

Green Connexion and the celebration of the International day for Biological Diversity 2018 : Like a ripe fruit ?

Green Connexion, it's like a child: Very enthusiastic ... Nevertheless, on the road, it knows it can count on the adults, the elders.



May & Nukia, young students at University of Yaoundé I, during the celebration of the International day of Biological diversity the 22 Mai 2018. @greenconnexion photos. 2018.

25 years old this year. Already ? – Would ask some. 25 years, it's far. It's like the distance from here to Rio de Janeiro, and Green Connexion was not born yet. Grown up with its history, no need to go across the wall of time.

Since 2013, Green Connexion has remained well connected with the celebration of the International day of Biological Diversity, sometime alone, but more often with the company of the elders (Ministry of Environment, IUCN, Nachtigal Hydropower Company, WWF, CIFOR and I am forgetting).



The Green Connexion team, during a protest march the 22 may 2013 in Yaoundé. @greenconnexion photos. 2013.

2013, when Green Connexion, almost juvenile, was then learning the basics of the art of conservation, was playing drums on the streets of Yaoundé to be heard, jostled habits in the Cameroon hydropower dams, very enthusiastic in fact. It was five years ago. Still!



The relationship between Green Connexion and the International day for Biological Diversity, whose theme in this year 2018 was "Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity" was first emotional, then nostalgic. This theme was enriched by the human greatness, by its universal aspirations, its hopes, its expectations and its enthusiasms, but also by its

pettiness, its gravities, its flippancies as well as its laxness. Green Connexion was surely not alone to be totally identified in this theme.



The Green Connexion team posing with the Director and some staff members of WWF - Cameroon. @WWF website 2018.

On the 22 may 2018, more than a fifty of the Green Connexion members have been mobilized to go celebrate in the elder's house, to meet with them, share their experience on biodiversity and discuss about the future of the world. The CIFOR (Center for International Forestry Research) and WWF (World Wildlife Fund) did them the honour. And the party was beautiful and friendly.



The Green Connexion team, posing with the staff members of CIFOR. @greenconnexion photos. 2018.

On the 23 and 24 May 2018, during the delayed celebration of the International Biodiversity Day organized by the Cameroonian Ministry of Environment and Nature Conservation, Green Connexion had the honour to share publicly the stand with IUCN. In fact, IUCN had chosen Green Connexion as the organization member, model of the close collaboration that it entertains with its members.

Finally, Green Connexion and the International day for Biological Diversity 2018: Like a ripe fruit? That no! Rather like a ripening fruit.



Joint team IUCN-Green Connexion posing in front of their joint stand (Yaoundé 23 May 2018).

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