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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP) is fostering moral and traditional values within the youth milieu.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 2017, CAMYOSFOP started a new cycle of its strategic action plan with the implementation of self-sponsored projects, co-sponsored projects, consultancies and participating in various national and international events. CAMYOSFOP also saw in 2017, the re-election of her Executive Director, Mr. Ngalim Eugene Nyuydine as Chairperson of the Peace and Security Cluster of the African Union's Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC).

2. CAMYOSFOP SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

A. CAMYOSFOP BOARD MEETING

The board meeting took place on the 10th March 2017 at TOU'NGOU Hotel.

The key items deliberated upon were current projects, CAMYOSFOP's new website, CAMYOSFOP's fundraising strategies and CAMYOSFOP's Strategic Action Plan for 2017 – 2019.

The following recommendations were adopted;

1. CAMYOSFOP should publish funding track record on the website
2. Ensure projects are jointly reviewed by board members
3. Board members should reflect on setting up and operationalization of CAMYOSFOP radio
4. Fundraise for the functioning of CAMYOSFOP by organising Income Generating events such as: CAMYOSFOP's Dinner (cheap dinner), merchandise sporting wears etc.
5. Undertake a video documentary to market CAMYOSFOP's milestones
6. Mrs. Ya Gladys Viban and Mrs. Susan Ndzevo should reflect on the possibility of publishing a CAMYOSFOP quarterly journal as a tangible means to fundraise through commercials
7. The CAMYOSFOP website should be used for adverts in order to generate income
8. Board members should reflect on celebrating CAMYOSFOP's 20th Anniversary
9. CAMYOSFOP should develop a concept paper on countering violent extremism and indoctrination by instituting the power of critical thinking amongst youths in Cameroon
10. Engage board members to fundraise for CAMYOSFOP in return for consultancy service offer.

11. Request for a letter of recommendation for CAMYOSFOP from the US Embassy in Cameroon in order to strengthen our project proposal for the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).
12. Mobilize additional financial resources in order to pay a decent salary to CAMMYOSFOP's staff.

B. CAMYOSFOP STAFF RETREAT

CAMYOSFOP Annual staff retreat took place as usual on the 21st and 22nd of April, 2017 at Holiday Inn Resort Limbe under the theme: **ENHANCING ADVOCACY SKILLS AS A VECTOR FOR A SUSTAINABLE ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH AND DELIVERY**. It began with opening remarks from The Executive Director of CAMYOSFOP, Mr. Eugene Ngalim who welcomed everyone and urged staffs to be committed for the two days retreat session which sought to reinforce and build the capacity of everyone for the growth of the Organization. This was closely followed by a word of prayer from Mr. Serge Nguaimba, the Public Relations Officer and reflection from Mr. David Mbiydzenyuy, the Web Master who focused on the key phrase "Advocacy skills" from the theme of the retreat.

During the retreat, staff members gave their expectations and commitments after which Mr. Ngalim gave an inspirational talk on transforming dreams to realities from Jack Canfield, Success Principles on how to get from where you are to where you want to be. He used three principles from this book to inspire the staff.

Key presentations and items discussed during the retreat were;

- The outcome of Board Meeting.
- Overview of 2016 (Brainstorming on successes, failures and proposals for improvements in 2017/2018)
- Brainstorming on Report writing including the following: Minutes of Staff meeting, Workshop Report, Project report and Annual report especially the 2017 Activity Report
- Training on Advocacy for the purpose of fundraising.
- Reflection/Inputs of the proposal to Plan International for the EU Call.
- Finalizing the 2017 UNSCAR Proposal
- Brainstorming on CAMYOSFOP implementation of the outcome of working groups of DE Workshop: Youth Indicator on DE and Contextualization of SDGs.
- Presentation of the Website including Interactive online Discussions on the Site and Use of Personalized emails.

- Brainstorming and Strategizing on Sustaining content On the Website and the Effective use of the Social Media for Better Visibility (Twitter, Facebook etc)
- Brainstorming on Re-launching the CAMYOSFOP Online Newsletter

The following recommendations were reached at:

- CAMYOSFOP should appoint a stakeholder liaison officer to work with partners both at National and International levels.
- The need to go through last year's projects and brainstorm on why they didn't go through and look for a way forward.
- CAMYOSFOP needs two funding mechanisms (traditional and)
- CAMYOSFOP should be a model of bilingualism.
- Mr. David should work on the letterhead of the CAMYOSFOP
- Ensure that resource persons prepare and send their presentations 3days prior to the day of an event.
- Organize a pre-working session with resource persons to guide them for the event.
- Brainstorm on projects on violent extremism.
- Remind the Board members about issues arising from the last board meeting and recommendations.
- Ensure that 90% of reports are written before a workshop.
- Organize an editorial board of 2 to 3 persons to better edit reports.
- Ensure staffs become experts in the fields of what CAMYOSFOP does, through research and reading.
- Interns will be in charge of CAMYOSFOP Newsletters and ensure it is structured in a thematic manner and Serge will write in French
- The interns (Gaelle and Noella) should ensure the transmission of reports events out of CAMYOSFOP.
- Recommendations of the last board meeting are printed and posted at the office.

3. CAMYOSFOP CO-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

A. “ADVANCING ATT UNIVERSALIZATION IN CAMEROON”

ENGAGING THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMEROON IN THE RATIFICATION AND DOMESTICATION OF THE ATT

CAMYOSFOP in partnership with Control Arms launched a 3 months flagship project funded by the Swiss Government that seeks to fast-track the ratification and domestication of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in Cameroon. Major stakeholders and partners in the project were;

- The Ministry of External Relations (MINREX) as key technical government partner responsible for coordinating the ratification of the ATT in Cameroon;
- Parliamentary Platform on the issues of Arms in Cameroon’s Parliament;
- Centre for Peace Security and Armed Violence Prevention (CPS-AVIP);
- Network of Cameroonian, Journalists of Pan African Institutions (RECIF);

The ATT project in Cameroon seeks to achieve the following strategic objectives:

- a) Support and mobilize key government ministries and legislators to finalize the ratification of the ATT in 2017.
- b) Facilitate and improve cooperation and communication between the major stakeholders in Treaty implementation, which often come from a range of government departments or ministries.
- c) Improve general understanding of the ATT among the public and media and illustrate its linkages to current security problems.
- d) Initiate the domestication of the ATT into the national laws of Cameroon by ensuring their harmonization with existing obligations and build capacity and knowledge related to this.

In order to achieve the aforementioned strategic objectives, CAMYOSFOP implemented the following activities:

1. Developed and published a legal manual on the domestication of the ATT to ease the effective ratification and domestication of the ATT in Cameroon.
2. Undertook a consultation with key government ministries on the ratification and domestication of the ATT.
3. Organized capacity building workshop of key government ministries on the use of the Manual on the domestication of the ATT.
4. Led another consultation with Members of Parliament on the ratification and domestication of the ATT.
5. Strengthened the Capacity of journalists on the ATT process.

a. Preparatory meetings with key partners.

The letters of information on the content of the project were disseminated to key government departments and partners to have their respective institutional support for the effective execution of the project. These letters went to;

1. The Presidency of the Republic;
2. The Prime Minister's Office;
3. Ministry of External Relations;
4. The Swiss Embassy in Yaounde;
5. The European Union Delegation;
6. And the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

The Minister of External Relations (MINREX) played a key role in the facilitation of the process. CAMYOSFOP also collaborated with the Swiss Ambassador to Cameroon by organizing a working session with him to explain the rationale for the project. The Swiss Ambassador pledged his full moral support and also to participate in the process of lobbying the government of Cameroon to ratify the ATT.

b. Publication of a Legal Manual on the domestication of the ATT in Cameroon

The manual on the domestication of the ATT in Cameroon was published aimed at:

- Informing key implementing government ministries on the entire ATT process and most importantly to ensure that the ATT is coherent with domestic laws and is also complementary to international instruments like Kinshasa Convention against Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW).
- Serving as a guide to facilitate the domestication of the ATT in Cameroon by clarifying concepts in simple language and directs users for complementary information on the ATT.
- Facilitating the role of the civil society as the watchdog regarding compliance in the implementation process of the ATT by the Republic of Cameroon.

The contents of the ATT Manual include the following chapters:

- Introduction
- Overview of the ATT
- Cameroon and the ATT process
- Implementation/domestication of the ATT
- ECCAS and the ATT
- Challenges of setting up national and international transfer mechanisms
- Conclusion
- Annex: Arms Trade Treaty

At least, 1000 copies of this manual has been distributed to key Ministries and Members of Parliament, Journalists, civil societies and other stakeholders involved in the ATT ratification and domestication process in Cameroon

c. Workshop with key government ministries involved with the ATT ratification and domestication process, Yaounde, 9 February 2017.

The workshop with key government Ministries involved with the ATT ratification and domestication process was aimed at:

- Brainstorming on the continuous process of ratification by providing necessary information and support to the key government departments involved;
- Facilitating cooperation among participants in drafting the ratifying legislation so as to ensure that there will be support for it at every stage of review and across all government departments involved;
- Gathering relevant inputs from participants to enrich the content of the ATT domestication draft manual for Cameroon.

The workshop that brought together 25 participants saw the participation of the following government ministries and institutions: MINREX; Ministry of Justice, Delegation of National Security; National Customs Service; National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms; National Communication Council; and some key civil society organizations. The Swiss Embassy, UNDP and European Union were also represented in this workshop.

Discussions during the workshop centred on the following questions:

- A. What is holding Cameroon from ratifying the ATT?
- B. What needs to be done for the ATT to be ratified?

At the end of the workshop, the following recommendations were made:

- The ratifying state party owes the burden of responsibility to ensure that, the ATT does not conflict with the domestic laws of Cameroon.
- Fast track the ATT ratification process by ensuring that the forbearers of the ATT files in key government ministries are maintained during the entire ratification process and that information is effectively shared amongst them during the entire process.
- Strengthen the staffing capacity and efficient coordination of the ATT ratification process in order to fast track the ATT ratification process.

- Ensure experts on arms trade are hired as consultants to accelerate the ATT ratification process.
- Work together with MINREX to identify where the ATT ratification file is and follow up with the person in charge in order to fast track the ratification process.
- The government of Cameroon should ratify the ATT in order to benefit from the opportunities offered by the ATT including the Voluntary Trust Funds geared towards its effective operationalization and implementation.
- Ensure that Cameroon establishes the security situational assessment prior to the ATT ratification process.
- The civil society should strengthen its voice towards advocating for the presidency to accelerate the ATT ratification process in Cameroon.

d. Capacity building workshop with journalists on the ATT Process, Mbalmayo, 16 – 17 March 2017.

The capacity building of journalists on the ATT process was to:

- Strengthen the capacity of journalists and media professionals, both public and private, regarding the ATT and how it will impact the security situation of Cameroon;
- Engage the media in providing visibility to the process through coverage, accurate and positive reporting;
- Put in place a core group of journalists to take interest on specializing on issues around the ATT and other related treaties curbing the illicit proliferation of arms;
- Present the manual on the domestication of the ATT in Cameroon.

Twenty-five journalists and media professionals in the print, audio-visual and digital media participated in this workshop and discussions articulated the following topics:

- How can the media contribute in advocating for Cameroon to ratify the ATT
- How will the media contribute in domesticating the ATT once it is ratified by Cameroon?

At the end of the two days' workshop with journalists the following recommendations were adopted:

Recommendations to Journalists:

- Journalists should prepare post-workshop media advocacy articles on the ATT in order to leverage the Cameroonian government to ratify the ATT.

- Strengthen the capacity of journalists and CSOs to undertake advocacy around the newly promulgated law No 2016/014 of December 14, 2016, on the regulation of arms and ammunition in Cameroon to influence the Cameroonian government to set up and operationalize a National Control Commission on Conventional Arms.
- Set up a new campaign to fight against the abuse of social media and electronic games by children watching violent online movies and games. Create and operationalize a chat group with journalists to encourage sustainable information and knowledge sharing regarding the ATT.
- Develop detail content for the communication action plan by capitalizing on the outcome of the syndicate work on how journalists can be engaged in fast-tracking the ATT ratification and implementation process in Cameroon.
- Create and operationalize a network of journalists working for the ATT in Cameroon for the mid-term.
- Ensure relevant domestic laws on arms and international instruments (ATT and Kinshasa Convention) with related knowledge resources are handed to journalists to ease their communications with stakeholders and the wider public regarding the ATT.

Recommendations to ECCAS:

- Regulate the use of locally produced traditional artisan guns in Cameroon as a tangible means to guarantee human security for all.
- Ensure to include the final non-state users' principle in the ATT in order to pre-empt illicit arms trade amongst terrorist and militant groups.
- Make sure the Secretary-General (SG) of ECCAS takes the necessary measures to ensure that all member states effectively ratify the ATT.
- Undertake an institutional and policy audit for ECCAS in order to appraise the current dysfunctions of the SG's office and his prerogatives.
- Strengthen the power of the SG of the ECCAS as a tangible means to guarantee the effective ratification and domestication of the ATT and the Kinshasa Convention by all member states.

e. Advocacy workshop with Members of Parliament on the ratification and domestication of the ATT, Yaounde, 22 March 2017.

The advocacy workshop with Members of Parliament brought together 30 MPs. The workshop had the following objectives:

- Brainstorm on the continuous process of ratification of the ATT by Cameroon upon providing necessary information and support to lawmakers and related stakeholders;
- Share experience on the role of MPs in influencing the ratification of treaties and chart a new way forward for the ratification of the ATT by Cameroon.
- Present the manual on the domestication of the ATT in Cameroon.

Parliamentarians made the following recommendations:

- Parliamentarians should lobby the Cameroonian government ATT Inter-Ministerial Committee to accelerate the ATT ratification process.
- Lawmakers should prepare and ask oral questions to government ministers to inquire about the ATT ratification status and Cameroon’s position regarding the optional latitude granted in Article 23 of the ATT to whether Cameroon accepted to apply Article 6 and 7 or not.
- The legislature should ensure that any reservation adopted by the government regarding the ATT is not baseless.
- Ensure parliamentary control is exercised regarding compliance with all articles of the ATT in order to guarantee that the treaty takes into consideration a wide variety of holistic parameters during its implementation process in Cameroon.
- Parliamentarians should lobby the Minister of External Relations (MINREX) of Cameroon by writing an inquiry letter to the Minister regarding the status of the ATT ratification process.
- The parliament should ensure that other arms and ammunition not found in the ATT such as drones and armed robots are regulated once preparing the ATT enforcement bill for Cameroon.
- Parliamentarians should mitigate the weakness of the ATT regarding “the final end user principle of arms” which does not regulate arms transfers to militant groups by ensuring this aspect is legislated upon once the ATT enforcement bill is passed.
- The legislature should ensure that the Cameroonian Government sets up and operationalize a National Control Commission for Conventional Arms.
- Ensure that the Pan-African Parliamentary Forum and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association should lobby the African Union and the ECCAS to mobilize member states to ratify the ATT.

f. Capacity building workshop with key Ministries on the use of the ATT domestication manual, Yaounde, 23 March 2017.

The capacity building workshop with 25 key government Ministries was aimed at:

- Strengthening the capacity of key government ministries and institutions on how to use the ATT domestication manual to effectively monitor the implementation of the ATT in Cameroon;
- Generating meaningful dialogue between stakeholders in order to plan for future implementation of the ATT in Cameroon.

Plenary presentations were followed by working groups where the participants strategized on the ownership and effective monitoring of the implementation process of the ATT through the use of the manual on the domestication of the ATT.

At the end of the workshop, the participants made the following recommendations:

- The Inter-Ministerial Working Group on the ATT should accelerate the ATT ratification process by utilizing the ATT domestication manual.
- Create and operationalize a National Control Commission on Conventional Arms in order to effectively monitor arms transfer operations in Cameroon.
- The Government should ensure civil society experts provide inputs in the making of country position papers prior to major ATT international conferences.
- The Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) should mobilize domestic resources to reinvigorate the ECCAS cell on SALW.
- Strengthen the capacity of the technical service in charge of the ATT in the Ministry of Trade to ease the implementation of ATT in Cameroon.
- Strengthen the collaboration between government ministries and civil society in the ratification, popularization and domestication of the ATT in Cameroon.
- Lobby the Delegation of National Security to cajole the hierarchy to implement the outcome of this ATT workshop.
- Strengthen the capacity of civil administrators and mayors to sensitize communities on the 2016 law regulating arms and ammunition in Cameroon as a tangible means to fight against the illicit proliferation of SALW.
- Ensure that key ministerial departments are involved in the ATT Working Group to ease its ratification and domestication in Cameroon.
- The competent government ministries and human rights institution should strengthen their institutional capacity by acquiring the necessary knowledge resources and publications regarding the ATT.

- Strengthen the capacity of the key government ministries and human rights institutions on a regular basis regarding the ATT.
- Develop a strategic dissemination and communication strategy regarding the popularization of the ATT with stakeholders and the wider public.

B. NATIONAL YOUTH SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS AND THE ISTANBUL PRINCIPLES.

As part of CAMYOSFOPs role as Co-Chair of the African Youth Sector of the Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) in mobilizing African youth on Development Effectiveness, she organized a two-day national youth sensitization workshop on Development Effectiveness and the Istanbul Principles from March 22-23, 2017 at Tou'ngou hotel Yaounde-Cameroon. The workshop was funded by the CPDE and participants were drawn from youth-led organizations and key government ministries.

This workshop was aimed at mobilizing and engaging youth driven CSOs to undertake development effectiveness appraisal regarding youth development policies nationally and internationally based on the Busan commitments and taking the lead in enhancing the Nairobi commitment on the development of a youth indicator to monitor Development Effectiveness.

Specific objectives of the workshop were:

- Strengthen the capacity of 30 representatives of youth-centered CSOs on development effectiveness principles and their practical implications.
- Brainstorm on the way forward of the HLM Youth Declaration, the Nairobi HLM2 outcome document and considerations of the aspects of a youth indicator for the monitoring of the GPDC commitments in Cameroon.
- To develop and adopt a youth indicator for the evaluation of the GPDC commitments in Cameroon.
- Gather meaningful inputs from participants regarding existing youth programs undertaken by the government of Cameroon with respect to the Busan commitments.
- To develop and adopt an outcome document with key actions on contextualizing and localizing the SDGs and the recommendations from the HLM 2 on development effectiveness within the youth milieu in Cameroon.

The workshop was officially opened by Mr Nguemaleu Guy Ronel, Deputy Director in Charge of the North-South Cooperation, MINEPAT. Madam Andela Christine, Central African CPDE Coordinator also provided preliminary remarks on the work of the CPDE

At the end of the workshop the following recommendations were adopted.

- Develop a youth indicator on monitoring development effectiveness.
- Youth should take the lead in spearheading innovative initiatives on financing, contextualizing and domesticating the SDGs
- Ensure the effective participation of youths and women driven CSOs in the management of community-driven aspects (information, education and communication) for major development projects.
- Encourage development effectiveness, information and knowledge sharing amongst youth CSOs including youths in the remote communities.
- Strengthen the capacity of youth organizations on how they can share vital information on social media regarding development effectiveness.
- Advocate for the adoption of a systematic youth voluntary service or placement program as an effective mechanism to guarantee professional inclusion of youths in Cameroon.
- Strengthen the content of vocational education curricular in the entire education system in order to guarantee the full participation of youth in development processes.
- Advocate for more youth-friendly employment policies that include tax waivers for young entrepreneurs as a tangible means to deter surging youth emigration.
- Foster the popularization of youth-centred national and international instruments such as the National Youth Policy and the African Youth Charter that seeks to underscore the importance of youth participation in development processes.
- Advocate for a much more transparent and accountable models in managing funds that are allocated for youths.
- Ensure CAMYOSFOPs social media platform is effectively followed by youth-driven CSOs regarding development effectiveness and the SDGs.
- Every youth driven CSO that participated in the workshop should act as an Ambassador for Development Effectiveness and the SDGs in Cameroon.

C. GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

The Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence is a campaign launched by IANSA in 2003. Each year coalition members of IANSA organize activities for this week to engage young people in the fight against gun violence. These activities include; press

conferences with government officials and parliamentarians, seminars, media interviews, marches, concerts, events for children, sports and publications.

The aim of the 2017 Global Week of Action that ran from the 5th – 12th of June was to persuade the government to do more on PoA when they gather for the Review Conference in June 2018 and to generate more media coverage and increase international understanding on the on the problems of gun violence and how to prevent it. The theme of the event was **“THE ROAD TO DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE BEGINS WITH SILENCING THE GUNS”**.

CAMYOSFOP took the lead in Cameroon in partnership with the Ecumenical Service for Peace (SeP), The Center for Peace, Security and Armed Violence Prevention (CPS-AVIP), and Women International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). Activities organized in Cameroon included;

- Median activities such as press release and participation in Radio and TV Talk Show programs.
- Consultation on reorganizing the Cameroon Action Network on Small Arms (CANSA).
- Press conference on progress made by Cameroon on in universalizing and implementing the various international instruments on combating the illicit proliferation of arms.

The event ended on the note that, there is a need for a stronger civil society coalition through CANSA in the fight against the illicit proliferation and misuse of arms in Cameroon and a synergy between the civil society and the media in raising awareness and advocating with the government in the ratification of the ATT and the full implementation of the Kinshasa convention on SALW in Central Africa and the UNPoA.

D. HUMAN RIGHTS LAW IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

The Human Right Law Implementation Project (HRLIP) is a three year research project, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), being carried out jointly by four leading academic human rights institutions namely: The Human Rights Implementation Center at the Bristol University; the Human Right Center at the University of Essex; the School of Law at Middlesex University; and the Center for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria. The Open Society Justice Initiative, part of the Open Society Foundation also served as a partner organization for this event. This research aims at exploring the factors that influence the implementation of

decisions from the regional and UN human rights bodies to strengthen the strategies and working practices of these bodies.

To take forward the research in Cameroon, CAMYOSFOP in partnership with the Human Rights Implementation Center at the Bristol University, held a two day roundtable meeting on the 5th of July to explore the research themes in detail and to seek more information on the opportunities and challenges for implementing decisions of the human rights treaty bodies in practice. The roundtable meeting which took place at Falaise Hotel brought together two groups of people to brainstorm. The first group was made of a representative from government and parliament and the second was made of a representative from the NHRI, members of the judiciary, legal professional bodies, CSOs and other experts.

The meeting began with welcome and introductory remarks from Mr. Ngalim Eugene Nyuydine, Executive Director-CAMYOSFOP. This was closely followed by an overview of the Human Rights Law Implementation research project by Professor Rachel Murray, Director of the HRIC and project manager. The roundtable discussions facilitated by Professor Rachel Murray and Ms Debra Long (HRIC) explored the following research questions:

- What are the formal structures and processes at the national level to implement decisions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples rights and UN Treaty Bodies?
- What should be the role of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights in monitoring the implementation of its decisions on individual communication?
- What should be the rule of the UN Treaty bodies in monitoring the implementation of their decision on individual communication?
- What are the key challenges for implementing decisions from the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights and UN treaty bodies, particularly in relation to Cameroon?
- What factors can assist the implementation of decisions on individual communications from the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights and UN treaty bodies, in particular in relation to a decision from these bodies involving Cameroon?

After gathering meaningful inputs from participants on the above research questions, the discussions ended with closing remarks from Professor Rachel Murray.

E. ARMS TRADE TREATY VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND (VTF) PROJECT ON FAST-TRACKING THE UNIVERSALIZATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMS TRADE TREATY IN CAMEROON IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS (MINREX), WITH CAMYOSFOP AS THE CIVIL SOCIETY IMPLEMENTING PARTNER.

Motivated by a drive to regulate the illicit proliferation of arms in Cameroon and with neighboring countries, the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX) in partnership with the Cameroon Youths and Students Forum of Peace (CAMYOSFOP)-as the civil society implementing partner and with the Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) as the funder; organized a series of workshops that seeks to accelerate the ratification and the domestication of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in Cameroon.

This one year project designed to run from September 2017 to August 2018 seeks to engage with specific stakeholders like the civil society, media practitioners; sectoral government departments, legal experts of key government ministries and the vigilante committees in the Far North region severely affected by Boko Haram insurgencies. The project began with an inception seminar at the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX) and the implementing civil society partner jointly organized a meeting regarding the responsibilities of stakeholders in fast-tracking the ratification and the domestication of the ATT. This was followed by the meeting on the reorganization of CANSA and Capacity Building Workshop of CSOs on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

a. INCEPTION SEMINAR ON CAMEROON'S ARMS TRADE TREATY (ATT) PROCESS

On the 5th of September 2017, an inception seminar was organized at MINREX bringing together the key stakeholders for an official launch of the project and to brainstorm on the implementation of the project.

The inception seminar started with a word of welcome and launching speech by Mrs Anne Chantal NAMA, Director of the United Nations and Decentralized Cooperation in the Ministry of External Relations in charge of overseeing the effective implementation of Cameroon's project on the universalization and implementation of the ATT in Cameroon. The entire project was on **fast-tracking ATT Universalization and implementation in Cameroon** was presented by Mr. Ngalim Eugene Nyuydine, Executive Director of CAMYOSFOP and the inception meeting ended with recommendations from participants.

b. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON THE REORGANISATION OF CANSA.

As part of the project activities, a continuum of meetings was organised to restructure the Cameroon Action Network on SALW (CANSALW) towards the acceleration of the ratification and domestication of the ATT in Cameroon at the Ecumenical Service for Peace (SEP). This took place on the 8th of September 2017. The outcome of this restructuring meetings led to the establishment of the statute and a new leadership to run the operation of the network with a two years mandate renewable once for the president and the vice, and for a three years mandate renewable once for the coordinator. The Executive Director of CAMYOSFOP was elected the president, Mr Solomon FOMENKUNG, Executive Director of Ecumenical Service for Peace (SeP) as Vice President and Mr Jean- Claude EDJO'O of Fondation Paul Ango Ela Ango as the coordinator.

c. CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP OF CSOS ON THE ARMS TRADE TREATY (ATT) PROCESS IN CAMEROON.

In a bid to consolidate civil society's ongoing engagement and responsibility in fostering the accelerated ratification and domestication of the ATT in Cameroon; MINREX in collaboration with the civil society implementing partner-CAMYOSFOP organized the ATT capacity building workshop with 25 CSOs in order to strengthen the capacity of civil society actors and networks on the ATT process. This took place at Hotel Tounbouy Etoa-meki, Yaounde, from the 23 – 24 Novembre 2017. The workshop began with opening statements from Mr. Ngalim Eugene Executive Director-CAMYOSFOP and the Director of UN and Decentralize Cooperation, Ministry of External Relations (MINREX), Mme Anne Chantal NAMAH, Director, MINREX

This was followed by key presentations from four resource persons around the ATT regarding civil society engagement and their responsibility within the ATT process in Cameroon. The workshop ended with key recommendations made by participants.

F. 4TH HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY COMPETITION EXCELLENCE AWARD, ORGANIZED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS (NCHRF).

En date du 02 novembre de l'An 2017 s'est décider de commun accord entre la Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme et des libertés (CNDHL) et la Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP), l'organisation d'une compétition scolaire intitulée le Prix de l'Excellence qui est fait un concours de rédaction qui met aux prises des élèves des établissements scolaires de la ville de Yaoundé 158 candidats

au tour de trois thèmes : Quelle est l'importance de l'école ? Comment rendre plus accessible les soins de santé au Cameroun ? Peut-on s'organiser et se rassembler sans mettre en péril la paix ? L'organisation de cet évènement a nécessité la tenue de plusieurs réunions préparatoires quatre au total où il a été questions de discuter sur les critères de sélections, de la méthodologie, du budget et du programme de la cérémonie proprement dite.

la célébration de la 69eme édition de la journée des Droits de l'homme initialement prévu le 10 décembre 2017 s'est vu repoussé le 11 du même mois pour cause de weekend. Les festivités marquant cette célébration se sont détendues sur trois jours, du 7 au 10 avec pour pic final le 11 décembre 2017. À cet effet des journées portes ouvertes des organisations de promotion des Droits de l'homme et une foire Nationale de l'emploi des personnes Handicapées au Cameroun à l'esplanade du musée National. La cérémonie solennelle quant à elle était ponctuée par les discours de circonstances à l'ouverture dans un premier temps de la représentante du Président de la Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme et des Libertés qui a tout en remerciant les invités a rappeler combien de fois la CNDHL est attaché à l'atteinte de ses objectifs et ses mission qui sont de veiller au respect scrupuleux des Droits de l'homme sur toute l'étendu du territoire National. Ensuite a été le tour du représentants du centre sous régional des droits de l'homme et de la démocratie en Afrique centrale d'ouvrir la cérémonie par la lecture du discours du secrétaire des nations Unies.

La seconde étape de la cérémonie était véritablement le clou de la manifestation, car elle était consacrée à la remise des prix des gagnants du prix de l'excellence 2017, trois au total. Nous avons également assisté à la lecture des deux premières rédactions en Anglais et en français C'est par cette phase que prendront fin les célébrations de la 69^{ème} édition de la journée internationale des Droits de l'Homme 2017.

4. CONSULTANCES

CAMYOSFOP undertook the following consultancies:

- a. A study on the South-South Cooperation Human Rights Inclinations: Progress and limitations in Sino-Cameroon and Sino-Zimbabwe cooperation within the Agenda 2030 Landscape, funded by the Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE).
- b. A study on Appraising the Holistic Impact of Public-Private Blended Financing of Energy Projects on Women and Youths in Cameroon, funded by Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN) and CPDE

5. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL EVENTS.

PARTICIPANT NAME	PURPOSE OF EVENT, VENUE AND DATE	OUTCOME OF EVENT
Charles Linjap Senior Strategist, CAMYOSFOP.	Validation workshop regarding Inclusive partnership in development processes organized by CPDE at Ntou'ngou hotel, Yaounde on 14 April 2017. To assess the current level of multi-stakeholder inclusive partnership in development cooperation projects in Cameroon.	A handbook on best practices of multistakeholder inclusive partnership in development cooperation in Cameroon was published and disseminated.
	SDG Regional Consultation and Accountability Framework Workshop held in Bertoua on May 22; 2017. The objective was to develop a citizen-driven accountability tool to ease the process of monitoring and evaluating the SDGs in Cameroon.	A citizen-driven accountability tool was developed to ease the process of monitoring and evaluating the SDGs in Cameroon.
	Workshop on Engaging women in conflict mediation. Held in Yaounde on June 07, 2017. The workshop aimed at strengthening the capacity of potential women mediators to ease the process of resolving conflicts in Cameroon.	The capacity of potential women mediators was strengthened to ease the process of resolving conflicts in Cameroon. We developed a strategic roadmap and criteria on how to effectively select the best women mediators in Cameroon.
	Roundtable on the role of women in mediation as early warning and non-violence conflict resolution mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies for the identification of women for the network of mediators in Cameroon were identified

	<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue the dialogue on the importance of setting up a network of women mediators in Cameroon • Educate participants on the attitude, skills, technique and methods regarding mediation and non-violent conflict resolution • Outline the importance and challenges of mediators as early warning mechanisms and techniques for reducing violence and building lasting peace Rally CSOs women and other key actors to this process • Develop a strategy to identify potential women members of the mediation network in Cameroon. It took place in Yaounde – Ecumenical Service for Peace, Wednesday, June 17, 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the network should be identified from the local level • Mobilize resources to do an in-depth training on mediation in Cameroon
	<p>SDG Regional Consultation and Accountability Framework Workshop organized by MINEPAT. The meeting took place in Ebolowa on June 22.</p> <p>To Develop a monitoring and an accountability framework from a citizen's perspective regarding the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Cameroon.</p>	<p>A monitoring and accountability framework was developed.</p>

	<p>Validation/Workshop in Cameroon” Yaounde, 31 June 2017. The objectives of the events were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the results of the Cameroon inclusive partnerships monitoring to the different development stakeholders (government, TFP, private sector, non-state actors, etc) • Brainstorm among the different stakeholders with a view to strengthening inclusive partnerships in Cameroon • Make recommendations from which actions and guidelines will emerge to improve the implementation and results of inclusive 	<p>The workshop presented a the need to strengthen multi-stakeholder relationship.</p>
	<p>Plan International Assessment workshop to develop a concept paper for the Plan for Girls project in partnership with Plan Canada, held in Djeuga hotel on July 16, 2017</p>	<p>It was recommended that the pilot phase of the project will commence in the North and Far North regions.</p>
Jean Serge Nguiamba Mbile	<p>Salle de conférence de la Chambre d’agriculture de Yaoundé -Du 04-05-10-2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journées de consultations de la société civile sur l’élaboration des 22è et 23è rapport périodique du Cameroun au comité pour l’élimination de toutes les formes de discriminations Raciales. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrichir le rapport avec la contribution de toutes parties prenantes. • Fournir des données bien ventilées dans chaque rapport. • Fournir des données statiques sur le nombre • de poursuites judiciaires engagées contre les forces de l’ordre et les sanctions courues. • Adopter une stratégie globale à la situation des groupes minoritaires et des peuples autochtones.
	<p>une réunion préparatoire du sommet UE-UA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regrouper les femmes en réseau

	24 mai 2017 salle de conférence de la commission de l'UE bureau du Cameroun.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renforcer les capacités des femmes dans le domaine de la de la politique
	<p>12eme édition du café genre placé sous le thème « Femme et Vie publique : voies et moyens et garantir une participation politique des femmes à travers des élections libres sensibles.</p> <p>le 27 juillet 2017 au restaurant les Cascades du Mfoundi de Yaoundé.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Développement personnel comme clés du leadership • L'audace de briser nos limites • la modification de son état d'esprit.
	<p>Conférence sur la journée des Nations Unies au Cameroun: Société Civile : Préservation de la paix et mise en œuvre des ODD au Cameroun.</p> <p>IRIC, 19-octobre 2017.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implication de la société Civile dans la préservation de la paix. • La société civile est un partenaire capitale dans la préservation de la paix <p>La société civile accompagne l'Etat dans ses processus de signature et de ratifications des instruments internationaux.</p>
	<p>Cérémonie solennelle marquant la célébration de la 72^{ème} édition de la journée des Nations Unies au Cameroun.</p> <p>salle des conférences du MINREX, 24 octobre 2017</p>	<p>De 2018-2020, les NU travailleront ensemble autour de 4 domaines prioritaires : 1-le développement des opportunités d'emploi décents et de l'inclusion sociale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • la santé et la nutrition ; • l'éducation et la formation professionnelle ; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • la résilience, le relèvement précoce et la sécurité alimentaire.
	<p>Les clés du Développement Personnel pour un meilleur Leadership</p> <p>Hôtel la Falaise</p> <p>27/09/2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Développement personnel comme clés du leadership • L'audace de briser nos limites • la modification de son état d'esprit.
	Mise sur pied d'un Protocole d'accord de partenariat CONSUPE-OSCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mettre en comment leurs ressources en vue de

	16th November	<p>l'accomplissement des missions confiées à chaque d'elle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • développer des stratégies efficaces permettant la réalisation de leur mandat commun dans le domaine de la protection de la fortune publique. • réfléchir sur les problèmes d'intérêts mutuels liés à leurs activités respectives • échanger d'informations et les bonnes pratiques développées par l'un ou l'autre. • formuler les propositions pertinentes à soumettre au gouvernement, en vue de la résolution ou de la prévention des problèmes d'intérêt général identifié ou pressentis dans le domaine dont elles ont la charge.
	<p>Réunion de validation du rapport sur « Renforcement de la Transition Démocratique dans les pays post-conflit en Afrique Centrale : Construction de l'Etat et économie de la guerre en République Centrafricaine » organisé par CEA/BSR-AC à l'hôtel Hilton à Yaounde du 12-13 décembre 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification des problèmes structurels qui n'ont pas été pris en compte dans la résolution des conflits passés. • un accent sur le contexte colonial particulier de la RCA. • une bonne compréhension des causes structurelles des conflits notamment géopolitique. • il faudrait s'interroger sur les raisons de l'échec des différentes solutions utilisées jusqu'ici. • Revoir la structure du rapport. • mettre à jour les données qui sont disponible sur les sites web. Faire le lien entre les zones de conflit et les zones riches en ressources naturelle. Approfondir la réflexion sur l'effet des conflits sur la performance économique et leur impact sur la population en

		<p>général et le capital humain et les droits humains en particulier.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> le rôle des institutions et de la gouvernance dans le processus de paix, l'analyse de la qualité de la gouvernance et de certains aspects institutionnels de la RCA.
	<p>Mise sur pied d'un Protocole d'accord de partenariat CONSUPE-OSCs 16th Novembre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mettre en comment leurs ressources en vue de l'accomplissement des missions confiées à chaque d'elle. développer des stratégies efficaces permettant la réalisation de leur mandat commun dans le domaine de la protection de la fortune publique.
	<p>Publication officielle du rapport d'activités 2016 et rapport sur l'Etat des droits de l'Homme au Cameroun en 2016 de la Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme et des Libertés</p> <p>Chambre d'agriculture, 20 décembre 2017 Yaounde</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publier les deux rapports à temps. Intégrer les toutes les parties prenantes (OSC) Organiser des ateliers d'échange avec la société civile à fin de prendre en compte tous les avis important qui pourront enrichir les rapports.
Suwun Rita B. (Research and Policy Development Officer)	<p>Theme: "More Respect and Valorisation of Domestic Workers in Cameroon"</p> <p>To discuss on how to give more respect and valorise domestic workers in Cameroon. Took place in Yaounde, on 07 March 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for Cameroon to ratify UN Convention 189 of ILO on Domestic Workers Domestic workers should organize themselves into networks in order to better defend their rights
	<p>Roundtable on the role of women in mediation as early warning and non-violence conflict resolution mechanism. It took place in Yaounde</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies for the identification of women for the network of mediators in Cameroon were identified

	<p>– Ecumenical Service for Peace, Wednesday, June 17, 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the network should be identified from the local level • Mobilize resources to do an in-depth training on mediation in Cameroon
	<p>CLEWO: Enhancing staff contribution to the delivery of the SDGs. Objective: To share the experience through a presentation on the delivery of the SDGs and enhance accountability. Held on 18th June 2017, Yaounde</p>	<p>CAMYOSFOP's experiences in contributing to the delivery of the SDGs and accountability were shared with the staff members of CLEWO</p>
	<p>“Inclusive Partnerships Multi stakeholder Validation/Workshop in Cameroon” Held in Yaounde on the 31 June 2017. The objectives of the events were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the results of the Cameroon inclusive partnerships monitoring to the different development stakeholders (government, TFP, private sector, non-state actors, etc) • Brainstorm among the different stakeholders with a view to strengthening inclusive partnerships in Cameroon • Make recommendations from which actions and guidelines will emerge to improve the implementation and results of inclusive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donors should be part of the meeting next time • There multi-stakeholder relationship exists but still needs to be strengthened • African countries should step up their contributions on Peacekeeping Operations to the United Nations and the African Union. • African countries should focus on peacebuilding initiatives that will help prevent the outbreak of conflicts
Christian Shofola, Finance Officer	<p>Workshop on empowering youth civil society actors as agents of rehabilitation and reintegration of people with a history of or propensity for violence, organised by Local Youth</p>	<p>Organizations from all regions were grouped together to perform rehabilitation and reintegration activities together and reports forwarded to LOYOC quarterly</p>

	Corner Cameroon (LOYOC) at SOMATEL Hotel Biyemassi from 17-19 January 2017.	
	UN Women mission to the University games to sensitize university students on the HeForShe project, menstrual hygiene and to top-up the number of signatories on the HeForShe website. The University of Bamenda, 23-30 April 2017	About 5000 students were sensitized on the HeForShe and menstrual hygiene. 2300 students signed on the HeForShe website.
Lukong Brenda Berriliy Communication Officer	Organised by NewSETA to empower and educate more than 35 youth from the 10 regions in Cameroon on Peace and Democracy and their role in peacebuilding. The meeting took place at Le Best Hotel Mvog-ada, Yaounde on 27 th Oct 2017.	More than 35 youth from all the 10 regions are educated on peace and democracy and are to carry a pass it on activity in the various regions.
	Organised by MINREX at the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civic Education MINJECYaounde on the 8th of November 2017 to contribute to the government's desire to build a resilient society in partnership with the Commonwealth to counter violent extremism in Cameroon.	Took part in the CSO's working group during the working session as rapporteur, suggesting points on how the rehabilitation and reintegration centre could be structured.
	The Community Center For Integrated Development/ Local Youth Corner Cameroon, EISERVI organised a training on the role of youth in promoting human rights and peace, and countering violent extremism. The meeting took place in Yaounde on 27 th November 2017	Victims of violent extremism, conflict, and social unrest in most parts of Cameroon are the targeted population that have to be educated on peace and human rights and the evil of joining the terrorist groups

Fonbanla Gaelle Dufe Intern	Ladies hour by Friedrch Ebert Stiftung (FES) on: “More Respect and Valorisation of Domestic Workers in Cameroon” on 07 March 2017 in Yaounde	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for Cameroon to ratify UN Convention 189 of ILO on Domestic Workers 2. Domestic workers should organize themselves into networks in order to better defend their rights
Jato Janette (Programs Assistant)	Ladies hour by Friedrch Ebert Stiftung (FES) on the Gender Perspective of the Boko Haram Conflict: What measures to empower women and girls? Took place in Yaounde on June 27 th , 2017	Participants were sensitized on the various interventions from different organizations on the various ways women and girls have been empowered in the affected areas
Lukong Brenda (Communications Officer)	Presentation of the Resolution 1325 Action Plan and Related Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council on Women, Peace and Security in Cameroon by MINPROFF and UN Women at Palais des Sport- Yaoundé, on 16 th November 2017.	A manual titled: REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON: NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE 1325 RESOLUTION AND COMPANION RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ON WOMEN, PEACE AND - SECURITY (2018-2020) by the UN Women was distributed to participants to help them better understand the role of women play in peace issues and what Resolution 1325 was all about.
Fonbala Gaelle Dufe (Intern)	Press Conference on 16 Days Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls with a focus on “Leave No One Behind, End Violence Against Women and Girls, organised by UN Women at her office Premises at Bastos-Yaounde, on the 21st November 2017.	The Press conference enlightened participants on the theme of the 16 Days of Activism on EVAWG.
Jato Janette (Programs Assistant)	National Programme on Improving the Legal and Socio-Cultural Response to Child Marriage organized by WAA Cameroon to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A declaration on ending child marriage • A network of youth leaders on ending child marriage

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the capacity of youths as advocates to end child marriage • Identify practices that promote and protects the right of a child as a means to end child marriage <p>Took place on the 28th -29th of September at WAA Cameroon Office Premises.</p>	
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6. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

PARTICIPANT NAME.	PURPOSE OF EVENT, DATE, VENUE.	OUTCOME OF EVENT
NGALIM Eugene Nyuydine Executive Director, CAMYOSFOP	Third Conference of State Parties (CSP3) informal meeting on Effective ATT implementation; Transparency and Reporting and treaty Universalization. As part of the prepcom, Control Arms organized a side event on treaty universalization, held in Geneva, Switzerland from 15 – 16 February 2017.	Reports of the Working Groups on implementation, universalization, transparency and reporting were considered by the meeting. Equally, Ngalim Eugene participated in the Control Arms Side event where he presented Cameroon’s experience on advancing the Universalization of the ATT.
	The second High-Level Political Forum on SDGs focused on “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world” held in New York from 14 – 20 July 2017	During the workshop over 40 member states presented National Voluntary Review reports on the implementation of the SDGs. It should be noted that most of these member states incorporated the civil society in their review process. Finally, the HLPF ended with a Ministerial Declaration with a commitment to ending poverty and a pledge to continue inclusive and effective implementation of Agenda 2030.

	<p>The sub-regional workshop on building the capacity of the civil society on Early Warning and creating a sub-regional network on Early Warning organised by UNOCA and ECCAS from 31 July – 02 August.</p>	<p>At the end of the workshop, a sub-regional network on Early Warning is created.</p>
	<p>Observation of the Kenya General Elections of Aug 08, 2017 in the city of Eldoret.</p>	<p>The outcome of the elections was that President Uhuru Kenyata was declared Winner by the National Elections and Boundary Commission but the results were later cancelled by the Supreme Court on grounds of irregularities witnessed during the conduct of the election. The re-run was reprogrammed for 26 October. President Uhuru Kenyatta again won the majority of the votes and declared a winner by the Supreme Court.</p>
	<p>The 3rd conference of State Parties on the ATT in Geneva, Switzerland focused on General Debate: Treaty Implementation; Transparency and Reporting; Treaty Universalization; International Assistance; Matters pertaining to CSP4. During the conference, ECCAS organized a side event on the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention on SALW and the ATT in the Central Africa Sub Region. Held from the 10th to the 15th of August.</p>	<p>The conference considered the various items discussed and Tokyo to host CSP4. Ngalim Eugene participated in the ECCAS Side event with a presentation on the Involvement of the civil society in the universalization and implementation of the ATT.</p>
	<p>The CPDE youth sector and the Global Council and Coordination meeting held in Berlin bringing together the members of these organs reviewed the CPDE in 2017, considered new members, elect two co-chairs and plan for 2018. This took place from the 11th to the 14th of October</p>	<p>During the GC, CPDE Working groups were reduced to five that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Sector Accountability • CSO Development Effectiveness • CSO Enabling Environment • South-South Cooperation <p>Conflict and Fragility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equally, two new Co-Chairs were elected:

	COARM III Regional Workshop on Arms Diversion was organized by EU Export Control Programs for Arms and the German Federal Office of Economic and Export Control to train both civilians and public administrations on Arms Diversion in Accra Ghana from 25 th -26 th October, 2017.	The outcome of the meeting was a commitment to fighting arms diversion through a number of instruments binding arms such as the ATT and other regional instruments.
<p>Suwun Rita B. (Research and Policy Development Officer)</p> <p>Bongwong Christian Shofola (Finance Officer)</p>	<p>Training of peace building practitioners and institutions on structural and systemic threats to sustainable peace at the implementation and monitoring levels, organised by Africa Peacebuilding Innovations for Change Training (APIC) in Abuja from 10 – 21 July 2017.</p> <p>The meeting aimed to contribute to the effective change in peacebuilding environments and strengthen enabling environments (including institutional) for peacebuilding stakeholders to implement desired changes</p>	<p>Enhanced skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designing and implementing concrete long-term plans and actions that respond to peacebuilding needs • Designing peace building interventions that target and increase participation of women and Youth at all levels. • CAMYOSFOP participants designed a project dubbed “Prevention, Rescuing and Empowerment of trafficked Girls from the North West Region of Cameroon” (Kumbo, Kom and Nkambe).
	Training on mainstreaming Gender in preventing the acquisition of arms and ammunitions by terrorist groups in the Lake Chad Basin, organised by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC) from the 18 – 20 December 2017 in Lome – Togo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workshop ended with a declaration form the civil society. Participants committed to: • Build the capacity of other civil society actors on the issue of SALW and terrorism so that they can better play their role • Strengthen advocacy for the implementation of UN Resolution 1325 and related conventions, 2250 and 1540 • Strengthen collaboration between civil society actors in the Lake Chad Basin • Carry out a mapping of actors fighting against SALW in the Lake Chad Basin

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate the Training of Trainers manual on the marking and tracing of small arms and light weapon Implement joint projects on the fight against SALW, the prevention of violent extremism and terrorism.
EPIE NOELLA UKEH.	Training on understanding the various components of UN peacekeeping missions in Africa and to identify their roles and how they relate to each other, organized by the AU from 4 – 15 September in Bamako, Mali.	Presentations of a set of recommendations that will enhance the civil-military relationship

7. PARTICIPATION IN THE AFRICAN UNION ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECOSOCC) EVENTS

PARTICIPANTS NAME.	PURPOSE OF EVENT, DATE, VENUE.	OUTCOME OF EVENT
Ngalim Eugene, ECOSOCC Standing Committee member.	5 th Ordinary Session of ECOSOCC Standing Committee meeting held in Cairo, Egypt from 2–4 March to finalize preparations for the ECOSOCC General Elections	The dates for the General Elections are adopted for March 27 – 31, 2017 in Cairo
	The ECOSOCC permanent mid-term elective General assembly aims at the re-election of the members of the Standing Committee for a period of two years. It held in Cairo from 27 – 31 March.	NGALIM Eugene is re-elected as the Chairperson of the Peace and Security Cluster.
	The 6 th Standing Committee meeting to plan and structure the ECOSOCC calendar of events till the end of the year and as an induction programme that includes AUC Departments as well as interaction with Commissioners in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 29 – 31 May	The report of the elections of the Standing Committee and the Mission to Lusaka to examine the readiness of Zambia to host the ECOSOCC Secretariat was considered. Equally, the Standing Committee was received by the Chairperson of the AUC.

<p>ECOSOCC Civil Society Forum on the operationalization of the Livingstone Formula on the involvement of the civil society in the promotion of peace, security and the stability of Africa. Held in Kigali – Rwanda from 19 – 21 October.</p> <p><i>Prof. Verkijika G. Fanzo, Board Chair of CAMYOSFOP alongside NGALIM Eugene participated in this meeting.</i></p>	<p>At the end of the forum, it was accepted that the next forum will be organized as a side event to the PSC Retreat. Equally, participants recommended the Peace and Security Cluster to develop the very first advisory opinion and submit to the Executive Council and PSC.</p>
<p>Consultation on the in-depth study on ECOSOCC. The Africa wider civil society was also invited to contribute and share experiences on the functioning of civil society in the continent. Held in Seychelles from 30 Oct - 1 Nov 2017.</p> <p><i>Charles Linjap, the Senior Strategist of CAMYOSFOP and NGALIM Eugene participated in the meeting.</i></p>	<p>The consultation adopted a methodology and calendar of activities for the in-depth study on the functioning of ECOSOCC.</p>
<p>7th ECOSOCC Standing Committee meeting to evaluate 2017, endorse the report of the workshop on an in-depth study on ECOSOCC and also adopt an action plan for 2018. Held in Seychelles from 2 – 3 Nov 2017.</p>	<p>Major decisions were taken in relation to the in-depth study on ECOSOCC and on the ECOSOCC action plan for 2018</p>
<p>Second Regional Counter – Terrorism Coordination meeting and the 11th meeting of Africa Centre for Research and Study on Terrorism (ACRST) Focal Points Representatives. The meeting examines the situation of terrorism in the continent and built the capacity of ACRST to deliver on its mandate. It took place in held in Algiers, Algeria from 14 – 19 Dec 2017.</p>	<p>The meeting ended with the adoption of an outcome document on furthering the work of ACRST in countering terrorism and researching and publishing on terrorism in the continent. Participants also recommended that henceforth Focal Points to ACRST should be key ministries and not individuals.</p>

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- Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
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- United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (UNCHRD).
- UN Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC)
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP).
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).
- UN Women Country Office, Cameroon.
- Human Rights Implementation Centre of the University of Bristol, England.
- African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)
- Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lake and Horn of Africa (RECSA).
- Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)
- Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN)
- Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN)
- National Platform of Civil Society Organizations of Cameroon (PLANOSCAM).
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- Control Arms
- International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA).
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