



**Mrs. Pauline LAPOINTE and Laurence PARRY from the French Embassy in DR Congo,
visit Yangambi**

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The site of ERAIFT in Yangambi received from 19 to 20 November 2022, Mrs. Pauline LAPOINTE in charge of university missions and responsible for Campus France at the Embassy of France in DR Congo and Mrs. Laurence PARRY attaché of university cooperation at the Embassy of France accompanied by Mr. Stéphane JACQUIER in visit in the Biosphere Reserve of Yangambi.

The team of the French Embassy exchanged with the finalist students of Phytotechnie and Forestry of the Faculty Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Yangambi. This exchange revolved around study opportunities in France and the mission of Campus France in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Then, the team visited the different research infrastructures, notably: the administrative building of IFA - Yangambi, the national herbarium, the administrative building of INERA - Yangambi, the amphitheater of INERA - Yangambi and the Flow Tower. Note that the Flow Tower is an infrastructure to support scientific research on gas exchange between the atmosphere and tropical forests of the Congo Basin. It is therefore a real lever of environmental diplomacy of the DRC, at the level of the carbon market and will contribute to capacity building of human capital in the rational and sustainable management of Congolese tropical forests and its ecosystem services.

This Flow Tower is one of the "flagship" products of the program "Yangambi, Scientific Pole at the service of man and forests" (YP) implemented by the consortium UGent - CIFOR - ERAIFT, on financing from the Kingdom of Belgium in cooperation delegated to the European Union.



Mr. Elas Ramazani (Curator INERA-YBI), Mrs. Pauline LAPOINTE (Embassy of France in DRC), Mr. Stéphane JACQUIER and Mrs. Laurence PARRY (Embassy of France) at the National Herbarium of INERA-YBI

ERAIFT sincerely thanks INERA- YBI through its Director of the Center, the Head of Works God Thank you ASSUMANI for having facilitated this visit. Then, it thanks Mrs. Pauline LAPOINTE and Mrs. Laurence PARRY for visiting Yangambi. Finally, she also presents her gratitude to the Embassy of France in DR Congo for the collaboration without forgetting the European Union and the Kingdom of Belgium for their financial support.