**Synthesis of the day “industrial inventors and contacts”**

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Compared to other manifestations of the same type, this one is characterized by a large number of participants, as well on the level of the industrialists as of the inventors. It is thus necessary to greet the initiative of the IRD, which in the role of promotion of this activity of transfer, can present its own technologies and expert testimonies, but also to make it to the local actors possible to open towards the economic world and thus to increase the level of regional development.

During this purse of exchange, the level of the inventions presented in various fields is interesting for its creativity. At the same time companies show a curiosity which is a good indication of their future involvement in this type of demonstrations. One can note also the high level of the participants, for example consultant for oil industries of Cameroon, valorization of industrial wood and polystyrene wastes to make new materials, specific filters to purify the domestic water or cleaning up of the soil, etc. It must should be noted that a certain number of these inventions are patented at the OAPI or at the INPI and that some were the object, for the manufactured products, of tests of the Pasteur Institute in Africa or organizations of the French or local certification.

The fact of working within the framework of a co-operation, with the OAPI, gives credibility to the action of the IRD on the level of the 16 member states. In the same way, local collaboration with the GICAM (employers of Cameroun) brings a credibility to the level of the companies.

This IRD’s initiative should be largely diffused near the researchers of the IRD, to highlight that it is doubtless that the passage of their work in the local economy, therefore of the creation of public-private partnerships (State, Industry, Research-Education), will strengthen the role of IRD in the assistance to the regional development of the African populations.