

**A session organized by (Choral) Conductors Without Borders (CWB)**

**under the leadership of A Coeur Joie International**

**Kinshasa (DR Congo) — 25-30 August 2014**

A wonderful choral conductors' training session has taken place in Kinshasa, Republic of Congo, in August 2014, as a follow-up of all the actions undertaken by ACJ International since 2010.

About forty choral conductors participated; there were two levels (of which one under the direction of Jeff Esungi, a licensed local instructor).

The number of participants having taken part in earlier sessions is a remarkable proof of their progression ... as is the fact that everybody without exception was present every single day of this training week.

The local organizing team was excellent; the different logistic and administrative tasks were well taken care of.

Eight participants were selected to conduct the final concert with a choir of 70. Around ten pieces from Renaissance (by a vocal group of 12 carefully chosen singers) to contemporary compositions were presented ... as well as, of course, African polyphony.

Three new instructors were promoted: Jonathan Musengo, Charly and Ulysse Mbenzu. They complete the group of those already certified: Jeff Esungi and Joël Moleka (trainee instructor since 2013).

This means that an efficient local training team is now in place able to continue regular training between the bi-annual sessions.

Next session in DR Congo: 9 to 14 March 2015

Next CWB session in Africa : 27 October to 1 November 2014 in Libreville, Gabon, with Thierry Thiébaud and Anne-Marie Cabut (choir conducting and children singing week).

Note: Thierry's photo album called Kinshasa août 2014 can be seen under <https://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sreDIR?uname=116378293939706387570&target=ALBUM&id=6053766780545126977&authkey=Gv1sRgCLn4seW9hY6gFQ&feat=email>

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