IDAY's regional programme for the regularisation and professional training of domestic workers, IDAY-Burundi and IDAY-International organized a regional seminar on 22nd and 23rd November 2010 in Bujumbura. This event brought together members of the IDAY network from Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia, Kenya and DRC as well as representatives of several organisations interested in the issue, including the International Labour Office (ILO) and UNICEF. Representatives of the Burundian authorities and the Belgian Ambassador to Burundi also participated in the seminar. Its purpose was to review the situation of domestic work in the various countries represented, the ongoing ILO process towards the adoption of an international convention for the recognition and protection of domestic work, and discuss various elements of the regional program initiated by members of IDAY from 5 East and Central African countries.



A class of the vocational literacy centre run by the association Twese Twoterimbere.

In conclusion to the seminar, the participants drew a series of recommendations concerning the identification and visibility of domestic workers, the regularisation of their situation by adoption of national regulation instruments and the integration of the international convention under preparation, as well as the necessary role of civil society to defend the rights of these people. These recommendations are available on www.iday.org.

IDAY-Burundi presented its ongoing efforts to pass a law including domestic work in national labour laws. This initiative builds on the work carried out since several years by the association Convergence pour l'Autodéveloppement des Domestiques (CAD) or 'Twese Twoterimbere', a member of the IDAY coalition that runs the Center for Vocational Training offering literacy and vocational training classes to over 600 domestic workers in Burundi. Its purpose is to give domestic workers a chance to access to education and enhance their work as a profession in its own right. A visit to the centre enabled the participants to discover the centre's approach and operating system.



Documentary

The production team went to Burundi, Rwanda and DRC from 16th February until 7th March 2011 to shoot the scenes.

This documentary is intended to support other components of the IDAY programme for the recognition and training of domestic workers. In particular, it aims at documenting:

- The working conditions in each of the project's countries to highlight the complex and transnational nature of this phenomenon in Africa and the impact it has on the rights of children and young workers involved (including their right to education);
- The positioning of the authorities and the views of IDAY, UNICEF, ILO representatives, etc.;
- The vocational literacy center of CAD (Burundi) and similar initiatives in Kigali (CLADHO centre) and Kinshasa (Bokolisi center for girls and single mothers working as domestic servants);
- The experience of some domestic workers who attended these courses and are now still working as domestic workers or evolved to other jobs in Burundi and Rwanda.

Survey

IDAY continues its efforts to find technical and financial partners to conduct surveys of domestic workers in countries covered by the programme. These surveys were developed jointly by IDAY-Burundi and academic specialists associated to IDAY-Kenya.

WOMEN AND GIRLS' EDUCATION

As in previous years, IDAY encourages its members in Africa and Europe to participate in the Global Campaign for Education (GCE, www.campaignforeducation.org), an international advocacy and awareness movement on Education for All (EFA). In 2011, the campaign's theme is **Women and Girls' Education**.

Several IDAY coalitions, including those of Togo, DRC and Mauritania, have decided to join the mobilisation in their respective countries and to participate in the organisation of the Global Action Week

- highlight of this campaign - which will take place throughout the world from 2nd to 8th May 2011.

Around the activity «The Great Story», the Campaign proposes actions in schools to raise awareness among pupils at primary and secondary levels on the issue. Testimonies of women worldwide will be presented to tell the continuing obstacles to women's education in many countries, and to illustrate the benefits of education on the life of these women and of their community as a whole. With other participants in the campaign, IDAY will call on world leaders, both in the South and in the North, to take concrete steps to fulfill their commitments to secure the right of girls to quality education.

In Belgium, the preparation is coordinated by IDAY-International, a regional member of the GCE. The organising committee is preparing a seminar on 7th May 2011 to examine various aspects of the issue and draw recommendations to be submitted to the Belgian and European authorities and to diplomatic representatives of countries where many women still lack access to education.

See [Http://gce-belgium.skynetblogs.be](http://gce-belgium.skynetblogs.be) for information and contacts.

GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR
EDUCATION
www.campaignforeducation.org

4th GCE General Assembly

23rd-25th February 2011, Paris

As a regional member of the Global Campaign for Education, IDAY-International, participated to the 4th GCE General Assembly that took place in Paris from 23rd to 25th February 2011.

The association was represented by
Jean-Jacques Schul.

Malaria and education: the missing link?

Malaria is a global health problem responsible for the death of several million people each year including a very high proportion of children. It is also a major cause of school absenteeism in Africa, both for students and for teachers. In Uganda it is estimated that 30% of absenteeism is disease-related, malaria being one of the main culprits. Finally, recent studies* indicate that recurrent malaria attacks can weaken a child's cognitive skills.

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Artemisia annua, a natural cure against malaria

Admittedly, several pharmaceutical treatments exist. But they are generally inaccessible to destitute people due to their cost, but also because of the difficulty of making them permanently available in sufficient quantities in the most remote areas. Not to mention that their effectiveness is disputable (development of resistance, short life span of some components under hot climates, counterfeit).

The Chinese population has been using *Artemisia annua* tea for 2000 years to fight malaria efficiently and at low costs. The Artemisinin it contains is used as an extract in most antimalarial drugs in combination with other molecules ('ACT' treatment). However, recent studies show that the antimalarial potential of *Artemisia annua* is not due to artemisinin only, and research has shown that many other molecules in the plant have also antimalarial properties, on their own or in synergy with artemisinin, and it seems that the importance given to artemisinin was overestimated.

In recent years, organisations have managed to produce seeds and have conducted scientific tests confirming the healing properties of the plant against malaria, but also its sterilising effect on contaminated water.

Artemisia annua is already grown in several African countries (Gambia, Cameroon, DRC, Kenya, etc) but for commercial purposes instead of direct use by local populations. The Luxembourg association Iwerleiven Sir bedreete Volkeren (IFBV) has asked IDAY to help disseminate *Artemisia annua* among civil society organisations and schools in Africa, in order to popularise the use of tea as an effective and affordable remedy against malaria. Since 2009, seeds have been distributed to all IDAY members. Few have managed to grow the plant due to difficult growing conditions.

Nevertheless, IDAY-Kenya and a few schools in Nyanza province have managed to initiate cultures.

Given the observed efficacy of the plant to heal and even prevent attacks of malaria, the project led by Dr Tobias Arudo Opiyo resolved to extend the cultivation and use of the plant throughout the country. They are now trying to address increasing demands from different regions of Kenya. In addition to several visits by team members to launch new plantations, an information and outreach seminar was organised by the programme leaders on 4th February 2011 in Nyanza Province; nearly 50 people representing schools, the Ministries of Health and Agriculture, the Department of medicinal plants of the council of Nairobi and a few associations attended the event.



Students in charge of the project for experimental culture of *Artemisia annua* in a school in Nyanza region, Kenya.

IDAY programme: disseminate *Artemisia annua* for better quality education

The results of this pilot programme were also presented to other East and Central African IDAY members at the meeting of November 2010 in Bujumbura. They are determined to take similar action. Trials are thus being launched in Senegal, Burkina Faso, Guinea, DRC, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.



Successful attempt to grow *Artemisia annua* in a pot in Rwanda.

With the goal of duplicating the success of the Kenyan initiative with other coalitions, IDAY-International has engaged in disseminating information about *Artemisia annua*, emphasising local ownership of the plant as a condition for an effective fight against malaria, especially for schools.

A 2-year pilot programme has been developed (see Project Bank on IDAY's website) to support these developments and to establish medical and agronomical monitoring and analysis of the culture by specialists. Efforts are underway to conclude partnerships with various organisations and companies and find the necessary funds to implement this programme. IDAY-International is partnering with the Faculty of Agronomy of the University of Liege (Gembloux, Belgium) for an agricultural monitoring of this programme and with the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL) for a medical follow-up.

* Sumadhya D. Fernando, Chaturaka Rodrigo, Senaka Rajapakse, *The Hidden Burden of malaria: cognitive impairment following infection*, Malaria Journal 20 December 2010, 9:366, BioMed.