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Peace Research: UFPACI NGO Unveils "The Golden Rule"

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**"Do you know The Golden Rule??
"Treat others the way you want to be treated."**

It is this rule that the NGO UFPACI (United For Peace Against Conflict International) has kindly brought to the attention of other organizations of the Ivorian civil society by organizing this Saturday, April 28, 2018 in the premises of the CRAO in the two trays an information workshop on the concept.

The workshop began at 15:00, with the presentation of UFPACI, which since 2012 has been working in the field of peace and conflict resolution by Dialogue in Côte d'Ivoire. Campus of Cocody to pacify the relations between students, fight for the acceptance of the albinos, fight for good understanding between community, the NGO went through neighborhoods and hamlets to spread its message and to teach dialogue.

Taking the floor to discuss the subject on the agenda, James OFFUH, President of UFPACI, gave the history of his approach. Indeed, it is having met Ambassador Mussie HAILU, Director of United Religions Initiative Africa (URI), promoter of the campaign on The Golden Rule and having noted the absence of this concept in Ivory Coast, that he took the initiative to be the voice in the country.

Ambassador HAILU lives in Ethiopia and is a valiant activist in the fields of peacebuilding, interreligious dialogue, The Golden Rule, and intercultural harmony. His work is internationally recognized. His organization has observer status with the African Union.

James OFFUH explains that the purpose of this meeting is to make known The Golden Rule to civil society so that it becomes appropriate for it within open exchanges in order to apply it in future campaigns.

He explained that this meeting is only the first step in a series of activities aimed at getting The Golden Rule adopted by the entire Ivorian society starting with the parliament which will have to adopt it and integrate it into the Ivorian culture by declaring April 05 the Day of Celebration of The Golden Rule.

After the intervention of James OFFUH, the floor was given to all the participants who at first wanted to understand the real motivations of the UFPACI. Then, all the participants gave reassurance to the initiator of The Golden Rule as to their availability to work with the UFPACI to make it known to all the Ivorian, and to use it as a standard in all future activities.

Note that The Golden Rule, far from being a new find, is already what we teach about in all known religions: namely compassion through the maxim **"Treat others the way you would like to be treated"** which draws its essence from Matthew 7:12. **"Whatever you want man to do for you, do it for them, for it's the law and the prophets"** or again **"None of you really is a believer unless you want for the others what you want for yourself."** The Holy Quran, Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad.



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