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At the end of the mission carried out from 02nd to 05th December 2024 at PHC Lokutu for preparing memorandum of understanding for partnership for the collaboration with the Faculty Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Yangambi (IFA Yangambi). This was through the project ‘Mobility in the innovation of the Green Technologies for the Reduction of the Effects of the Climate Change and the promotion of the Sustainable Biological Economy’ in abbreviation INTERACT- AFRICA (<http://interactafrica.mu.ac.ke/>) funded by European Union. This was in its component valorization of waste through the manufacture of building materials, fertilizers, bio pesticides, biofuels among others. The mission contributed to the materialization of the vision developed by the Institute's Board under the leadership of the Rector, Mr Baudouin MICHEL THEO. Following the favorable opinion of the General Director of Plantations des Huileries du Congo, Mrs Monique GIESKES, on mission's terms of reference. His AGM PHC Lokutu, Mr Zéphirin FATAKI, gave a warm and friendly welcome to the researchers-teachers of IFA Yangambi. He facilitated PHC Lokumete's various meetings and visits with their expert managers. It is important to note that PHC favours bilingualism (English-French) in its working system will facilitate international collaboration with English speakers. Waste from the PHC Lokumete plant is recycled in an integrated system that ensures the sustainability of the operation. The project can work on shell ash and palm kernel cake. The team prepared draft partnership document and the authorities, through their experts, will add their contributions to enable the collaborative activities to start in January 2025. We would like to express our thanks to the European Executive Agency for Education and Culture (EACEA) for funding the INTERACT-Africa project and our sincere gratitude to the Director General of Plantations et Huileries du Congo for accepting and authorising the mission to the PHC for the preparation of the Partnership Memorandum of Understanding.

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