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Welcome to this year's second issue of Mambo! In this issue, I would like to present to you the stages in IFRA's process of re-organisation, which it is currently undergoing. This entails changes in its functioning and relations with its partners.

As a first step, about 60 researchers representing 20 research units with projects in sub-Saharan Africa held a meeting in Bordeaux, France, from 24-25 March 2004. This meeting aimed to prove that IFRA is not just a small unit composed of two researchers in Nairobi, but a huge network of research teams in all disciplines of human and social sciences (for more on this meeting, see Conference news below).

The second stage is in progress with the nomination by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of a new Scientific

Council of the "Pôle Afrique". This includes the research institutes in Addis Ababa, Ibadan, Johannesburg and Nairobi. This council will meet for the first time on 17 May, 2004, and elect its chairman and office-bearers. It defines the main lines of the institutes' policies, which are in turn effected by the respective directors. The council is the institutional face of the French research network, which it heads.

After the Council meeting, I will visit Bayreuth (in Germany, to attend a "Kiswahili" conference) and then on to Oxford (UK; conference on *The political economy of Kenya: past and present*) to pave the way for a future European network on Africa, which the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, CNRS (national centre for scientific research) hopes to set up.

Finally, and without a doubt, the most important step, will be a meeting of the representatives of the French network with researchers from East African universities. This should be at the end of 2004, or beginning of 2005, with the aim of forging alliances for the duration. Already, several research projects have created the required links to move on to the consolidated stage of co-operation between France and East Africa in research and inter-university exchange.

This is a long and delicate process, which needs the attention of all those who support it. For it to be a success, we must rally together the currently scattered resources. This cannot be done without a strong political will to better organize our work for the good of all our partners.

I wish you all a pleasant reading.

B. Charlery de la Masselière

## Conference news

### Research in East Africa, Bordeaux, 25-26 March 2004

About 60 researchers from 20 research institutes attended this conference with the majority drawn from a university – CNRS collaboration.

Also represented were the management of CNRS / SHS, University of Bordeaux III, *Maison des Sciences de l'Homme d'Aquitaine*, and IFAS research.

The first day of the meeting was reserved for presentations of the research units, their themes and the programmes that they are currently undertaking in sub-Saharan Africa.

The second day gave way to debate on the policies that should be followed within IFRA's network, based on four main points:

- Research themes
- Cooperation and development
- Assistance to young researchers
- Relationships with institutes, Europe, etc...

A detailed report is available upon request.

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# publications in 2004

## *L'Afrique orientale: annuaire 2003*

The yearbook on Eastern Africa, *L'Afrique orientale: annuaire 2003*, jointly published by *Centre de recherche et d'étude sur les pays d'Afrique orientale* — CREPAO and IFRA has been released. This publication focuses on good governance, presents socio-political debate that influenced public life in the year 2003. The papers presented in this publication are:

### TANZANIA

L'apparition d'un concept d'indigénisation en Tanzanie, l'*uzawa* : contexte, discours et enjeux by *Alice Bancet*

La dimension politique de l'*utani* by *Marie-Aude Fouéré*

### UGANDA

Chronique by *Mehdi Aïna*

Of local democracy and grassroots tyranny : gender and local council elections by *Josephine Abikire*

### KENYA

Le régime Kibaki, An I by *Hervé Maupou*

The anatomy of a crisis: transitional politics and the rent crisis in Nairobi by *Patrick Mbataru*

Les élections kenyanes (décembre 2002) à travers la presse écrite d'Afrique en français by *Annie Lenoble-Bart & André-Jean Tudesq*

La presse chrétienne de Nairobi: des combats politiques et idéologiques dévoilés by *Gilles Séraphin*

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Conflict management in Kenya's foreign policy during the Moi era by *J.F. Ododa Opiyo*

L'Union Européenne dans la crise somalienne : Un subtil exercice d'équilibre politico-humanitaire by *Jean-Philippe Suriam*

Quelques éléments de réflexion sur les relations entre l'Éthiopie et le Kenya (1936 – 1991) by *Delphine Lecoutre*

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## *Les Cahiers de l'Afrique d'est*

After several months out of the public eye, the new series of IFRA's journal, *Les cahiers d'Afrique de l'Est* has now been launched. It is projected that this series will have an issue every three months.

### N° 23; L'intégration est africaine (January - March)

L'East African Community : vers une intégration régionale des espaces by *Alain Léon*

Infrastructures et développement : le cas de l'EAC by *Ronan Porbel*

### N° 24; Diaspora d'Afrique de l'est (April - June)

Qui sont les populations d'origine indienne au Kenya ? by *Michel Adam*

La diaspora grecque au Kenya et en Tanzanie : identité, formation et organisation en réseaux by *Eleni Lazidou*

## *NUrIP report*

The Nairobi Urban Integration Project (NUrIP) has completed its project report and submitted it to CODESRIA. The final publication will have the following chapters:

- Introduction: Nairobi in the context of urbanization in Kenya
- Methodology for data collection and analysis: migration analysis
- Access to independent housing and residential mobility
- Access to the labour market and employment mobility
- Union formation
- Entry into parenthood and subsequent childbearing
- Concluding chapter on integration in Nairobi and entry into adulthood

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## forthcoming conferences

### *Mountain Festival, Nairobi*

Jointly organised by the embassies of France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany, this festival is scheduled for 16–22, September 2004.

It will entail three main features; films, exhibition and a roundtable discussion

**Films:** A selection of films from Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Austria and France will be shown during this week at both the Maison française and the Goethe Institute.

**Exhibition:** An exhibition of posters and photographs on Mt. Kilimanjaro, Mt. Kenya, Mt. Elgon and the Ruwenzori will be presented by IFRA with the universities of Dar es Salaam, Bordeaux III, Makerere and Berne (Laikipia Research Programme).

**Roundtable:** A roundtable discussion on “management of mountain resources” will be held, and will cover themes such as population, environment and suitable development.

### *The political economy of Kenya—past and present*

This conference is to be held under the auspices of St. Antony's College, Oxford University. It will be held in Oxford, and will run from 27–28 May.

Themes to be discussed are as follows:

- State and ethnicity
- The politics of regionalism
- Territory, land and power
- The struggle continues: politics from below
- History as politics
- Commodities, consumption and the state
- Evaluating democracy

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# research programmes

## *Comparative analysis of irrigation system management in East Africa*

This is a four-year project aimed at setting up a professional network that will share experiences and information to improve irrigation performance in West Africa (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal) and in Eastern Africa (Kenya and Ethiopia).

An experienced international research team will present case studies of local irrigation management in Somalia, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Kenya. Additional studies will provide in-depth analysis on national and international water geo-policies.

Comparison will focus on:

- Irrigation systems operation and maintenance (O&M)
- Land and water allocation rules and practices
- Conflict management
- Institutional set-up
- National policies
- Cross-border issues

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## *Sustainable management of water resources in the East African rift system*

This project aims at setting up a research network in the Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. It is directed at universities and specialised institutes in these three countries, whose research activities are related to themes of regional interest.

An “inter-country committee” on management of water resources will be established. Collaboration with French organisations will assist in getting the necessary tools for the research project.

Financing for this project will come from the FSP, to the tune of 1.8 million euros, for a period of 48 months, through the CIFEG Centre international pour la formation et les échanges en géosciences (international centre for training and exchange in geosciences).

The second phase of the programme will entail research networks formed through CIFEG in Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti.

## *Recherche et Développement*

### *Intellectuels et expertise : négocier les nouvelles gouvernances en Afrique orientale*

**Porteur de projet :** F. Constantin , professeur de Science politique

H. Maupeu, maître de conférence de Science politique

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## *news*

### *director's missions*

*Tanzania, 8–13 March, 2004*

**Contacts established:**

The coffee industry / network in Moshi

*University of Dar es salaam*

Prof. Luhanga, Vice-Chancellor;

Prof. Misana, Chairperson

Department of Geography;

Dr. Alphonse G. Kyessy, Head of Department

Urban & Regional Planning;

Prof. William Rugumanu, Associate Dean

Research & Publications;

Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

*Kampala, Uganda 16–17 February, 2004*

The aim of this visit was to renew acquaintances with the cooperation and cultural activities section of the French Embassy in Uganda, as well as with research centres of the Makerere University.

**Contacts established:**

Mountain Resource Centre

*Makerere Institute of Social Research, MISR*

Dr. Nakanyike Musisi, Executive Director;

Kabann Kabanukye, researcher at MISR

*Centre for Basic Research*

Dr. Simon Rutabajuuka, Executive Director

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# call for papers

## The East African Journal of Human Rights and Democracy

The journal of the East African Human Rights Institute is intended to be a resource for reviewing prevailing developments and future trends in the fields of human rights, democratic development and conflict management as the most enduring basis for buttressing the emerging democracies in the region.

The institute invites you to consider publishing your commissioned studies, consultancy report and evaluation reports as well of those you support. You are therefore invited to prepare papers on a subject of special interest for consideration in the journal.

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## La santé de la reproduction confrontée au SIDA: enjeux sociaux et comportementaux dans les pays du sud

Dans le cadre du réseau "Sida et Santé de la reproduction", le Centre Population et Développement, CEPED, et le LPED, Laboratoire Population-Environnement-Développement, organise un colloque à Paris, le 22 - 23 novembre 2004 au CEPED.

### Thèmes :

1. Sexualité et comportements sexuels face au risque e VIH/sida
2. Dimensions socio-comportementales autour de la transmission mère-enfant du VIH
3. Contraception et prévention du VIH/sida
4. VIH/sida et fécondité
5. Démocratie, État de droit et bonne gouvernance

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### visitors to ifra

Dr. J.O. Onyatta, Acting Director of Research Development  
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

Michel Lemperière, International Water Management Institute  
Subregional office for Nile Basin and Eastern Africa

### researchers

Ronan Porhel, University of Nanterre, Paris;  
*The impact of the infrastructure on activities around Lake Victoria*

Juhane Dascon, University of Toulouse, France;  
*A critical approach of mountain systems: Pyrenees (France) and Kilimanjaro*

### M.A. thesis proposal presentations

The Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of Nairobi in conjunction with IFRA hosted proposal presentations on 23 April, 2004. This was held at the University of Nairobi, Education Building.

Presenters were as follows:

N. Gitau; *The role of Kenyan legislature during the multi-party era 1997-2002: rubber stamp or an independent institution?*

M.O. Otieno; *The role of core states in regional conflict management: a critical analysis of Kenya's involvement in conflict management in the greater Eastern Africa*

P.O. Olunga; *The Kenyan experiment with coalition building: the case of the National Rainbow Coalition (NARC).*

### IFRA/BIEA occasional seminars

N° 47; **Vesa Laulumaa**, *University of Helsinki*  
The rise and fall of a pre-colonial African farming community at Engaruka, Tanzania  
25 March 2004; Maison française, Nairobi

N° 48; **Daniel Branch**, *University of Oxford*  
The house fly and the tsetse fly: the motivations of loyalists during the Mau Mau insurgency  
6 April 2004; Maison française, Nairobi

N° 49; **Carolyn Thorp**, *British Institute in Eastern Africa*  
Recent research on the pre-history of the arid southeastern lowveld of Zimbabwe  
29 April 2004; Maison française, Nairobi

N° 50; **Dr Bill Adams**, *University of Cambridge*  
Tolerating people in protected areas: changing narratives in African conservation  
18 May 2004; Maison française, Nairobi

### Post Colonial Kenya: The first 40 years

Organised by: The Historical Association of Kenya

Date: April 2004

This conference has been postponed to June 10 - 13

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