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COMPANY DESCRIPTION

RONGEAD, a French NGO founded in Lyon since 1983, is a non-profit international solidarity association, acting within a large international network of NGOs, experts, international institutions, businesses, etc. Rongead's expertise includes research & development, design & project management, carrying out research studies as well as developing and giving trainings. Rongead strives to put this expertise towards the international regulation of trade for development, towards maintaining social and environmental standards in the agricultural and non-timber forest product sectors, towards sustainable energy solutions and giving the poorest community members access to tools that will enable them to better manage their farms. of biodiversity through capacity building and empowering local communities in developing countries. Rongead works with local authorities and international buyers to define the conditions of the implementation of sustainable and fairtrade value chains.

Rongead has been UEBT affiliate member since July 2012

UEBT MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

Steps	Dates <i>Historical/expected</i>
Membership status granted	2012-07-12
Annual report 1	2013-03-05
Annual report 2	2014-07-18
Annual report 3	2015-12-15
Annual report 4	

Documents annexed for public use?

Yes

No

If so, number of annexes: 1

Description of the annexed documents:

1. RONGEAD ANNUAL REPORT 2014

PROGRESS IN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE UEBT

Through the UEBT membership RONGEAD is committed to the Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria.

Implementation of the commitment to the Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria

Through our projects, we support:

- fair and equitable benefit sharing (under fairtrade principles)
- biodiversity conservation (sustainable use of the resources)
- traditional knowledge conservation (through Geographic Indicators)
- respect of local communities rights (consultation process)
- capacity building of local communities (Producers organisations, trainings)

Activities undertaken to promote UEBT and Ethical BioTrade

1. Developing NTFP value chains in Chad and Burkina Faso, aiming to improve living conditions of local communities.

- Participate in CBD and Nagoya mechanism implementation in Chad:

- * Rongead is a stakeholder in round tables
- * Rongead provides field experiences of working with local communities
- * Rongead ensures local people are aware of what their products will be used for and follows local techniques of establishing contracts (hand written for example)

- Build capacity of local communities on:

- * Natural resources sustainable management
- * Good practices of production to reach international and local market specifications
- * Producers organisations
- * Work with local authorities to implicate them in activities

- Study the interest in setting up a GI (Geographical Indication) on NTFP to protect local communities rights and traditional knowledge

- Establish agreement protocols to involve local communities and gain their consent before accessing their natural resources

- Establish fair and equitable prices mechanisms for local communities (through trainings and consultations)

- Hold trainings explaining to local communities' their rights

2. Shea Butter Value Chain in Burkina Faso: how to reduce energy waste?

- Baseline study: decrease environmental impact of the traditional and semi-industrial process
=> solution for water and wood reduced consumption, waste management and biodiversity approach

Funds invested in Ethical BioTrade Projects

2014 funds invested in Ethical Bio Trade = approximately 100,000 €

SERVICES OF UEBT AFFILIATE MEMBERS

One of the objectives of UEBT is that Affiliate Members provide support, technical guidance and advice to UEBT Trading Members in their particular area of expertise.

We are not providing any support yet but we are looking forward to supporting trading members thanks to our experiences in East and West Africa by:

- Already having identified key actors, markets trends and bottlenecks for natural resource value chains
- Developing capacity building for local communities on biodiversity conservation, traceability, market access, good practices (quality), fair price and premium, ...
- Improving the value chain (producers organisation, cooperatives, ...)
- Easing consultation process with local communities (ABS)
- Implementing labels or standard among producers organisations (fairtrade, GI, Organic, FSC ...)

Delivery mechanism

Rongead could work with trading members:

- as a consultant,
- on a contractual basis, with a grant or a developing fund