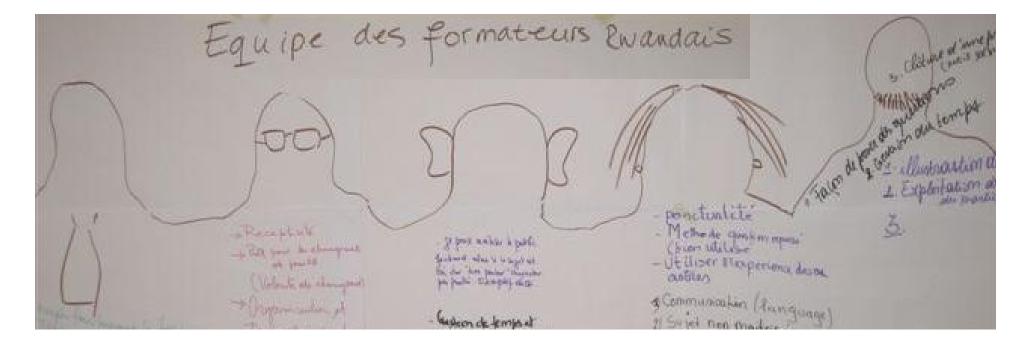


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# Training of Trainers in the Central Africa Programme



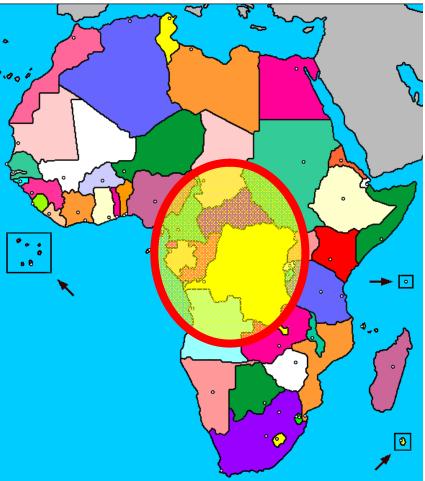


## The Central Africa Programme

Objective: To improve the technical and administrative capacity for EIA in Central Africa

Through EIA Associations in 7 participating countries:

Coordination: NCEA & regional secretariat for EIA Associations in Central Africa SEEAC (Cameroon)





# **Training of Trainers**

Participants (5 per country, 6 countries) mostly from universities, experience as teacher, with sustainable development, sometimes with EIA

Attention for both didactical skills and technical knowledge

#### Phased approach

- Regional ToT (3 countries)
- National Pilot sessions
- Regional feedback session

Objectif de la formation: Après la formation, vous serez capables de faciliter des formations sur des thèmes suivants: - cadrage - E.I.E - Examen





#### Phase 2: National Pilot Sessions

- Each team prepares and executes its own 2-day training for members of the national EIA associations
- We are available for feedback/questions throughout preparations & execution (Email! Skype!)
- followed by one day of coaching with:
  - analysis of performance (individual & group)
  - 1:1 coaching
  - extra training, also upon request!

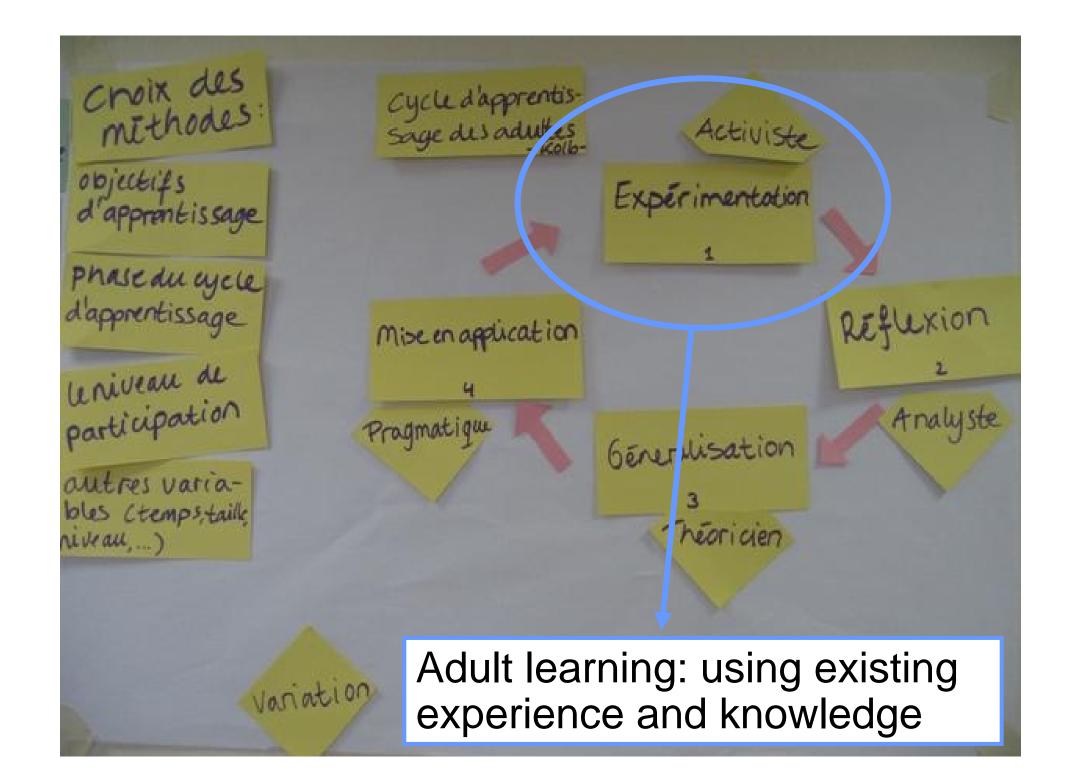




## Phase 3: 2nd Regional Session

- exchange of experiences
- critical (self) analysis of performance
- strengthening of 'weaker' aspects
  - market place
  - role plays
- didactic materials
  - hand outs
  - visual report
  - journal
- national action planning

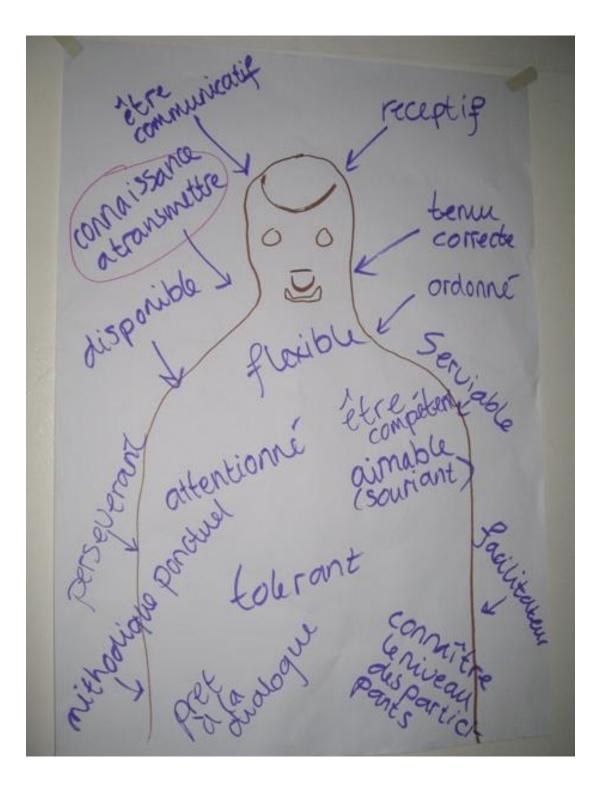






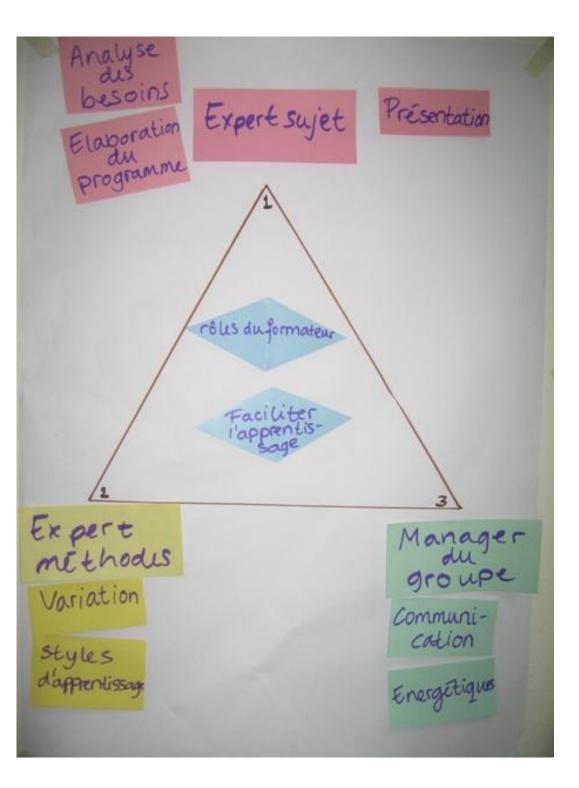
#### Example:

What makes someone a good trainer?



A good trainer:

- Has <u>knowledge</u> on a subject
- 2. Has mastered methods to transfer that knowledge
- And knows how to <u>motivate and</u> <u>involve</u> a group of participants



# <u>Another</u> <u>example:</u>

With stickers participants built their country's EIA system.

Afterwards discussion:

- What are differences?
- Why do they exist?
- What should be different?





#### Variety changes the dynamics in the group...

Which is why we regularly changed the setup in the room...







... the seating arrangements (to prevent coalition forming or to stimulate teambuilding)...

> ... and did we often ask people to stand up and come to the front.







## mer ... and we used many different facilitation methods.









### **mer** Everyone together is responsible for learning. Trainers ánd participants.



Rules of the game: jointly listed

**Everyone helps** 

Anything unclear? Not discussed? Put it in the 'garage'!

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#### In-between sessions and after breaks: 'énergétiques'

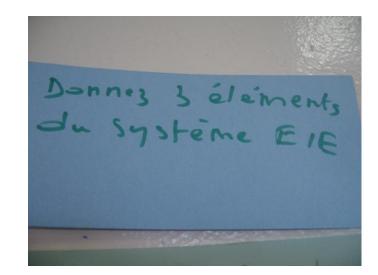




# **<u>Recap</u>**: to test the level of understanding and knowledge of a treated subject



The next morning: cards with questions



At the end of the day: which concepts belong together? Why? At the end of the training: how exactly did we set up the programme? Why?





**Evaluation:** how did participants appreciate the session? Measuring the level of satisfaction







#### And at the end of the training:



Objectif de la formation: Après la formation, vous serez capables de faciliter dis forma tions sur des thèmes suivants: - cadrage EIE - Examen ....

Was the objectif reached?

To what extent were your expectations met?

And finally, the evaluation form.



#### Key lesson: Importance of Coaching

Despite intense approach of ToT, further coaching still required in practice:

- during preparations
  - via email: we provide feedback on training plans, trainer's notes et cetera
- during sessions
  - in person: we attend training sessions and have coaching sessions with the team, during and after the training
- and for planning
  - annual monitoring visits to discuss implementation of annual plan, and future plans





- each country now has its national team of EIA trainers
- and a training annual plan

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- they can apply for funding for the organisation of training sessions
- 5 out of 6 already have
- methods and trainers are also being used in other seminars
- as well as in daily work, at the universities
- expectation: continued coaching still required...

... but less and less so





## Thank you!

