

FESTISOL 2023 : l'ONG Save Our Planet sensibilise à la préservation des semences locales

The NGO Save Our Planet highlighted the critical importance of preserving local seeds to ensure agricultural biodiversity and food sovereignty during the FESTISOL COLLINES 2023 event. Held November 2023 at the National School of Biosciences and Applied Biotechnologies in Dassa-Zoumé, the initiative aimed to raise awareness among children, students, and agricultural professionals. Executive Director Megan Valère SOSSOU discussed the threat posed by multinational corporations pushing non-reproducible industrialized seeds on underdeveloped countries. Attendees were urged to join the fight for preserving these seeds to protect farmers' rights and promote sustainable, equitable farming. The event also featured a public debate on conservation methods and challenges.

Projet Benkadi: le Bénin actualise son dossier MAB UNESCO en intégrant de nouveaux sites

Between November 7-9, 2023, significant progress was made in biodiversity preservation in Benin, with the approval of

management plans for nine new sites, including the Mono and lower Ouémé valley. This momentous event, a result of meticulous work by a group of consultants under MAB UNESCO, CENAGREF, and the Benkadi Project, highlights a substantial advancement in sustainable practices for managing natural reserves. The integration of these nine new sites into the MAB UNESCO dossier underlines Benin's ongoing commitment to conserving its natural wealth and exceptional biodiversity. The plan's conformity with MAB UNESCO's rigorous standards demonstrates the stakeholders' substantial efforts in this process.