



## Press release

### **Enko Education introduces the International Baccalaureate to Mali and Burkina Faso with the launch of two new schools**

**Johannesburg, Monday 4 June 2018** – African international schools group Enko Education has announced the launch of two new schools, which will open at the beginning of the new academic year in September 2018: Enko Bamako International School in Bamako, Mali and Enko Ouaga International School in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. These new schools embody the vision of Enko Education to increase access to a high-quality international education for students on the African continent.

In keeping with its model, Enko Education partnered with local organisations for these launches. *“There is significant demand for high-quality education in Mali. Enko Education offers an alternative to the Mali school systems, both public and private, by providing international programmes that are recognised the world over, and adapted to the local context”,* said Mr Mossadeck Bally, CEO of the Azalaï Hotels Group and partner of Enko Bamako International School in Mali. The Diawara family, a well-known family of Burkina Faso entrepreneurs, is supporting the Enko Ouaga International School. *“Enko Ouaga gives young people from Burkina Faso the opportunity to realise their full potential and become the leaders of tomorrow”,* said Lassine Diawara.

These two schools will be the first in their respective countries to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate programmes, which represent a global standard in secondary education. By enriching the provision of education in Burkina Faso and Mali, Enko Education hopes to provide a greater number of talented young Africans with the opportunity to fulfil their potential and study at the very best universities in the world. Graduates of the International Baccalaureate programmes gain the best rates of admission to the world's major universities.

In 2017, the first cohort of Enko students joined universities as prestigious as Yale University in the United States, Sciences Po in France, the University of Toronto in Canada, and the African Leadership University in Rwanda. *“We have designed an innovative model of African international schools: we offer a unique educational experience that leads to globally recognised qualifications. Our university admissions counselling programme supports our students in their applications to university and for funding for their studies”,* explained Eric Pignot, founder and CEO of Enko Education, and graduate of the HEC and MIT.

*“With these two new schools, Enko Education is proud to continue with its mission to increase access to the best universities in the world by offering an excellent education in Africa”,* said Cyrille Nkontchou, founder and chairman of Enko Education, and graduate of Sciences Po and Harvard. The network currently numbers 12 schools located in Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Mozambique, South Africa, Burkina Faso, and Mali. In the next five years, Enko Education plans to open 30 international schools in Africa.

#### **About Enko Education**

Enko Education is a group of African international schools founded in 2013, which aims to increase access to a high-quality international education for young people in Africa. Enko Education offers the International Baccalaureate education programmes to provide talented young Africans with the opportunity to gain admission to the very best universities in the world.

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