



CAMEROON YOUTHS AND STUDENTS FORUM FOR PEACE CAMYOSFOP

Messages from 120 youth leaders after a National Workshop on:

“Youth and Cameroon’s Emergence: What We Aspire. What We Offer. What We Require”,

Organized by:

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In view of the 45th edition of the Cameroon National Youth Day, commemorated on February 11, 2011, CAMYOSFOP in partnership with The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) organised a one day workshop on “Youth and Cameroon’s Emergence,” in AYABA hotel, Bamenda on February 2, 2011. The workshop brought together 120 youths from around Cameroon and the Bamenda area. The methodology used for this workshop was known as ‘the Open Space Technology,’ which is a participatory approach in which the participants freely chose topics which were debated upon and cluster messages adopted. These thematic messages which are here found below are intended for the government, youth development organizations and the general public.

February 3, 2011 was concentrated on the launch of a CAMYOSFOP policy paper on “Youth Unemployment and Migration in Cameroon.” The launching witnessed the participation of the representative of the Governor of the North West Region, the Regional Delegate of Youth Affairs for the North West Region, the bureau of the Cameroon National Youth Council and over 120 youth leaders from the 10 Regions of Cameroon.

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KEY CLUSTER MESSAGES FROM THE OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY (OST)
WORKSHOP ON: YOUTH AND CAMEROON'S EMERGENCE

CLUSTER A (Gender Balance and HIV/AIDS Prevention): ***Organise an enlarged women's conference of more than 1000 women to take breaking decisions as well as, promote policies and documents on the promotion of gender empowerment and their engagement in the prevention and curbing of HIV/AIDS.***

CLUSTER B (Tribal Prejudices, Corruption, Nation Building and Deception): ***The massive participation of the youth in the upcoming presidential, legislative and municipal elections either as voters or potential candidates to advocate and determine their destiny by putting an end to tribal prejudices, corruption, deception and all sorts of malpractices.***

CLUSTER C (Development): ***Youth organisations should advocate as much as possible for the reduction of taxes, so as to encourage home and foreign investments in the country which will help reduce the rate of unemployment.***

CLUSTER D (Political Participation): ***Provide Cameroon with an electoral code which "enhances" YOUTH political participation to ameliorate the democratic process carried out by ELECAM.***

CLUSTER E (Sports): ***Encourage stakeholders and local councils to develop sports infrastructures and increase trained personnel.***

CLUSTER F (My Community, Environment and I; a Cameroonian Youth): ***Using our talents to empower others through active participation in community and environmental services, like environmental sustainability services.***

CLUSTER G (Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship): ***The government should improve on the educational system to suit the job market and inspire self employment while supporting innovative youth, easing funding and enhancing an environment which is conducive for entrepreneurship.***

CLUSTER H (Leadership and Culture): ***We the youth should consider our cultural values in its diversity, in order to build the foundation for better leadership.***

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