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THE US EMBASSY, THE AXIAN FOUNDATION AND THE SAINT GABRIEL MIZARA ASSOCIATION SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO OPEN AN AMERICAN CORNER IN MADAGASCAR.

The United States' Embassy, AXIAN Foundation and Saint Gabriel Mizara association have launched a partnership that will see the opening of an American Corner in Mahajunga.

THE AMERICAN CORNER, A CULTURAL CENTRE AIMING TO PROMOTE EDUCATION

The American Corner initiative has been a cornerstone of the US State Department's social contributions abroad since the year 2000. Tasked with educating communities across the world on America's economy, history and culture, there are now close to 400 American Corners in operation across over 60 countries. These Corners organize English classes, conferences and exhibitions, amongst others.

This new American Corner is located in the city of Mahajunga, in the Telma Building at the Wello Centre. The Saint Gabriel Mizara association will run the center while the AXIAN Foundation and American Embassy will provide administrative and technical support. The latter will also provide various resources to the local community and businesses, including a library as well as internet access to various digital resources—all of which will be available in the American Corner—and intends to organise new events and activities.

THE AXIAN FOUNDATION, LOCALLY ENABLING A GLOBAL INITIATIVE

The technical support that the AXIAN Foundation will bring to Mahajunga's American Corner allows them to launch initiatives that promote learning and education in Madagascar. This new place allows the country's fourth-largest city to discover America's rich culture and history via the book and media libraries and digital resources via internet.

As stated, the Saint Gabriel Mizara association will manage the Corner's day-to-day operations, as its role in Madagascar's American-Corner initiative synergizes strongly with its mandate to help underprivileged families across the country. As part of their role, they also will organise trainings, forums, language classes, presentations and exhibitions for the public.

The AXIAN Foundation is ready to do its part in this significant partnership, and will also bring its support to the opening of other American Corners in Madagascar as well as the Comoros.

// The American Corner initiative embodies our shared commitment to promoting education and widening the Malagasy people's horizons. This new place is another new example of the AXIAN Group's commitment to expanding access to education and technology across Madagascar. // Hassanein Hiridjee, CEO AXIAN Group.

ABOUT THE AXIAN FOUNDATION

With over 5,000 employees across the Indian Ocean and Africa and subsidiaries operating in 5 sectors with high growth potential, AXIAN is a dynamic group that operates to secure Africa's future. Its corporate foundation coordinates people and resources from all of AXIAN's subsidiaries to implement projects that sustainably improve people's day-to-day lives in countries that the group operates in.

The AXIAN Foundation has 4 primary axes for its projects: healthcare, education, community development and humanitarian aid. Drawing on its experience, the AXIAN Foundation designs projects in these fields, bringing project-management support as well as coordinating various local and international partnerships in the spirit of solidarity, development and humanitarianism. Through the AXIAN Foundation, the AXIAN Group manifests its sincere hope of being part of meaningful actions that give present and future generations of Africans a better future.

The AXIAN Foundation—Let's Act Together

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AXIAN is a pan-African group that specialises in 5 sectors of industry with high growth potential—namely telecoms, financial services, real estate, energy and innovation. AXIAN operates directly in 7 countries across the Indian Ocean and the African mainland, acting as an engaged partner in their social and economic growth.


With its 5,000 daring and passionate staff, the group ensures that all of its operations systematically have a positive and sustainable impact on the day-to-day lives of Africans.


The AXIAN Group is a signatory of the UN Global Compact and is committed to championing its 10 Sustainable-Development Goals across all present and future developments.

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