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Taking up the security challenge

2015 was marked in Cameroon by the safeguarding of the integrity of the national territory.

Indeed, in spite of the numerous incursions of the Central African Republic rebels on our territory with the intention to perpetrate acts of violence against the populations such as hostage-taking, despite the

repeated attacks of Boko Haram and the suicide attacks of its members, the populations and defence and security forces have been able to deal with all kind of terrorist attacks.

Cameroon's armed forces continued to bravely fight against foreign attackers in the Far-North and East regions, along the border with Nigeria and Central African Republic respectively. A determination that the Head of State, His Excellency Paul Biya, welcome in his address to the nation on 31 December 2015, I quote: "The courage and professionalism of our forces and the commitment and courage of our people have helped to preserve our territorial integrity. Not one centimetre of our territory has been ceded to the aggressors. Better still, we have, on several occasions, inflicted serious military setbacks on them." End of quote.

The preservation and security of the national territory as well as the protection of populations and their goods, were made possible thanks to the different presidential measures adopted to establish a security mechanism in localities attacked by rebels, but also thanks to an intense diplomatic activity of the Government of Cameroon.

On 16 February 2015, Yaounde hosted the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa (COPAX), which focused on the adoption of a sub-regional strategy for the fight against Boko Haram. This extraordinary session came after the consultation of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) that took place in Addis Ababa on 31 January 2015, on the sideline of the 24th ordinary session of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the African Union.

Two months after the Yaounde Summit, the Heads of State and Government of member countries of ECCAS and those of the Economy Community of West African States (ECOWAS) met on 8 April 2015 in Malabo to debate on a joint policy for the fight against the Islamic sect. Two Central African countries notably Cameroon and Chad and two West African countries namely Niger and Nigeria, were directly concerned with the war against Boko Haram.

A joint multinational force in which Cameroon deployed 2450 additional soldiers on 14 August 2015, was set up and this included all countries of the Lake Chad Basin Commission in conflict against Boko Haram.

At the regional level, the Chadian President, Idriss Deby expressed his solidarity with the people of Cameroon on 17 January 2015 through the deployment of 1500 men alongside the Cameroon Armed forces.

As for the Nigerian president, Muhammadu Buhari, he paid an official visit to Yaounde on 29 July 2015 to meet his Cameroonian Counterpart in order to build a strong regional alliance to fight against the Islamic group.

All through the year 2015, the support of the International Community was demonstrated through friendly countries like France, China, the United-States, Russia and Germany.

On 14 October 2015, the American President, Barack Obama, decided to send 300 American Soldiers to Cameroon to conduct military intelligence, monitoring and aerial surveillance activities within the framework of the fight against the Islamic Sect.

Russia also promised to provide Cameroon with modern military equipment for the fight against Boko Haram. The announcement was made during an audience granted by the Head of State, Paul Biya to H.E. Nikolay Ratsiborinskiy, Russian Ambassador to Yaounde,

In 2015, the defence of our territory and the preservation of our sovereignty therefore resulted to a broad support by the international community and the mobilisation of all the active forces in the fight against Boko Haram.



Facts, pictures and dates

2015 will be remembered for Cameroon and Cameroonians as a year of national security challenges with the scourge of terrorism towards populations and the exemplary stand of security

forces to wipe out those violent extremist groups. But also the just ended year could be marked as an active year, as Cameroon won vivid diplomatic victories.

Trips of the head of State abroad

NOVEMBER 16,



The Head of State, His Excellency Paul Biya and Madam attended the 38th Unesco General Conference in Paris France.

Cameroon scored many victories at this session. Professor Njoh Mouelle was elected as a member of the Executive Board of UNESCO and the Minister of Basic Education Madam Youssouf Hadidja Alim, representative of Cameroon at UNESCO, was chosen to head the committee on Social and Human Sciences. Cameroon was also elected into the International Information Development Program of the Committee for Bioethics and will continue to sit on the Social Transformation Management Program.

NOVEMBER 30,



at the invitation of French President François HOLLANDE and UN Secretary General Ban KI-MOON, The Head of State His Excellency Paul BIYA attended the 21st UN conference on Climate change in Paris. With high level delegation he joined others world leaders to make Cameroon's position clear on this serious matter. The target set by our country is to reduce our toxic gas emissions by 32% by 2035.

Visit by top-Ranking personalities to Cameroon

JULY 29,



At the invitation of His Excellency Paul Biya, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari visited Cameroon from July 29-30 on an official visit.

That important visit occurred in the preoccupying context marked by the increase of suicide attacks perpetrated by the terrorist group, Boko Haram at both countries borders.

For this security issues, both leaders expressed their common resolve and commitment to eliminate Boko haram within the regional Multinational Joint Task Force of 8700 soldiers from Nigeria, Chad, Niger, Benin and Cameroon. Accompanied by a delegation of top Government officials, the presidential visit was also an occasion to strengthen historic and friendship brotherly ties between the two countries through the Joint Commission for Cooperation, which covers all socio-economic and development sectors.

His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari invited his Cameroonian counterpart His Excellency Paul Biya to pay a friendly and working visit to Nigeria. The invitation was accepted with pleasure.

JULY 3,



At the invitation of His Excellency Paul Biya, His Excellency François Hollande President of the French Republic paid a state visit to Cameroon

on 03 July 2015. The relationship between Cameroon and France is special, and even singular and deeply rooted in time. But it is almost fifteen years since a President of the French Republic paid an official visit to Cameroon.

In his statement, President Hollande hailed Cameroon as the symbol of Africa, with both official languages (English and French) spoken and with all religions represented that enables or should enable people to live in peace. He also confirmed France's cooperation with Cameroon to end Boko Haram's threats in the country and in the region as well.

APRIL 13,

At the invitation of the President of the Republic His Excellency Paul BIYA, Mrs. Michaëlle Jean,



and Secretary General of the International Organization of La Francophonie paid an official visit to Cameroon. During her four day stay in Cameroon (from 13-16 April 2015), the Secretary General of the International Organization of la Francophonie had a very busy schedule. Among other activities, she held meetings with Cameroonian youths and women and also with business persons. She also visited the Francophonie University Agency and the IRIC (International Relations Institute of Cameroon). Mrs Michaelle Jean had been distinguished by the award of a Doctorate Honoris Causa degree by the University of Yaounde1. Also, the Head of State award her of the medal of Grand Officer of the Order of Valour, which was given to her at the end of the audience he granted her at the Unity palace. French language is the main link between member countries of the International Organization of La Francophonie.

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Extraordinary COPAX Summit in Yaounde

From February 15 to February 16, Cameroon hosted the Extraordinary Summit of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa (COPAX), devoted on the fight against terrorism, especially against Boko Haram terrorist group. Heads of state and several delegations attended the summit. The Heads of State who personally took part at the summit include, the host Cameroonian President, Paul Biya, the interim leader of the Central African Republic, Catherine Samba Panza, the President of Chad, Idriss Deby Itno, the Head of State of Congo, Denis Sassou Nguesso, the President of Gabon, Ali Ben Bongo and leader of Equatorial Guinea, Theodoro Obiang Nguema Mbazogo.

Important organizations like the African Union and the United Nations were all represented at the Yaoundé extraordinary



summit.

The high level meeting which is increasingly becoming a tradition in the sub region has been described by both participants as historic and ground-breaking.

Whereas member states pledged the

sum of 50 billion CFA as support to Cameroon and Chad in the ongoing fight against Boko Haram and called on all countries, even those that are not affected by terrorism, to come on board if the war against Boko Haram must be won.

Audiences at Unity Palace

NOVEMBER 13: The Director General of the External Security of France received at Unity palace

Bernard Bajolet was received by the President of the Republic H.E. Paul Biya. France always affirmed its support to Cameroon in its war against Boko Haram with logical support training among others.

NOVEMBER 05: More intense cooperation with the United States of America

The President of the Republic, H.E. Paul Biya granted audience to the United States Ambassador to Cameroon, Michael Stephen Hoza, during which they discussed security issues especially the mobilization of the 300 American soldiers, sent to Garoua in the northern part to defend Cameroonian territory.

NOVEMBER 02: Annick Girardin hails Cameroonians hospitality

The visiting French Secretary of State for Development and la Francophonie was granted audience by the President of the Republic during which she hails the hospitality of Cameroonian people towards nearly 300.000 refugees from the Central African Republic. A very good example of "south-south" solidarity which deserves the support of the international community. She also handed to the Head of State the invitation to the Cop21 Climate summit to be held from 27 to 30 November in Paris, France.

OCTOBER 16: Usaficom Commander at Unity palace

Audience to advance the partnership between Cameroon and the United States of America in the fight against Boko Haram has been granted by the President of the Republic to General David Rodriguez, Commander of the US-Africa Command. The audience was also attended by the US Ambassador to Cameroon Michael Hoza.

OCTOBER 09: Chadian envoy at the Unity palace

The President of the Republic granted audience to Mangaral Bante, the director of Cabinet of President Idriss Deby Itno. The special envoy was dispatched to hand over a sealed message to H.E. Paul Biya. Cameroon and Chad are engaged on war with the terrorist group Boko Haram at their common border.



Annick Girardin



General David Rodriguez

OCTOBER 07: Special Envoy from Equatorial Guinea received at Unity palace

The President of the Republic, H.E. Paul Biya granted audience to Agapito Mba Mokuy, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Equatorial Guinea and Special of the president Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo. The Special envoy who did not disclose the content of the message he brought hail the highly cordial relation between Yaoundé and Malabo.

Source: www.prc.cm



LETTERS OF CREDENCE

November 12,

The Head of State His Excellency Paul BIYA received letters of accreditation from the Ambassadors of Germany, Senegal and Turkey.

The new German Ambassador to Cameroon, **H.E. Holger MAHNICKE**, before his appointment to Cameroon, was a Head of Division at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Germany and Cameroon have strong cooperation ties that have lasted over 40 years. Since independence, Germany has always supported the development efforts of Cameroon with contributions that estimated at more than 906 million Euros, which is 595 billion Francs CFA. Cameroon is one of the 50 countries in the world around which German development cooperation is centred.

H.E. Vincent BADJI, Senegalese



Ambassador to Cameroon. Both countries enjoy close friendly cooperation ties as there is mutual respect and trust on both sides. Though their embassy in Cameroon was closed in 1994, it was re-opened in July 2007 and has been fully functional since then.

H.E. Hüsni Murat ÜLKÜ, the new Ambassador to Turkey to Cameroon, served in Africa as the Turkish Ambassador to Burkina-Faso in 2013.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries have been strong since the exchange of high level visits. It should be recalled that President Abdullah GÜL paid an official visit to Cameroon in 2010. On his part, President Paul BIYA went on a State visit to Turkey from 25 to 28 March 2013. During these visits, Cameroon and Turkey signed several cooperation agreements in the domains of the economy, defence, communication and diplomacy.

November 11,

New Ambassadors from Algeria, Tunisia, Japan and Spain presented their letters of accreditation to the Head of State His Excellency Paul BIYA, during four solemn diplomatic ceremonies at Unity Palace.

- His Excellency **Merzak BEDJAOU**, Algeria's new Ambassador to Cameroon.
- H. E. **Jalel SNOUSSI**, the Ambassador of Tunisia to Cameroon
- H.E. **Kunio OKAMURA**, the Ambassador of Japan to Cameroon
- H.E. **Jorge DE ORUETA PEMARTIN**, the Ambassador of Spain to



Cameroon.

The elaborate diplomatic ceremonies confer full powers on the new Ambassadors to carry out their missions in

Cameroon. The ceremonies are also a testimony of the very friendly cooperation ties between Cameroon and Algeria, Tunisia, Japan and Spain.



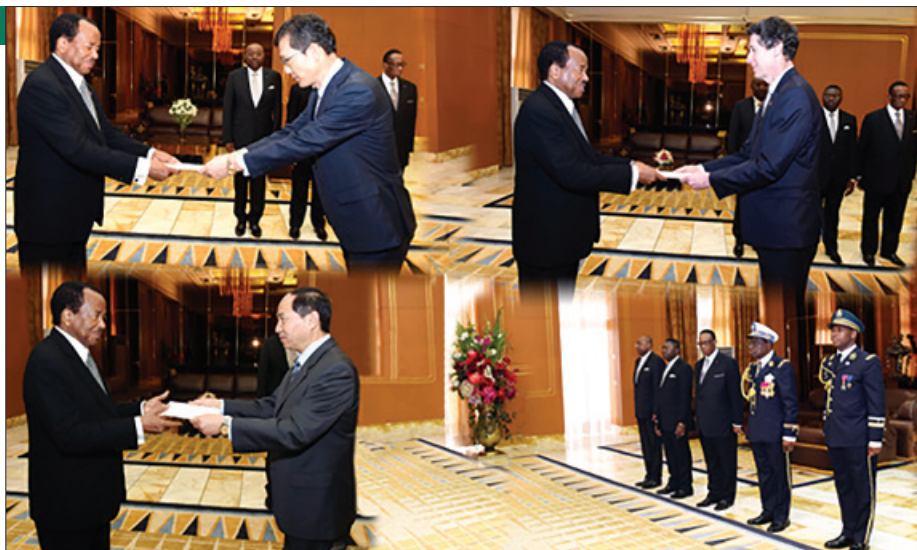
LETTERS OF CREDENCE

January 06,

The Head of State His Excellency Paul BIYA received the Ambassadors of Korea and China and the High Commissioner of Canada to Cameroon during separate elaborate ceremonies at Unity Palace. The colourful diplomatic ceremonies mark the official beginning of duties for the Heads of Diplomatic Mission accredited to Yaoundé.

- H.E. **LIM JAE-HOON** received military honors in the courtyard of Unity Palace before meeting the Head of State to whom he handed the letters appointing him as Korea's Ambassador to Cameroon.

- H.E. **Rene CREMONESE**, the Canadian



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High Commissioner to Cameroon was next in turn, and the same pomp and pageantry displayed by the band of the Presidential Guard was also accorded to him the handing of his credentials to President Paul BIYA.

- H.E. **WEI WENHUA** the new Chinese

Ambassador to Cameroon, who arrived the country the same day, then finalized the accreditation ceremonies by accomplishing the same rituals that his colleagues went through.

DISTINCTION

First Lady Chantal Biya Designated Appointed Ambassador of UNAIDS

Last June, First Lady Madam Chantal Biya was brilliantly appointed as Special Ambassador of UNAIDS. This distinction was awarded on 1st June 2015 in Yaoundé by the Executive Director of the UN Agency in the presence of the President of the Republic, H.E. Paul Biya, during a ceremony at the Unity Palace.

This was done in recognition of her work of over twenty years in the fight against HIV/AIDS, especially with the establishment of her non governmental organisation, African Synergies. Another award that bears witness to the international recognition of her humanitarian actions in favour of the underprivileged, mothers and children. Unquestionably, this award will serve as a catalyst for the International Reference Centre Chantal Biya (IRCCB), that is specialised in scientific research for the fight against HIV. Madam Chantal Biya, in



her new position, will contribute in raising public awareness of the programmes aimed at preventing new HIV infections in children

and will promote access to antiretroviral treatment for women and children living with HIV.

ELECAM

A new management team in 2015

On 21 July, the Head of State, H.E. Paul Biya, appointed Abdoulaye Babale at the helm of the General Management of Elections Cameroon (Elecam). Elections Cameroon is the body in charge of the management of elections in Cameroon.

The newly appointed Manager who replaces Mr Mohaman Sani Tanimou, has been working in ELECAM since 2008 as member of the electoral Council.

Abdoulaye Babale is a native of Maroua, in the Far-North Region of Cameroon. He is a Muslim of 73. He is also an administrator of posts and telecommunications. His term of office in Elecram is set at five years.

The term of office of six members of the Elecram electoral Council were renewed by the President of the Republic during the previous year. These include: His Lordship Watio Dieudonné, Mrs Tsanga Delphine, Messrs Titi Nwel Pierre, Tiku Tambe Christopher, Nsangou Isofofa, Mohamadou Boubakar.

On 29 September, upon proposal of the new Managing Director of Elections

Cameroon, The Chairperson of the Elecram electoral Council, Samuel Fonkam Azu'u, proceeded with the appointment of some regional delegates, officials of support structures of the Elecram General Management and heads of divisional agencies.

In 2015, Elecram opted to scale-up voter registration campaign on electoral rolls by choosing to reach out to citizens.

A charm offensive that involves the organisation of travelling caravans throughout the country, especially, in markets, churches, football stadia and any other place likely to mobilise a good number of people to register on electoral rolls before closing of registration because in accordance with the law, registration runs from 1st January to 31st August every year, whether there are elections or not.



Abdoulaye Babale, General Management of Elections Cameroon (Elecram).

CPDM

New-look basic organs

On 27 July 2015, H.E. Paul Biya, the National President of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement (CPDM), the ruling party, signed a circular relating to the renewal the executives of the party's basic organs and its specialised organisations.

These operations took place from 1st August to 10 December 2015 throughout the national territory and abroad. It was intended to enhance the ownership of democracy by militants, as well as to enable basic structures to benefit from new and innovative energies necessary for the essential optimisation of their functioning.

It is against this backdrop that the National President of this political party instructed that candidates to executive position should "fulfil conditions relating to residence, activism, commitment, efficiency, competency, morality,



CPDM congress.

patriotism, experience, seniority, civic-mindedness and discipline".

In fact, the CPDM needs faithful and loyal men, women and youths of conviction selflessly committed to the service of the Party in the interest of the Nation and officials suitable to foster and promote the fresh impetus and dynamism given to the party by the Third Ordinary Congress held from 15 to 16

September 2011.

CPDM was created on 24 March 1985. Its militants are at the head of the major State institutions. It enjoys a large majority in both the Senate (82 out of 100) and the National Assembly (153 out of 180). It also controls most of the municipal Councils out of the 360 municipalities of the country.



TNT

Imminent transition for Cameroonian TV channels



The Minister of Communication, Issa Tchiroma Bakary during a press conference.

Faced with the competition of international channels that have « cornered » Cameroonian TV viewers, national channels expect to regain the local public thanks to the offer of a package of varied channels.

In this respect, a consultation was held for the establishment of the first package of channels via the TNT and the development of a national guide for the production of heritage contents took place in Yaounde, from 04 to 06 August 2015. The Cameroon Digital Television Project (CAM-DTV), which is the committee responsible for the implementation of digital television in Cameroon, initiated this event.

During the consultation meetings, the CAM-DTV Chairman, Louis-Paul MOTAZE, recommended the participants made up of

civil society representatives and operators of the audiovisual sector, responsible for defining eligibility criteria of TV channels, their contents and their specialities, to strive for a digital migration that comply with the requirements of the International Telecommunication Union, but most especially that focus on the development of audio-visual content compatibles with the

Cameroonian culture.

In April 2015, during the establishment of an adequate legal framework for the production of audiovisual contents, the Government of Cameroon set this number at 30, the minimum number of channels to offer in the first package, so that at least 75% of the population could have access to basic TNT services.

A flourishing audiovisual landscape

The Cameroonian televisual landscape, mostly intended for a general public, basically offers talk-shows, magazines and TV news. Some of these channels are present over the Internet. Created in 1985, CRTV is the only Cameroonian government general TV channel and for a long time, was the only TV channel in the country.

Public channel
Cameroon Radio
Television (CRTV)

Privates channels

- Canal 2 International
- Canal 2 Infos

- Canal 2 Musique
- Camer movies
- STV
- Boom TV
- Ariane TV
- Equinoxe TV
- TV Max
- DBS

- Vision 4
- New TV
- Africa TV
- L.T.M TV
- canal2 zebra
- SAMBA TV
- T.L
- Afrique Média



MANU DIBANGO

Ambassador of the Francophonie in Rio

The Cameroonian Musician will be a "Grand Témoin de la Francophonie" during the next olympic games.

Madam Michaelle Jean has assigned Manu Dibango with the mission of "Grand Témoin de la Francophonie" for the Olympic and Paralympics Games of Rio in Brazil in 2016.

Manu Dibango whose real name is Emmanuel N'Djoke Dibango, is a talented Cameroonian saxophonist, author of the renown song "SOUL MAKOSSA" repeated by the Americans singers Micheal Jackson and Rihanna.

The Francophonie Secretary General backed-up this choice by the immense creativity potential of the Cameroonian artist and also by his great listening



Manu Dibango with Michaelle Jean

quality and his commitment in the service of the dialogue of cultures.

The role of Manu Dibango during the forthcoming olympic games shall consist

in ensure conformity with rule 23 of the Olympic Charter, which stipulated that English and French are the official languages of the Olympic Games.

The Great Manu will also be in charge of establishing high level contacts with Brazilian authorities, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Rio 2016 Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (RJOCOG); Representatives of State and government members of la Francophonie, of its operators and the French Speaking countries olympic movement.

During the sporting event, Manu Dibango will make sure that the linguistic services offered to athletes, officials, journalists and the general public will actually be in French.

He will also support cultural initiatives and special events that promote sporting talents and the francophone cultural diversity.

The Cameroonian musician is the 7th Grand Témoin de la Francophonie. He succeeds the Permanent Secretary of the French Academy, Hélène Carrère d'Encausse (Sotchi Games).

CULTURE

Prof. Ebenezer Njoh Mouelle elected to the Executive Board of UNESCO

The Cameroonian was elected to the Executive Board of UNESCO during the 38th session of the General Conference of this Agency held last November in Paris, France. Professor Ebenezer Njoh Mouelle had earlier served in this institution between 1995 and 1999. At 77, Prof. had retired from the Cameroonian civil service where he held high offices among which the functions of: Director of the Yaounde Higher Teacher's Training College; Technical Adviser at the Presidency of the Republic and Minister of Communication. The Executive Board of UNESCO is composed of 58 members elected amongst member states for a 4-year-term.





COP21

President Paul Biya Voices out the position of Central Africa

Africa emits only 4% of all the greenhouse gases of the planet, yet she is the main victim of the effects of global warming.

In his speech at the rostrum of the 21st session of the Paris Conference on Climate Change on 30 November 2015, President Paul Biya sounded the alarm and proposed some concrete and sustainable solutions for the future of the African continent. A contribution that was structured through the following major strands::

- the promotion of green energies, which current production stands only at 5%, through the sustainable management of forests.
- the restoration of Lake Chad, threatened by desertification, which have reduced 90% of its initial surface in only one decade;
- and the emergency management of the Congo Basin Forests, which are the "second lung of the planet".



The Head of State pleads for Africa.

Cameroon, for its part, a lower emitter of greenhouse gases, plans to reduce carbon footprint by 32% by 2035.

These special initiatives of the President of the Republic perfectly coincided with the main issues discussed during the Mini-Summit entitled "Climate Change and African Solutions", organised alongside the Summit by France.

At this rostrum, the Head of State of Cameroon and his African peers also drew the attention of the international community on the correlation between climate change and the emergence of terrorist groups. To evidence this

assertion, countries like Chad, Niger, Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic are all found in areas among the most vulnerable to short-term climate change.

In a nutshell, France pledged to disburse 2 billions euros by 2020 to accompany namely: the African initiative project for renewable energies, the development of the Niger river as well as the resumption of the "Great Green Wall" aimed at limiting from East to West, between Djibouti and Senegal, the spread of the desert in sub-saharian Africa.



The speech of the Head of State.



« The major problem is financing » said Paul Biya.



The Head of State during the mini-Summit.



The Head of State congratulated by his peers.



Law N°2013/004 of 18 April 2013 to lay down private investment incentives in the Republic of Cameroon

The National Assembly deliberated and adopted, the President of the Republic hereby enacts the law set out below:

PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1.- (1) This Law lays down private investment incentives in the Republic of Cameroon, applicable to Cameroonian or foreign natural or legal persons, whether or not established in Cameroon, conducting business therein or holding shares in Cameroonian companies, with a view to encouraging private investment and boosting national production.

(2) This law seeks to facilitate, promote and attract productive investment in order to develop activities geared towards strong, sustainable and shared economic growth as well as job creation.

SECTION 2.- (1) This Law shall apply to investment operations relating to the creation, extension, renewal, asset re-structuring and/or conversion of businesses;

(2) Any investor seeking to obtain the incentives provided for under this Law be bound to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

(3) This Law not be applicable to investments in sectors governed by special instruments, in particular the upstream oil, mining and gas sectors, as well as those under the general partnership contracts regime.

SECTION 3.- For the purposes of this Law and regulatory instruments arising there from, the following definitions shall apply:

- "Force majeure": any external, unpredictable event that is beyond the control of the parties, whose occurrence makes it impossible for the party under an obligation to fulfill such obligation;
 - "Economic difficulties": unpredictable circumstances which, while not rendering the implementation of the project impossible, significantly affects it;
 - "Export": transaction consisting in selling or dispatching products, goods and services outside the national economic area;
 - "Incentives": special benefits granted resident or non-resident natural or legal person, to promote and/or develop a given activity;
 - "Input": item used in producing a semi-finished or finished product (raw material, labour etc.)
 - "Investment": asset held and/or acquired by an investor (company, shares, equity, bonds, monetary claims, intellectual property rights, contractual rights, rights conferred by laws and regulations, any other tangible or intangible movable or immovable property, all related ownership rights);
 - "Investor": resident or non-resident Cameroonian or foreign natural or legal person that acquires assets in the conduct of business for profit;
 - "Establishment phase": period not exceeding 5 (five) years during with the infrastructure and facilities essential for setting up a production unit are built;
 - "Operation phase": period during which production activities are effectively carried out, which starts to run;
- (a)** For new investors, automatically, upon or before the end of the establishment phase, once marketing or sale of products begins, as ascertained by a joint Order of the ministers in charge of private investment, finance and trade; for enterprises already established in Cameroon and caring out new investments, once the said investments become operational as ascertained by a joint Order of the ministers in charge of private investment, finance and trade;
- (b)** For enterprises already established in Cameroon and caring out new investments, once the said investments become operational as ascertained by a joint order of the ministers in charge of private investment, finance and trade;

(c) "Value added": creation or increase in value of goods and services from other sources by an enterprise in carrying out day-to-day professional activities. It is calculated as the difference between the production of the period plus the gross profit on goods, and the consumption of goods and services supplied by others for such production.

PART II COMMON INCENTIVES

SECTION 4.- Any investor whose activities are in compliance with the laws and regulations in force and who meets one of the criteria below may enjoy the benefits provided for by this law:

- Employ, during the operational phase and according to the size of the enterprise and sector, at least a Cameroonian by tranche ranging between 5 000 000 (five million) CFA francs and 25 000 000 (twenty-five million) CFA francs of planned investments, as applicable;
- Annual exports of 10% of turnover, net of taxes; use local natural resources of 10% to 25% of the value of inputs; contribution to value added of 10% to 30% of turnover, net of taxes.

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SECTION 5.- Incentives shall be granted to investors during the establishment and operation phases.

SECTION 6.- The investor shall enjoy the following benefits during establishment phase, which may not exceed 5 (five) years, with effect from the date of issuance of the approval:

- Exemption from stamp duty on establishment or capital increase;
- Exemption from stamp duty on the lease of immovable property used exclusively for professional purposes that form an integral part of the investment programme;
- Exemption from transfer taxes on the acquisition of immovable property, land and
- Buildings essential for the implementation of the investment programme;
- Exemption from stamp duty on contracts for the supply of equipment and construction of buildings and installations essential for the implementation of their investment programme;
- Full deduction of technical assistance fees in proportion to the amount of the investment made, calculated on the basis of the total amount of the investment;
- Exemption from VAT on the provision of services related to the execution of the project and obtained from abroad,
- Exemption from stamp duty on concession contracts;
- Exemption from business license tax;
- Exemption from taxes and duties on all equipment and materials related to the investment programme;
- Exemption from VAT on the importation of equipment and materials;
- Immediate removal of equipment and material related investment programme during clearance operations.

SECTION 7.- (1) The investor may, during the operation phase, which may not exceed 10 (ten) years, according to the scale of investment and expected economic returns, as applicable, enjoy exemptions from or reductions of payment of the following taxes, duties and other fees:

- Minimum Fee;
- Corporate tax; - Tax on profit;
- Stamp duty on loans, borrowings, overdrafts, guarantees: increase, reduction, corporate capital repayment and liquidation, or any transfer of activities, real profit Ownership or usufruct, leases or shares;



- Tax on income from movable assets during the distribution of income in the form of dividends or other from to be specified in the agreement;
 - Special income tax (SIT) on sums paid to foreign companies for services rendered or used in Cameroon during the project design and execution phases, provided that they are billed at cost price;
 - Taxes, registration and stamp duties on the transportation of processed products;
 - Customs duties as well as all other fees and service taxes on the importation of all types of equipment, building materials, tools, spare parts, intermediate products, supplies and consumables which do not have locally manufactured equivalents, save for duties, taxes and other non-tax fees deemed to be a service fee;
 - Duties on the exportation of construction and processing plant equipment;
 - Any tax, duty or charge of any kind that is calculated on the basis of the turnover realized by the processing company;
 - Any tax on the transfer, purchase or sale of Foreign currency and any indirect consumer tax, including the special tax on petroleum products.
- (2)** The investor may also enjoy the following benefits:
- deferral of deficits after five years, with effect from that of their occurrence;
 - exemption from duties, taxes, fees and fees on the importation of capital goods intended and used for the investment programme.
- (3)** After the expiry of the period referred to in Section 7 (1) above, the investor shall automatically be subject to ordinary law.

SECTION 8.- (1) Any investor may benefit from a tax credit provided he or she meets one of the following criteria employs at least 5 (five) graduates each year;

- combats pollution;
- develops public interest activities in rural areas.

SECTION 9.- Notwithstanding the benefits provided for in Section 7 above, the investor shall be subject to the payment of fees, taxes, duties and any other fees for service rendered. Such service charges shall be generally applicable and proportional to the cost of the service rendered.

SECTION 10.- The rules for the assessment an collection of company tax shall be those provided for, with regard to company tax, by the accounting and tax legislation en fore in the Republic of Cameroon, subject to contractual provisions tat may contain special depreciation de provisions rules.

SECTION 11.- On account of the duly assessed importance of the project, the state may, as a special measure, extend the benefit of some tax and customs exonerations to shareholders, promoters and the investor's local co-contractors through contractual agreements.

CHAPTER II - FINANCIAL AND ADMINSTRATIVE INCENTIVES

SECTION 12.- (1) The investor shall subject to the exchange rate regime of the Republic of Cameroon.

(2) Subject to the fulfillment of the obligations incumbent on him, notably with respect to the exchange rate regime and the tax legislation, the investor may enjoy the following benefits:

- the right to open in Cameroon and abroad local and foreign currency accounts and to carry out transactions on such accounts;
- the right to freely each and keep abroad funds acquired or borrowed abroad, and to freely use such;
- the right to freely cash keep abroad income their transaction dividends and proceeds of any kind from capital invested, as well as proceeds from the liquidation or sale of their assets;
- the right to directly pay abroad non-resident suppliers of goods and services essential for conduct of business;
- free transfer of dividends and proceeds from the sale of shares in case of disinvestment.

(3) With respect to foreign staff employed by the investor and resident in the Republic of Cameroon, they shall enjoy free conversion and free

transfer to their country of origin of all or part of amounts due them, subject to prior payment of various taxes and social security contributions to which they are liable in compliance with the regulations in force.

SECTION 13.- The Government shall institute facilities necessary for:

- the establishment of a specific visa and a reception counter at all airports throughout the national territory for investors, subject to their presentation of a formal invitation from the body in charge of investment promotion of Small and Medium sized Enterprise (SMEs);
- the issuance of the above-mentioned specific visa in all of Cameroon's diplomatic or consular representations;
- the issuance of residence and work permits to expatriate staff involved in any investment project and holding a contract of employment for a period exceeding two years;
- the issuance of environmental compliance certificates with respect to the investment projects concerned;
- the issuance of land tiles and long-tem leases.

PART III SPECIFIC INCENTIVES

CHAPTER 1 - PRIORITY SECTORS

SECTION 14.- In addition to the above-mentioned incentives, specific incentives may be provided to enterprises which carry out investments that contribute to the attainment of the following priority objectives;

- Development of agriculture, fisheries, livestock, and plant, animal or fishery product packaging activities;
- Development of tourism and leisure facilities, social economy and handicraft;
- Development of housing, including social housing;
- Promotion of agro-industry, manufacturing industries, industry, construction materials, iron and steel industry, construction, maritime and navigation activities;
- Development of energy and water supply; encouragement of regional development and decentralization;
- The fight against pollution and environmental protection;
- Promotion and transfer of innovative technologies and research and development;
- Promotion of exports;
- Promotion of employment and vocational training.

SECTION 15.- Any enterprise intending to carry out investments that contribute to the achievement of the above mentioned priority objectives may, as appropriate, benefit from the following common incentives:

- Exemption from VAT on investment programme loans;
- Exemption from land tax on built-on and non-built-on estates on the site dedicated to the processing plant and of all immovable property extensions by use thereof;
- Direct goods clearance at the request of the investor; fixed registration fee;
- Special temporary admission of industrial equipment and materials likely to be reexported.

SECTION 16.- Enterprises engaging in export operations shall, in the conduct of their business, benefit from:

- Exemption from export duties on locally manufactures products;
- The inward-processing regime provided for by the Customs Code.

CHAP II - DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING ENTERPRISES

SECTION 17.- Any existing and operating enterprise carrying out an investment programme aimed at production capacity extension, assets renewal or performance enhancement may, for a period not exceeding 5 (five) years, benefits from the common incentives referred to in Section 7 of this law, where such investment programme ensures increase in production of goods and services or in Cameroonian staff strength by at least 20%.



The major structuring projects underway

Panoramic look at some of the said projects 'structuring' initiatives in Cameroon as part of

2035 vision to globally assess their level of execution.

The hydroelectric dams



The Memve'e dam



In its determination to become an emergent country in 2035, the Cameroon Government for several years now has implemented a growth and employment strategy by proposing an economic development based on several structuring projects.

The Head of State, H.E. Paul Biya has always made known his determination to solve the energy deficit by giving a

significant impetus to the construction of hydroelectric dams.

The Memve'e dam whose total cost stands at CFA 420 billion francs is jointly financed by the State of Cameroon, Exim Bank China and the African Development Bank (ADB). This dam is going to increase by 201 megawatts the energy offer in Cameroon.

The Lom Pangar Storage Dam was

launched in August 2012 in the East Region. This gigantic project generated a total cost of CFA 238 billion francs. Thanks to its reservoir of six billion m3, this dam is going to regulate the flow of river Sanaga and in medium term, increase the production capacity downstream on the Edea and Songloulou power plants or those to be built.

The Memve'e dam will be commissioned between 2016 and 2017.

The Kribi gas-fired thermal power plant



Cameroon envisages to increase the electricity production capacity of the Kribi gas-fired thermal power plant. This capacity increase to 330MW should help reduce Cameroon's energy deficit.

The Kribi gas-fired thermal power plant, which was operational since March 2013 costed CFA 173 billion francs for a current production capacity of 216MW.

It includes amongst others the following activities: the development, construction and operation of the natural gas-fired power plants, development and construction of 100 km of double circuit transmission line as well as related infrastructures.



The Kribi Deep Sea Port

The Kribi Deep Sea Port is an investment of US 480 million dollars (CFA 240 billion francs) financed by China and the State of Cameroon. By 2040, this port envisages the development of a port infrastructure including 20 terminals over 6.5 kilometres of quay length able to process 100 million tonnes of goods per year.

In addition to general facilities, the port includes containers and multipurpose terminals. Other terminals for aluminium, hydrocarbons and liquefied natural gas were constructed in 2015.

The first phase of the construction works of the Kribi Industrial-Port Complex, in a seaside city of the South Region of Cameroon, is over 96% completed.

On the Mboro site, located at about thirty km away from Kribi, the quays are ready. The first four gantries are installed. They can unload weights ranging from 25,000 to 61,000 tonnes.



Storage areas are available and the construction of administrative buildings is being finalised.

On 8 July 2014, the "Val Paraiso" vessel having on board two tugs named

"Roi Madola" and "Roi Mayesse", came to the Atlantic Ocean coastline at Mboro, thus signifying compliance with the project first phase activities' calendar.

The Yaounde-Douala Highwaythermal power plant



The New highway that stretches on a distance of 215 km will link Yaounde, the political capital, to Douala, the economic city. It will help reduce the travelling time and enhance international transit.

Given its geographical position, Cameroon is the favourite transit point for Central Africa landlocked countries. The important stretch of road is Cameroon and Central Africa ever first highway. The conduct of this project will help improve the road alignment and quality, as well as road security.

The ongoing first phase of the works will be restricted to the construction of the first 80 kilometres between Yaounde and the locality of Bot Makak in the Centre Region and this will cost CFA 284 billion francs.



EVENT

Social Economic Day

The National Day for social economic took place on 14 October 2015 at the Yaounde Conference Hall under the patronage of the Prime Minister, Head of Government, Philemon Yang.

Organised by the Minister of Small and Medium-Size Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, the second edition of these days was holding under the theme: "coaching and supporting policies for social economic organisations and enterprises".

After assessing the SME sector and establishing a diagnostic of stakeholder complaints in 2013, the purpose of the 2015 meeting was to review the policies and public actions to support structures of the social economic sector.

Thank to this activity, the Ministry of Small and Medium-Size Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts wanted to harmonise governmental interventions in a bit to ensure

a better support. The majority of stakeholders from this sector come from the informal sector.

Social economic is a socio-economic construction that include organisations and enterprises that advocate a economy based on values and a method of collective and democratic governance. According to the MINPMEESA, organisations that fall within this sector are both true job creators and catalysts of the use of available local resources as well as source of mobilisation of local stakeholders around projects in the service of community development.

Government efforts relating to the organisation of social economic are perceptible. The following constitutes concrete illustrations: the Cameroon Bank for SME (BC PME S.A.) and SME's Promotion Agency (APME). Among other support measures, were the award during 2015 of CFA 830 million francs to social economic organisations of decentralised territorial units and the preparation of a Law on Social Economy.

However, there is still a structuring problem and therefore, that of the competitiveness of Cameroonian SME's. The difficulties to access financing, lack of legal framework and intervention of many intermediaries are obstacles to the

development of this sector. Thus, the importance for Laurent Serge Etoundi Ngoa, Minister of Small and Medium-Size Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, to develop a collaboration mechanism between administrations and partners in development. The organisation of these days has once again enable administrations, social economy stakeholders and SME's to learn about the importance of migrating from informal to formal sector and the support instruments to the private sector and the re-organisation of craft workers.

In the margin of this event background discussion, the second edition of National Days for Social Economy was also an opportunity to showcase the Cameroonian Know-How.

The Yaounde Conference Hall became an improvised trade fair in which visitors could see for themselves the wideness of the natural resources in Cameroon and opportunities to create wealth by visiting the stands of rice farmers from the North, producers of oil and creams derived from forestry products, craft workers and fishermen.

TRADE FAIR

A larger site for "Yaounde en fête"

The trade fair known as "Yaoundé en fête", abbreviated Ya-fé, organised every year in the Capital City, finally left the 20th May Boulevard to the lower part of the Yaounde Conference Hall on December 2015.

The 20th May Boulevard, place that harbours most public displays, became too narrow for this trade fair as a result of multiple registration applications recorded every year. According to members of the organisation committee, the trade fair attracts economic operators who hope to carry out good deals and sell their products before the end of the year.

At least 200 companies apply for a stand every year. Unfortunately, some of them could not have a stand due to lack of space.

Generally, Ya-fé offers several types of stands. These include a commercial space, a space reserved for games and leisures, as well as a stage for musical and artistic performances. This trade fair has become an annual meeting for small and medium-size enterprise promoters and other small trade



proprietors who put in display food products, cosmetic, textile, handicraft, etc.

Ya-fé was organised for the first time in 2006 by the Interprogress foundation in

collaboration with the Yaounde Urban Council. This trade fair overshadowed all the other trade fairs that were organised within the same period every year.



Wishes to Saudi Crown Princes

Ambassador Iya Tidjani expressed his good wishes to the Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Naïf and the Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman on 31 May 2015 in Djedda during a ceremony that included the diplomatic corps accredited in Saudi Arabia.



With the second Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Minister of Defence.

Cameroon at the Saudi Fund for Development

From 23 to 27 October 2015, Mr Mohamadou Lawam led a technical mission of the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development to the Saudi Fund for Development in Riyadh for negotiations on a draft loan agreement

aimed at financing the construction works of the Akwa Government Technical High School, Douala (US \$10 million) and the construction works of the Olama-Kribi road, the Olama - Grandzambi stretch of road (US \$12 million).



The Cameroonian delegation with officials of the Saudi Fund for development.

Cameroon took part to 2025 OIC programme of action

OIC meeting of Intergovernmental Expert Group was occurred on 18 March 2015 in Djeddah.

H.E. Iya Tidjani led the Cameroonian delegation to this meeting aimed at examining the new OIC programme of action, which is a prospective paper, a road map to adhere to for all member countries of the Organisation during the next decade.

The interim text of the "2025-OIC" draft Programme of Action was examined in detail, but has not yet been validated, and on 06 and 07 May 2015 during another meeting of the Intergovernmental Experts Group summoned by the Secretary General of OIC, a decision was taken to report back to the Council of Foreign Affairs Ministers on 30 May 2015 in Kuwait City.

The meeting held by this council sent back the paper to experts who once again gathered on 30 November 2015 at the OIC Headquarters in Djeddah.



IDB

Cameroon honoured at Maputo

The participation of the Cameroonian delegation led by H.E. Mr Iya Tidjani, Ambassador of Cameroon in Saudi Arabia, and Alternate Governor of Cameroon with the IDB Group at the 40th annual meeting of the board of governors of this institution, was a success.

The growing interest of the Islamic Development Bank in Cameroon has once again been materialised by the many laurels earned during the 40th meeting of Governors of the institution that held from 7 to 11 June 2015 in Maputo, Mozambique. Cameroon obtained new financings, an Award for medical research and the participation of the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries at an Exhibition.

In fact, the Board of Executive Directors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) granted Cameroon a combined loan of US \$30.42 million, for the financing of the 2nd phase of the integrated rural development project of Mont Mbappit.

The IDB also approved a donation of US \$ 0.259 million for Cameroon, in order to cover part of the feasibility study for the development of Inclusive Green Entrepreneurship and Value Chains of Model Forests in Cameroon.

Moreover, Cameroon obtained an Award in the field of science and technology, thanks to the Filariasis and other Tropical Diseases Research Center (CRFiMT), awarded to professor Kamgno Joseph.

A project of the Cameroonian Ministry of Livestocks, Fisheries and Animal Industries on innovative techniques on fish breeding as well as on caged breeding and intensive breeding were selected by the IDB for an exhibition, which was holding alongside the works of the Board of Governors.

Alongside the works of the 40th session, the Cameroonian delegation held a meeting with some officials of the Moody credit rating Agency, which initiated a analytical paper on the competitiveness of the economy of our country.

Ambassador Iya Tidjani and the members of his suite also met with Mr Kamal Mahmoud,



MAPUTO - Board of Executive Directors of the IDB: With the President of Mozambique

the Director of Operations Department of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA).

After discussing on the evolution of the construction works of the Bikoula - Djoum road stretch, the two parties, together with the Saudi Fund for Development agreed on the need to audit the selection process of the company that shall carry out the construction works.

The Cameroonian delegation finally had a meeting with officials of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)

concerning the construction of a turret in Yaounde initiated by the Electricity Sector Regulatory Agency. The project that has actually slowdown will resume in the days ahead.

In short, the participation of Cameroon to the works of the 40th session of the IDB Board of Governors has enabled its delegation to strengthen the excellent cooperation relationship that exist between the IDB Group and Cameroon as well as with BADEA and the Saudi Fund for Development.

Cameroon in favour of crime prevention and criminal justice

The 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held from 12 to 19 April 2015 in Doha, Qatar.

The Cameroonian delegation led by H.E. Iya Tidjani included Messrs Hamadou Souley, Director of Criminal Affairs and Pardons in the Ministry of Justice, Keeper of the Seals and Janvier Alima Atangana, Senior Officer in the Department of International Organisations and Decentralised Cooperation in the Ministry of External Relations.

The central theme of the Conference focused on "Integrating crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider United Nations agenda to address social and economic challenges and to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels, and public participation".

The final declaration recognised the importance of strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice, and highlighting the commitment and the political will of States to implement strategies aimed at promoting the rule of law. The paper also explains how the absence of a social policy of crime prevention and the inefficiency of systems give leeway to crimes, terrorism and violence, which are all obstacles to economic and social development.



CELEBRATION

The national day in Riyadh



The ambassador together with the Cameroonian community.

The Ambassador of Cameroon in Saudi Arabia, H.E. Mr Iya Tidjani, received his diplomatic mission counterparts, all Cameroonians living in the Saudi Arabia Capital City as well as many guests last 21 May 2015 to celebrate Cameroon's National Day.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was represented by Prince Faisal Bin Bandar,

Governor of the region of Riyadh.

The reception ceremony began with the singing of both the Cameroonian and Saudi Arabian national anthems, followed by the welcome speech of the Head of the diplomatic mission and the cutting of the cake, symbol of the friendly ties between the two countries. The ceremony ended with the sharing of Cameroonian dishes prepared for

this circumstance.

A meal organised by Colonel Abba Yagana, Defence Attaché of the Military Mission at the Embassy of Cameroon in Riyadh, was also offered on 24 May 2015 to the Cameroonian community as well as to some African Defence Attachés.



Few guests.



Saudi authorities.



They were accommodated in the embassy...

The Ministry of Finance

A mission of the Ministry of Finance led by Mrs Nguele Lucie and assisted by Messrs Bengono Moïse and Nzekon Narcisse visited the Saudi Arabian capital city from 29 to 30 June 2015 to audit and control the general pay office of the Cameroon Embassy in Saudi Arabia. After Riyadh, the delegation of the Ministry of Finance proceeded to the Consulate of Cameroon in Djedda.



The members of the delegation of the Ministry of Finance with the Accountant of the Embassy.

Camair Co

The General Manager of Camair-Co, Jean Paul Nana Sandjo, led a delegation to Riyadh from 03 to 05 August 2015 to negotiate a partnership with Flynas, a Saudi company, to transport 4500 Cameroonian pilgrims to the 2015 Hadj.



The ambassador with the delegation of Camair-Co

Elections Cameroon

Mrs Dorothy Njeuma, member of the Elecamm electoral Board and her assistant Mrs Endeley, made a working visit to Riyadh from 13 to 14 August 2015 within the framework of the follow-up of the revision of the electoral rolls.



The Ambassador with the delegation of ELECAM and members electoral committee of Riyadh



VISIT

The Ambassador supports Cameroonian workers in Kuwait

A mission conducted by H.E. Iya Tidjani reached out to Cameroonians in difficulties in Kuwait.

Mr Ousmanou Koulagna, Second Secretary in charge of Consular Affairs at the General Consulate of Cameroon in Djedda and Mr Issa Alhadji Aoudou, in charge of Consular Affairs in the Embassy of Cameroon in Riyadh, went from the 15 to 18 September in Kuwait City to investigate the situation of Cameroonian Workers in Kuwait.

During their stay in Kuwait, the two emissaries of the Embassy of Cameroon had a working session with the Cameroonian Association Office of Kuwait as well as a meeting with the Cameroonian community living in this country.

The delegation later visited Cameroonians women detained in Police Stations in the Kuwaiti capital. They also met those who seek refuge in the Central African Republic Embassy after encountering various challenges in their job site. The representatives of the embassy also visited the Social centre of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Kuwait, which accommodates thirty distress Cameroonian women. They finally made a visit with the Kuwaiti police in the recruitment agencies accused of the sequestration of domestic workers.

The dispatch of a mission to Kuwait by the Ambassador of Cameroon in Saudi Arabia was in reaction to the different complaints of Cameroonian women in Kuwait as well as questionings via the press, friendly foreign embassies or NGO's established in Kuwait. The goal of this basically exploratory mission is to assess the situation of these Cameroonians and to reflect together on strategies to improve on the recruitment procedures of Cameroonian women in Kuwait and dismantle mafia networks that exploit this procedure for undesirable purposes.



Workers on a construction site in Kuwait.

H.E. Iya Tidjani expressed the gratitude and acknowledgement of the Government of Cameroon to Kuwaiti authorities for their collaboration. He contacted his Kuwaiti counterpart for the preparation of a meeting to discuss this deplorable

situation and to reach an agreement to improve on the working conditions of Cameroonian workers.

CONFERENCE

Cameroon at the renewable energies meeting

H.E. Iya Tidjani, Ambassador of Cameroon in Saudi Arabia, represented Cameroon at the General Assembly of IRENA on 18 January 2015 in Abu Dhabi.

During the meeting, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) announced together with the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) a soft loan of US \$57 million for five clean energy projects in different countries, amongst which, Argentina, Cuba, Iran, Mauritius and Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines.

This amount is the second part of

loans intended for financing projects in the sector of « solar, hydraulic, hybrid (wind and solar) and geothermal energy ». In the past, countries like Equator, Mali, Mauritius, Samoan islands and Sierra Leone benefited from these loans.

The ADFD had earlier pledged to provide, in partnership with Irena, low interest loans with a total value of US \$350 million over seven years to finance renewable energy projects in developing countries.



SUMMIT

Solicitations of Cameroon in Kuwait

The Cameroonian delegation led by the Minister Delegate at the Ministry of External Relations in charge of Relations with the Islamic World, Adoum Gargoum made some promising encounters at the works of the Council of Foreign Affairs Ministers of the OIC member countries from 27 to 28 May 2015.

Cameroon took part to the works of the Council of Foreign Affairs Ministers (CFAM) of OIC member countries in Kuwait City under the leadership of Minister Adoum Gargoum, Minister Delegate at the Ministry of External Relations in charge of Relations with the Islamic World, assisted by Messrs Iya Tidjani and Mohamadou Moustafa, Ambassador of Cameroon in Saudi Arabia and Director of Asian Affairs and Relations with the OIC at MINREX.

Alongside the works of CFAM, Minister Adoum Gargoum was received by H.E. Mr Khaled Bin Mohamed Al-Attiyah, Minister of Foreign Affairs. During that meeting, the two counterparts spoke of strengthening the cooperation that exist between Cameroon and Qatar since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1975.

The second audience concerns the meeting between the Cameroonian Minister and Mr Iyad Amin Madani, Secretary General of OIC. Their discussion focused on security and terrorism in the world in general and Central Africa in particular.

Minister Adoum Gargoum presented to his counterpart the devastating effects of Boko Haram's actions at the economical and social level in Cameroon. After a careful discussion over the disaster caused by this sect, the Secretary General of OIC pledged that the Organisation will conduct an immediate action at the humanitarian level and will act in medium term at the infrastructure construction level through its



The Minister Adoum Gargoum.

micro-finance programme.

Upon his demand, the last meeting was held with Dr Hossein Amir Abdollahian, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs. This discussion focused on the holding of a Non-Aligned Movement meeting that took place from 23 to 26 July 2015.

Concerning the 42nd session of CFAM entitled the common vision session to promote tolerance and reject terrorism, participating countries tackled security issues encountered in the Muslim world and raise the need to adopt a collective action against these problems.

Yaounde, capital of islamic culture for 2022

Yaounde was chosen as the capital of islamic culture for the African Region in 2022. This designation took place at the 9th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Culture that held from 2 to 4 November 2015 in Mascat, the Omani's Capital, under the theme " For a balanced culture in favour of the development of islamic societies".

The Minister of Culture, Mr Narcisse MOUELLE KOMBI, was represented at these works by the Ambassador of Cameroon, H.E. IYA TIDJANI.

In his address, the Head of the Diplomatic Mission of Cameroon in

Riyad gave a brief presentation on the Dialogue among the followers of religions and cultures before dwelling at length on the cultural policy of Cameroon as well as the cultural mediation.

H.E. IYA TIDJANI expressed the willingness of Cameroon to share its experience on this matter with other OIC member-states. The representative of the Minister of Culture also thanked Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, General Manager of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), for its fruitful cooperation with Cameroon.



HAJJ 2015

Cameroonians pilgrims among victims of Mecca stampede

Mina 24 September huge stampede made more than a hundred victims among Cameroonian pilgrims. The Head of State, H.E. Paul Biya dispatched a special envoy to comfort them.

For the 2015 pilgrimage in the Holy Land, 4515 Cameroonians made the trip.

The Mina stampede that occurred on 24 September 2015 led to the death of many pilgrims and the Cameroonian delegation was exempted. Unfortunately, some Cameroonian pilgrims were at the heart of the stampede that occurred in Street 204 and that led to the death of 106 Muslim faithful. This dead toll both include identified and buried victims as well as those missing. Beside the 78 bodies that were formally identified and buried in Saudi Arabia in accordance with the Islamic tradition, 26 pilgrims are still "missing". Unfortunately, as time goes by, the missing persons are deemed dead given that many unidentified bodies were buried in urgency by the Saudi authorities, after collecting their DNA and fingerprints.

A crisis unit was immediately set up the day after the tragedy by His Excellency Iya Tidjani, Ambassador of Cameroon in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in order to facilitate search and identification operations. The possibility to find these missing persons is almost null. Members of the said Crisis unit included personnel of the General Consulate of Cameroon in Djeddah, members of the National Hadj Commission, the Medical Mission and pilgrims supervisors amongst others, who were vested with the mission of going to all the mortuaries and hospitals of Mina, Mecca and even Djeddah to look for victims and review the search progress every evening during a 2-to-3 hours meeting at Mecca.

Conducted in collaboration with Saudi authorities, the different investigations of these teams formally identify 78 bodies that were later buried in Saudi Arabian in accordance with the Muslim tradition. Given that the final death toll of this tragedy



The Secretary of State of the Ministry of Public Health, Alim Hayatou comforting the pilgrims on behalf of the Head of State.

has not yet been published by the Saudi Arabian authorities, the General Consulate of Cameroon in Djeddah however continues on a daily basis with the search of missing persons.

The 2015 Hadj appears to be the most deadly ever for the Cameroonian delegation.

Special help and assistance of the Head of State to families

The President of the Republic, H.E. Paul Biya, expressed his condolences to the grieving families and declared a one-day national mourning. On 16 October, all flags were at half-staff in all government offices while a moment of silence was observed throughout the national territory. Throughout the day, Muslim faithful made special prayers in various mosques.

The Head of State also dispatched an official mission to Mecca, led by His Majesty, the Lamido of Garoua, Alim Hayatou, Secretary of State for Health, as the special envoy to Cameroonian pilgrims.

He arrived Mecca on 05 October 2015 for a three-day visit. This special emissary met all the pilgrims to convey the message of sympathy of the President of the Republic and that of the Cameroonian people. Together with the diplomatic staff, he made some on-the-spot visits and went to hospitals, on the one hand to take part to the identification process of bodies in mortuaries and on the other comfort his injured compatriots. To assess the extend of this tragedy, the special envoy went to street 204, the place of

the tragedy for recollection.

In addition to the psychological assistance, the bereaved families also received a special material assistance from President Paul Biya who decided to release in their favour, a special assistance fund, once the final list of victims will be made public.

Irrespective of their religion, Cameroonians took part to the memorial service of this tragic event through an inter-religious prayer to remember the dead. The prayer that took place after the one-day national mourning was made in the presence of the Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation, Chairman of the National Hadj Commission, René Emmanuel Sadi and of virtually all government members. This was a fundamental symbol of solidarity that the nation wanted to express to their Muslim brothers.

It is worth noting that, during this Hadj, 7 other pilgrims died as a result of disease or natural cause. Thirty others pilgrims completed the Hadj as guests of King Salman.



DESTINATION

New Tourist Areas

The Ministry of Tourism is actually working to develop and promote other tourist region like the Littoral, Centre, South and West regions of Cameroon. Focus on these new destinations.



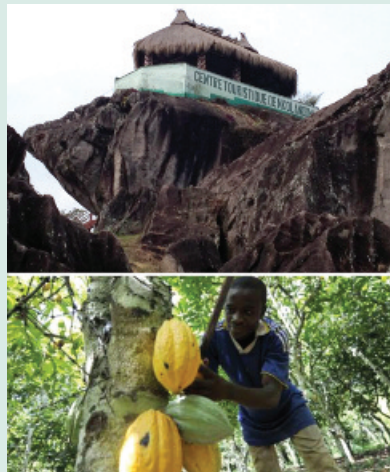
Centre and South Regions

Similar to Cameroon as a whole, the South Region is a full destination. The tropical forest is an ideal environment for agro-tourism and ecotourism. It offers the tourists a unique opportunity to meet the first inhabitants of the forest; namely the pygmies.

A visit in the South Region, is synonymous to the discovery of remnants and monuments that symbolise the settlement of the first missionaries, and the colonisation history of our country, especially in Kribi and Campo. It is all about enjoying the splendour of the natural forest of the Dja reserve, declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Several rivers contribute in stepping up the wet climate of this region, with occasionally some spectacular falls and cascades, like those of Lobé and Memve'ele. The Opening towards the Atlantic Ocean with one hundred and fifty kilometres of coastline covered with fine sand fosters the development of seaside tourism.

The Centre Region has an outstanding wet climate, a luxuriant vegetation and an irresistible folklore. It is a rugged region, the property of the



equatorial forest and large rivers. It is suitable for excursions, picnics, ecotourism, agro-tourism and adventures. The greatest tourist attraction of the region is the Ebogo site, located at sixty kilometre from Yaounde, close to Mbalmayo.

Yaounde, the head-town of the Centre Region is also the Capital City of Cameroon.



Yaoundé is built on numerous hills, it offers scenic hillsides and a climate relatively cooler than those of coastal regions.

With its world-class hotel facilities, Yaounde is the headquarters of institutions and is also one of the favourite destinations for tourists, business men, diplomats, congress participants and scholars.

Littoral region



The littoral region offers several advantages with regard to tourism. It is a coastal region conducive for seaside tourism.

The Littoral also offers beautiful fine sand beaches that stretch across the skyline, especially that of Yoyo and Manoka.

Located at the sea coastline, on the left bank of river Wouri, Douala is the economic capital of Cameroon and remains the main entrance to the country.

Apart of business tourism that benefit from quality hotel facilities, which are actually in full bloom, the main tourist attractions of Douala are monuments inherited from the colonial era as well as its several markets.

The secondary cities of Edea and Nkongsamba also constitute poles of attractions that pull many tourists who are travelling to Yaounde, Kribi or in the West and North-West Regions.



West region

Wonderfully blessed by Mother nature, the West is a hilly region that is cleaved with beautiful rivers punctuated by waterfalls. It offers a series of rounded mountain, legacy of ancient volcanoes.

The West Region enjoys a temperate climate, and some localities like the Dschang Climatic Station record annual average temperatures of 20° C.

The West and North-West Regions are depositories of a rich cultural heritage. They count more than one hundred traditional chiefdoms and have an active craft industry.

In fact, custody of traditions and cultures, The West Region is characterised by the wealth of its craft industry structured in a wide variety of expression. These include pipes, burned clay utensils, brass figurines and masks, stools decorated with cowries, not forgetting the bamiléké's dancers with their scenic costumes.

The Foumban City is the headquarters of Craft industry in Cameroon.



Promotion of tourist investment

The 12th National Tourism Board held on 1st September 2015 in Yaounde under the Chairmanship of Philemon Yang, Prime Minister and Head of Government.

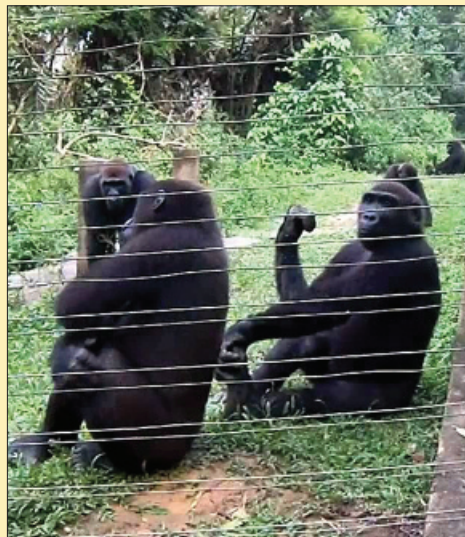
The meeting's agenda mainly focused on the implementation of incentives that could further promote the tourist sector in Cameroon and the advantages contained in Law No.2013/0047 of 18 April 2013.

The General Manager of the Investment Promotion Agency, Marthe Angeline Minja, globally presented the incentives and advantages offered by this law as well as the issue of their implementation in the tourism and leisures sector.

In his opening statement, the Chairman of the Board, Philemon Yang, rightly underscored the need to have incentives for investment in general and for the tourist sector in particular.

The report of the permanent Secretary of the Board highlighted the progress made in the execution of the previous session recommendations.

It appears that the layout of tourist sites by the State as well as hotel infrastructures and leisure facilities is recording a good



The Mefou National Park.



progress as is the case with the rehabilitation of the road leading to the Mefou National Park, the ongoing creation of the wildlife reserve of Ma Mbed Mbed in the Mayo-Kani Division, as well as the installation and/or equipment throughout the country of water sport resorts, holiday villages and amusement parks. Moreover, within the framework of decentralisation, the transfer of funds to municipalities for the

renovation of sites is a reality.

The discussions also focused on the training conditions in hotel and tourism sector, the improvement of the quality of airport facilities, the establishment of a monitoring team in charge of information reported on Cameroon at the international level as well as the requirements concerning the certification of works of art likely to be purchased by tourists.



THEY MAKE CAMEROON PROUD...

Issa Hayatou at the Helm of FIFA

A dream come true for many African, even if for only a short while, Issa Hayatou, an African of Cameroonian Origin, is acting since the 08 October 2015, as the Interim President of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

Following the suspension for 90 days of Sepp Blatter by the FIFA Ethics Committee, the Cameroonian will temporarily occupy the helm of the World Football governing body during this period.

Issa Hayatou is 69 and he is the first African to occupy such a function. This prince of the royal family of Garoua in the North Region of Cameroon, had held several high level responsibilities, which contributed to forge his personality as a prominent figure in the world football realm.

In fact, the current president of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) has been present in the football top-levels for close to 3 decades.

An exemplary record

Issa Hayatou is a graduate of the

National Institute of Youths and Sports (NIYS) of Cameroon. Great sportsman in his youth, he played basketball with the Cameroon national team. He entered the football realm in 1986 thanks to his appointment at the presidency of FECAFOOT (Cameroon Football Federation). He held this function up to 1988, the year he took over the presidency of CAF (Confederation of African Football). In 1990, he joined the FIFA Executive Committee of which he is a member till date.

Balance sheet that profits the continent

The Interim President of FIFA who however ran for the presidency in 2002, is determined to restore serenity within the world body, which is currently rocked by a governance crisis.

On the African continent, he will be remembered as the person who enabled the continent to obtain 5 qualifying places for World Cup Final Tournament. The award of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa could



also be put to his credit.

With respect to his home country, Cameroon will host the forthcoming 2016 Women and 2019 Men African Cup of Nations (AFCON), his sincere desire is that the country of the indomitable lions should conveniently pick up the challenge of organising and winning the two competitions.

Kalkaba Malbourn, Vice- President of IAAF

The Cameroonian born Hamad Kalkaba Malbourn was appointed Vice-President of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) after being elected as President of the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) in March 2015.

Kalkaba Malbourn is the deputy of the British born Sébastien Coe, President of IAAF, since 19 August 2015. Before his election to one of the positions of vice-president of the International Association of Athletics Federations, Kalkaba Malbourn was unanimously re-elected for a four years term as President of the Confederation of African Athletics at the Congress in Addis Ababa.



Thus, in March 2015, Hamad Kalkaba Malbourn started a new term of four years at the helm of CAA. He based this new era

on the performance and conduct of many projects amongst which the increase in the number of competitions on the continent. According to the new president, the Confederation must align to the world agenda of athletics competitions.

To better prepare the new generation, Hamad Kalkaba Malbourn also has great ambitions for the African Athletics. He envisages a better implementation of athletics in schools, the early detection of talents and the limitation of African talent outflow to other countries.

At 65, Hamad Kalkaba Malbourn, a retired senior officer of the Cameroonian Army, a Cameroonian born sport leader, is determined to improve the role played by Africa in the management of world athletics. He is the President of the Cameroon National Olympic Committee (NOC), and member of the board of directors of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) since 2007 after being the President of the International Military Sport Council up to 2014.



Football: 2016-2019 African cup of nations Schedules

The 2016 year promises to be exciting for Sports in Cameroon, with the organisation and preparation of two major competitions.

In fact, Cameroon will organise and host the 2016 Women and 2019 Men African Cup of Nations (AFCON).

The Women AFCON will take place from 18 November 2016 to 03 December 2016 in the cities of Yaounde and Limbe. Women's football is in full bloom in Cameroon. During the 2015 edition of the African Games, the lionesses reached the final of the tournament that was won by Nigeria.

In 2019, Cameroon will host the 2019 Men AFCON. A tournament that the country of Issa Hayatou, President of the Confederation of African Football, had not organised since 1972. The matches will be played in the head-towns of the following regions: West (Bafoussam), Littoral (Douala), North (Garoua), South-West (Limbe) and Centre (Yaounde).

Moreover, Cameroon has obtained his ticket



Maquette of the future stadium of Douala.

to take part to the 4th edition of African Nations Championships, which final phase is slated from 16 January to 07 February 2016 in Rwanda.

With the organisation of the upcoming 2016 and 2019 African Cups of Nations, the Cameroon Government has decided to build new football stadia in the cities of Yaounde, Douala, Bafoussam, Garoua and Limbe. The construction project of a new stadium with a capacity of 60

000 places in Yaounde, a new stadium of 50 000 places in Douala together with their external layouts and developments, the external layouts and development of the Limbe and Bafoussam Stadia, the rehabilitation of the Yaounde, Douala, Bafoussam and Garoua omnisport stadia and the construction of access roads and other networks will cost an estimated sum of CFA 550 billion francs and will be financed by China.

2015: Shower of laurels on the Cameroonian Sport

Cameroon is certainly associated to football, but the reality goes beyond caricature. In deed, Roger Milla's and Samuel Eto'o Fils' country are also earning laurels in all other sports activities. Thus, throughout 2015, Cameroon took part to several international competitions and did organise some.

Weightlifting

Cameroon emerged as the 2015 champion at the junior weightlifting African championship which took place from the 27th July to 03 August in Kampala-Uganda. The national weightlifting selection bagged home a total of 54 medals; 26 in gold, 18 silver and 10 bronze. Whereas Cameroon took part with only 15 athletes at the competition which was reserved only for athletes in the cadet and junior categories. Eight countries took part in the competition.

Athletics

From 07 to 09 August 2015, Cameroon organised and won the 9th Central Africa Athletics Championship in Yaounde the Capital city of Cameroon. Cameroon headed the race with 64 medals amongst which 19 in gold, 19 in silver and 26 in bronze. Its therefore maintained its title of Champion of Central Africa Athletics of region 3 for the second consecutive year. Five countries, included Cameroon, took part to this competition:



Cycling: The First Lady, Chantal Biya congratulate Lahssaini Mohcine from Morocco.

Equatorial Guinea, Central Africa Republic, Chad and Congo. The latter was ranked second; while Chad held the third place of the general classification.

A total of 84 athletes finally took part to this Yaounde championship.

Cycling

The 15th edition of the Grand Prix Chantal Biya took place from 16 to 18 October 2015 in Cameroon. 13 teams from Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, Gabon, Netherlands, Morocco, Rwanda, Slovakia, Switzerland and Cameroon the

organising country took part to this competition named after the First Lady of Cameroon. Lahssaini Mohcine from Morocco won this edition that stretched on a distance of 600 km between Douala and Yaounde. The race took off from Douala, the economic capital of Cameroon to Yaounde the capital city on a distance of 600km.

Created in 2001, the International Cycling Grand Prix Chantal Biya features since 2006 on the "Africatour" schedule of the UCI (International Cycling Union).



H.E Iya Tidjani and Prince Faisal bin BANDAR governor Riyadh



A view of the guests at the National Day of Cameroon



The special envoy of head of state to Mecca, Alim Hayatou



The Cameroonian community at encounter with the Secretary of State, Alim Hayatou



Farewell to ambassadors of Mali and Nigeria



Visit by a delegation of Turkish Military Mission at the Embassy of Cameroon



visit of the Ambassador of South Africa S.E.M. Mogamat Sadick Jaffer



Diner offered to the delegation of the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development