

## **IFIC visits the Senoufo Cultural Center in Sikasso**

As in the previous four years, the Islamo-Christian Training Institute (IFIC) in Bamako paid a study visit to the Senoufo Cultural Center in Sikasso from 25<sup>th</sup> to 01<sup>st</sup> March 2019. In all, there were 11 visitors from 8 different countries: Mali, Ivory Coast, Central Africa, Burkina Faso, Chad, Benin, Guinea-Conakry, France.

Supervised by the Senoufo Cultural Center team, several activities were organized during their stay. Among these activities we can mention :

- The presentations on the activities of the Senoufo Cultural Center, the Oral Tradition (tales + riddles) and the role of agrarian rites in traditional Senoufo societies.
- Interactions and courtesy visits to various religious communities in the Sikasso region.
- Screening of films on cultural and religious facts. These were films that aimed at promoting the art of living together and accepting our differences.
- Moments of leisure were observed in the touristic and historical sites of Sikasso and its surroundings.

We are delighted with this kind of collaboration between IFIC and the Center. Because, intercultural and interreligious dialogue have inevitably become priorities for the wellbeing and development of our country Mali and for the entire West African territory.

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