



A message from AFF President



2018 was certainly a promising year. Our programs continue to be based on a basic approach, which empowers youth, women and men living in rural villages to become the agents of their own development and make sustainable progress in overcoming hunger and poverty.

four students graduated on May 12th and have been equipped to start working on their agribusiness projects. AFF is proud of this first successful experience in Benin. Our goal for the next school year, with the help of generous donors and partners, is to welcome a new class of students in Tori-Bossito on January 2019.

I look forward to continuing this journey to empower village's youth and to all the opportunities that 2019 and beyond bring for achieving our shared vision of a world where every youth, woman, man and their family leads a healthy, fulfilling life of self-reliance and dignity.

Of course, it's impossible to talk about success without acknowledging our partners. AFF is only as strong as the partners and donors who support us. We're always immensely grateful to our partners and supporters. Many thanks to our members and supporters for your continued confidence. Thank you for all you do.

2018 Highlights

- On April 2018, AFF's members attended Duke Business Africa Conference organized by Duke Fuqua School of Business in Durham, NC
- On June 2018, AFF attended Future Farmers of America National Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina for a three-day event.

These events are excellent way to increase the hype around AFF, promote what we do to help people create face-to-face connections and build trust. These events were also an opportunity for AFF to showcase it organization's mission, vision and programs.





May 2018: AFF first class graduation

AFF's Agriculture Program first graduating class ceremony was held in Benin, on May 12. With a total amount of \$4300, AFF partnered with Rural Self-Employment Training Centers CFAER to provide garden marketing training, financial support to four students young men and women in Tori-Bossito, a small village in Benin over a period of seven (7) months, from September 15, 2017, to April 15, 2018.



The four students who graduated on May 12th have been equipped to start working on their agribusiness projects. The following link provide some details about one of the student's work.

<https://youtu.be/mgdtGpPrPvk>

Plans for 2019

- Increase volunteers and members of AFF.
- Increase access to funding.
- Expand the number of eligible students.
- Create a Monitoring and Evaluation committee to monitor and evaluate ongoing projects at the AFF Training Center
- Acquire sustainable agriculture tools. For more information, please visit www.affarmers.com.

It would of course not be possible without the help of many people, so our thanks go out to all the people who helped making our program a reality. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.