

ASSOCIATION SENEGALAISE
DES AMIS DE LA NATURE



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PRESENTATION

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1 STATUS

Created on December 28, 1983 at the Domaine de Nianing, ASAN is a Senegalese association which brings together men and women, without distinction of sex, race or religion. It is an apolitical, popular and non-profit organization, recognized by order number 1133 MINT/DAGAT of the Minister of the Interior of Senegal.

It obtained the status of Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) by decree no. 6883/MFEF/DDC of July 21, 1997.

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Focal point of environmental defense associations for the implementation of the National Program to Combat Desertification, ASAN is a member of the High Council for Hunting, the High Council for Natural Resources and the Environment (CONSERE), the Senegalese Alliance of Volunteers for the Conservation of Biodiversity (BIOSEN), the Council of Non-Governmental Development Support Organizations (CONGAD), the National Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the National Committee to Combat Climate Change (CNLCC) and the Platform of Non-State Actors.

Internationally, ASAN is a member of the Liaison Center for the International Environment (CLEI), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and Naturefriends International (IAN) and the Global Campaign against Climate Change (GCCC)

The first African member organization of the IAN, ASAN has chaired the African Friends of Nature Network (RAFAN) since 2007. She also chairs the IUCN West Africa regional committee of members since its creation in Dakar in 1998. She ensures the Regional Coordination of the Global Campaign against Climate Change in West and Central Africa Apart from the State of Senegal, the IUCN and the IAN constitute its privileged partners.

2 MISSIONS

The aims of ASAN are:

- to make people love and protect Nature
- to fight against all forms of environmental degradation;
- contribute to the promotion of ecotourism and the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment;
- to work to combat poverty with a view to sustainable development in Senegal.
- to contribute to the fight against global warming

Since 1983, the Senegalese Association of Friends of Nature has worked for the conservation of nature, the preservation of our environment, the improvement of living environments, the promotion of sustainable tourism and the protection of the climate. She has carried out, across Senegal, awareness-raising, information and environmental education activities as well as direct nature protection actions.

ASAN thus participated in all national reforestation and bushfire control campaigns. Each year, it produces in its national nursery an average of 20,000 plants of different species which it uses in its own reforestation operations or which it makes available to the population free of charge.

3 ACTION STRATEGIES

Participatory and partnership approach

- Education, communication, awareness and training;
- Use of appropriate tree production and planting techniques;
- In situ conservation for the development and conservation of biodiversity and local species;
- Visits to eco-tourist sites worthy of interest;
- Development of a national and international partnership

It was moreover since joining the IAN in 1996 as a partner member that the idea of creating a House of Friends of Nature in Senegal began to germinate in the minds of those responsible for ASAN. Which is already a reality since on January 28, 2004 his Excellency Master Abdoulaye WADE, President of the Republic of Senegal, inaugurated the House of Friends of Nature of Senegal located on the Petit Mbao Road. It is a multifunctional complex which houses the ASAN headquarters, a training center for environmental volunteering and eco-guides, a nursery, a botanical garden, an eco-museum, a library, an IT area, meeting rooms. equipped conferences and accommodation center.