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# **CAMYOSFOP's ANNUAL ACTIVITY**

## **REPORT 2019**



**Hosting of SDG flag / inauguration of the CAMYOSFOP Human Rights, Peace and SDG Club, CCSS, Nkolbong, Yaounde**

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**Mission Statement:**

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

**CAMYOSFOP:** Cameroon Youth and Students Forum for Peace  
**CANSA:** Cameroon Action Network on Small Arms  
**CNLS:** National Committee on the Fight against HIV  
**CPDE:** Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness.  
**ECCAS:** Economic Community of Central African States  
**ECOSOCC:** African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council  
**ELECAM:** Elections Cameroon  
**GBV:** Gender Based Violence  
**KC:** Kinshasa Convention  
**MINJEC:** Ministry of Youth and Civic Education  
**MINPROFF:** Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family  
**MINREX:** Ministry of External Relations  
**MOSAIC:** Modular Small Arms Control Implementation Compendium  
**NAP:** National Action Plan  
**NatCom:** National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons  
**NCHRF:** National Commission on Human Rights of Freedom  
**ROAA:** Reality of Aid - Africa  
**SALW:** Small Arms and Light Weapons  
**SDG:** Sustainable Development Goals  
**SGBV:** Sexual Gender Based Violence  
**STG:** Silencing the Guns in Africa.  
**UNREC:** United Nations Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament in Africa  
**UNSCAR:** United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation  
**VAWG:** Violence Against Women and Girls

## INTRODUCTION

The Cameroon Youth and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP) in 2019 engaged in a number of programs at the national and international level to accomplish its mission on promoting peace in Cameroon and the world at large. The activities involved implementing core programs, funded projects, co-funded projects, consultancies, and contributing in various national and international policy spaces including the Africa Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) events where the Executive Director of CAMYOSFOP is Cameroon's representative.

## 1. CAMYOSFOP FUNDED PROJECTS

### 1.1 SIDE EVENT ON CSW63, NEW YORK - U.S.A (CHURCH CENTER), MARCH 15 2019

The event was organized by CAMYOSFOP in partnership with the Government of Cameroon through the Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF). The side event presided at by Madam Marie-Therese Abena Obama Ondoua, Minister of Women Empowerment and the Family with the following panellists; Mr. NGALIM Eugene Nyuydine, Executive Director, (CAMYOSFOP), Ms. Christelle Bay, Executive Director, (HOFNA), Ms. Sylvie NDONGMO, Coordinator, Women International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Cameroon and Dr Emilie NGO-NGUIDJOL SONGOLO, Coordinator of International & Area Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, did presentations on Government – CSOs joint efforts on innovative and holistic perspectives on the HeForShe gender equality and ending Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Cameroon.



*Family picture at the end of the event with the Minister of Women Empowerment in red flanked by the participants*

Participants were drawn from government ministries, international NGOs, and Civil Society Organizations. The Side events had two main outcomes which were:

- Participants shared best practices on Gender Based Violence
- Participants took the commitments to intensify the HeForShe campaign and the fight against Gender Based Violence.



## 1.2 CAMYOSFOP BOARD MEETING, YAOUNDE, 12 JANUARY 2019

The CAMYOSFOP Board meeting held on January 12 2019 discussed the following issues: review of recommendations from previous board meeting, celebration of CAMYOSFOP 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, implementation of CAMYOSFOP Strategic Action Plan 2017-2019, setting up of a CAMYOSFOP radio station, staff situation, CAMYOSFOP website and CAMYOSFOP'S ongoing/upcoming projects.



***Board members including the special guest, Mrs Kem Jennet, Resident Representative of UN Women, Burundi and Mrs Susan Bamuh of FES Cameroon***

At the end of the deliberations, the following resolutions and recommendations were adopted:

- CAMYOSFOP anniversary will be celebrated during the second quarter of November 2019. In this light, it was agreed that the CAMYOSFOP staff should develop the budget for the anniversary and share with Board members. Engage in the production of income generating items that will be sold on that day, Ms. Patience Elango should work on a video slide on CAMYOSFOP's success stories since creation in preparation for the anniversary and Yaa Gladys work on a quarterly magazine that will be launched during the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and share Progress in 3 months.
- Board Members pledged to contribute 100,000 FRS each towards the celebration of the anniversary and some made contributions towards the celebration of 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- In order to ameliorate the financial situation, CAMYOSFOP should engage on getting funding for long-term projects.



- CAMYOSFOP should write to the Prime Minister on introducing the notion of development effectiveness in the Government Ministries.
- CAMYOSFOP should engage the US Embassy in the Human rights, Peace and SDG club by inviting them to participate in some of their events and contact the Embassy to get information on US Embassy engagements in this domain. Apply for books from the Embassy that will be distributed during events with schools.
- CAMYOSFOP should write a project proposal on empowering the disarmed militants from the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon.
- From 2019, staff will be expected to sign contracts with clearly defined duties and responsibilities. Ms. Ndzevoi tasked to talk with a labour expert on writing the contracts and give feedback to Mr. Ngalim Eugene.

### **1.3 CULTURAL MANIFESTATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PEACE AND SDG WITH CAMYOSFOP SECONDARY SCHOOL CLUBS, CCSS NKOLBONG, YAOUNDE, 8 FEBRUARY 2019.**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Cultural Manifestation on Human Rights, Peace and SDGs for the 2018/2019 academic year was organised in commemoration of the 53<sup>rd</sup> celebration of the National Youth Day in Cameroon. The event took place at the Christian Comprehensive Secondary School (CCSS) Nkolmbong, Yaounde on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with 6 secondary schools participating. The main activity for this event was the Painting/drawings competition on Goal 17 of the SDGs. The schools involved were: Lycée Bilingue d'Etoug Ebe, Lycée de la Cité Verte, CCSS Nkolmbong, Mario Academic Complex, Mendong, Mevick Bilingual Grammar School, Etoug Ebe and Oxford Comprehensive High School, Obili. The cultural manifestation saw other activities such as; debate, songs by the school choir and club members, traditional dance by the schools.

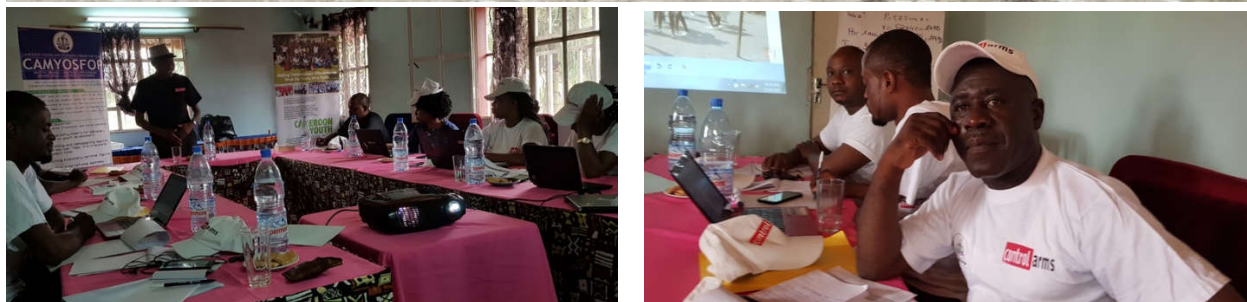


The theme of the debate was **“How can Ending Violence against the Girl Child” contribute to achieving the SDGs?** Questions on the quiz on the other hand centered on some articles from the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the 17 SDGs and General Knowledge. At the end of the event, prizes were awarded to the best students who participated in the painting/drawing competition.



## 1.4 CAMYOSFOP STAFF RETREAT, 16 – 17 FEBRUARY, 2019, MBALMAYO

“Building on current organizational strengths for effective delivery, growth and leadership” was the theme for CAMYOSFOP’s 2019 annual staff retreat held from February 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 in Mbalmayo. The high point of this retreat was the training on leadership skills carried out by Mr Peter Ngu Tayong, Director of the Tayong Leadership Academy.



**CAMYOSFOP Staff in a group picture with the Guest of Honour Mr Peter Ngu Tayong in black sandwiched in the middle and below during his training session on Leadership.**

Apart from the expectations and the commitments made by the staff on the successful management of the organization, the following recommendations and resolutions were adopted:

- Staff members’ performance will be evaluated based on the commitments made by the end of the retreat.
- Board members will be engaged to play key roles in lobbying for the organization in power circles and other spheres of influence.
- The US embassy shall be engaged to re-invest in the Human rights, peace and SDG clubs
- Information on call for proposals will be meticulously studied with close attention paid to the guidelines.
- Brenda, Serge and Jenet were entrusted with the responsibility to design prototype marketing document for the engagement of partners.
- An end of year retreat shall be organized to deliberate on the strategic action plan for 2020-2022.
- Three editorial meetings shall be held prior to the production of the VOP magazine and the Human Rights newsletters.

## 2. CO-FUNDED PROJECTS

### 2.1. CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON A JOINT IMPLEMENTATION OF A SUB-REGIONAL PROJECT ON ARTICLE 22 OF THE KINSHASA CONVENTION, 28 FEBRUARY, 2019, LIBREVILLE, GABON

CAMYOSFOP in partnership with the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), Small Arms Survey (SMS), Centre for Peace, Security and Armed Violence Prevention (CPS-AVIP) and the State of Cameroon held a meeting at ECCAS Office-Libreville, Gabon, regarding the possibility of jointly implementing a sub-regional project on article 22 of the Kinshasa Convention. The goal of the project was to support the ECCAS Secretary-General and State Parties to effectively implement Article 22 of the Kinshasa Convention on sub-regional electronic database of weapons used in peacekeeping operations, in order to reduce the illicit circulation of small arms and lights from and around peacekeeping operations. The meeting was officially opened by General Guy Pierre Garcia Deputy SG of ECCAS in charge of human integration, peace and security. He underscored the importance of silencing the guns in partnership with both State and Non-State Actors in the Central African Sub-region. He equally highlighted the African Union flagship program of silencing the guns by 2020 and possibility to extend the program to 2023 upon utilizing an independent evaluation mechanism as required by ECCAS text. Equally, he underlined the on-going reforms to strengthen collaboration between the African Union (AU) and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) on specific issues with respect to AU Agenda 2063.



*Group Picture: L-R: Col. Jacques Didier Lavenir Mvom, Ngalim Eugene, Nounou Meeti, Missack Kasongo (ECCAS) Eric Berman (SAS), General Guy Pierre Garcia (ECCAS), Charles Linjap, Amaa Francisca, Lasconi MEDI (MINREX)*



*Working session with General Guy Pierre Garcia, Deputy SG of ECCAS*

The second debriefing meeting was with H.E Ambassador Baudouin Hamuli; Director of Political Affairs, Economic Community of Central African States. The Ambassador-Director in charge of the EWS mechanism highlighted the importance to consolidate partnership with the civil society upon organizing Sub-regional capacity building workshop with civil society actors in June 2019. At the end of the meeting, a log frame with key activities was developed to guide the collaboration between the ECCAS and its partners the Small Arms Survey, CAMYOSFOP and CSP-AVIP.

## **2.2. COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2019, YAOUNDE**

The event organized by Junior Chambers International in Partnership with CAMYOSFOP, Global Peace Foundation and Local Youth Conner took place on September 21<sup>st</sup> in Yaounde during the World Peace Day. The theme of the event, "Peace is Possible," was aimed at mobilizing young people in the promotion of peace in Cameroon. It also provided a unique gathering for young people to unleash new ideas, inspire and inform youths about cultural diversity in peace building, hate speech, social cohesion and togetherness. The event brought together young leaders from youth organizations, government ministries, universities and religions institutions. The activities were focused on panellist discussions on efforts to promote peace in Cameroon, poems, showcasing youth activities and initiatives on advancing peace in communities, storytelling, musical performance and comedy. At the end of the event, participants pledged to be peace ambassadors in their communities.

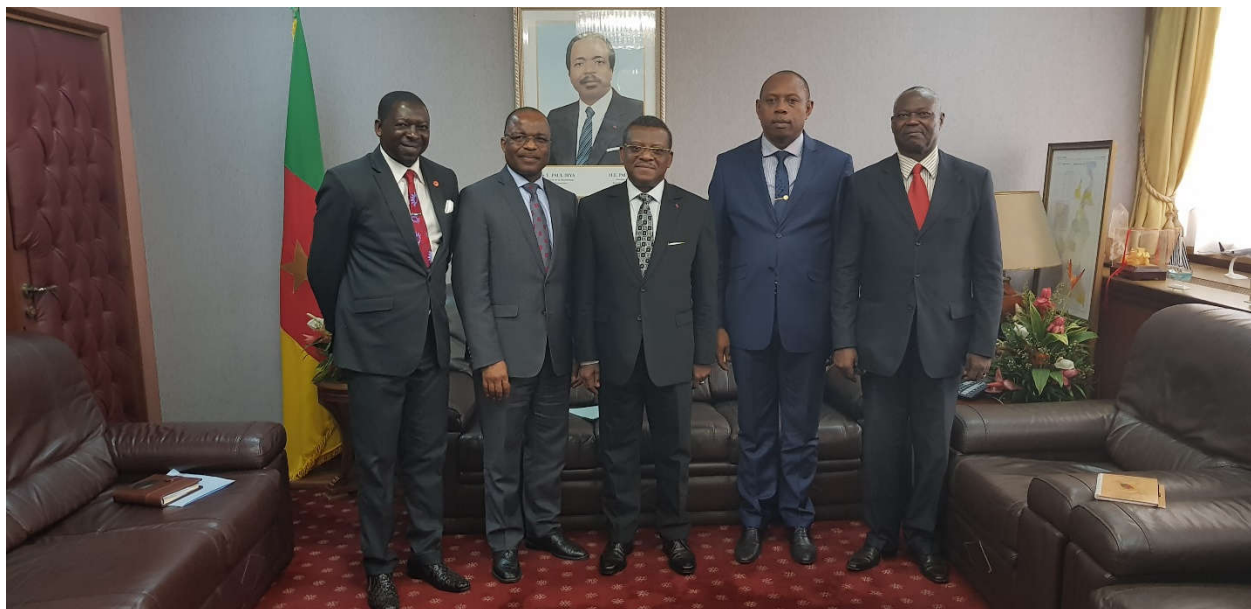


### 3. FUNDED PROJECTS:

#### **3.1.CAMYOSFOP/UNSCAR PROJECT ON: STRENGTHENING THE TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL CAPACITIES OF 7 STATE PARTIES TO THE KINSHASA CONVENTION ON SALW ON THE USE OF MOSAIC FOR THE CREATION OF NATCOMS, ELABORATION OF NAPS AND THE SALW NATURE OF WOMEN AND YOUTH**

CAMYOSFOP in a bid to regulate the illicit proliferation of arms in Central Africa launched a one year flagship program from January to December 2019 on the capacity building of the 7 state parties to the Kinshasa Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) on the use of Modular Small Arms Control Implementation Compendium (MOSAIC) funded by the UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR). Partners of the project included the government of Cameroon through the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX), the Economic Community of Central Africa States (ECCAS) and the UN Office for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC). The seven States Parties of the Kinshasa Convention involved are; Angola, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Congo Brazzaville, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe.

In order to kick start the project, Dr Ivor Richard FUNG, Deputy Chief of Conventional Weapons in the UN Office on Disarmament Affairs ( UNODA) and an UNSCAR Team member visited Cameroon to emgage with Cameroon's official on the greater understanding of the project and on what is expected from the government of Cameroon to the successful implementation of the project. Discussions were therefore held with HE Joseph DION NGUTE, Prime Minister, Head of Government, , HE, MBELLA MBELLA Lejeune, Minister of External Relations (MINREX), Ministry of Defence represented by Major General TCHEMO Hector Marie and Mr FAI Yengo Francis, Coordinator of the DDR Commission.



*Group picture with the PM at the end of the audience. From L-R: Ngalm Eugene Nyuydine, Executive Director of CAMYOSFOP, Dr Ivor Richard Fung (UNODA), HE Joseph Dion Ngute, PM, Head of Government, Mr Ebune Confiance, Chief of Cabinet at the PMs Office and Colonel Jacques Didier Llavenir MVOM, Expert on SALW.*

***In order to achieve the strategic objective of this project CAMYOSFOP implemented the following activities:***

**i. INCEPTION AND PLANNING MEETING - ON A JOINT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNSCAR PROJECT, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, LIBREVILLE GABON.**

The meeting took place at the ECCAS Office, to Consolidate momentum from ECCAS and related stakeholders towards building a collaborative team spirit in planning for the joint implementation of the CAMYOSFOP UNSCAR project. The ECCAS representative for this meeting in his opening remarks reiterated the fact that ECCAS has accepted to work in collaboration with CAMYOSFOP and related stakeholders to implement the Kinshasa Convention in the fight against Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in the Central African Sub-region. Participants for the meeting included: Mr Missack Kasongo, ECCAS Expert on SALW, Ngalm Eugene, Executive Director of CAMYOSFOP, Col. Jacques Didier Larvenir Mvom, Consultant for the project, Nounou Booto Meeti, Programs Officer of Centre for Peace, Security and Armed Violence Prevention (CPS-AVIP), Charles Linjap, Senior Strategist for CAMYOSFOP and Amaa Francisca, Research and Policy Officer for CAMYOSFOP. At the end of the meeting, the General Secretariat of ECCAS agreed to facilitate the different national Workshops that would be organized in the 7 member states of the Sub-region.

**ii. EXPERT TRAINING WORKSHOP ON THE USE OF MOSAIC MODULES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KINSHASA CONVENTION, 21 MARCH, YAOUNDE.**

The training was facilitated by Dr. Ivo Richard Fung, Head of Small Arms Division in the UN Office on Disarmament Affairs (UNODA). The training modules were on; National Coordinating Mechanisms on small arms and light weapons (NatCom), Designing and implementing a National Action Plan (NAP), Gender and Youth Nature of Small Arms and Light weapons.



**Group picture with Madam Cecile Mballa, current SG of MINREX and Dr Ivor Richard FUNG from UNODA.**

At the end of the meeting, it was recommended that:

- Cameroon needs to take this opportunity of the UNSCAR project and present it as one of the achievements of her mandate as president of CSP1.
- Set up a sub commission which will be in charge of conventional arms.
- Identify a focal point that will be a direct relay between UN Structures and Government in terms of reporting, include gender friendly policies when developing National Action Plans.



- Include local arm manufacturers in the marking and tracing of small arms and lights weapons process and consider other existing sub regional legislations on arms when developing national policies on arms control.

### **iii. VALIDATION MEETING OF THE TRAINING TOOLKIT OF THE PROJECT, 22 MARCH, YAOUNDE**

The validation meeting of the toolkit for the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention on SALW through the MOSAIC modules brought together Experts from key ministries and the civil society who edited and provided inputs to enrich the draft toolkit and also provided a platform for information sharing about the ongoing project.



At the end of the meeting, 1000 copies of the toolkit was published and distributed to the participants of each of the national workshops for the project and institutions involve in the fight against the illicit proliferation of SALW to ease the process of setting up and Operationalizing NatComs and NAPs by the states parties to the Kinshasa Convention and the rest of the ECCAS member states..

### **iv. THE CAMEROON NATIONAL WORKSHOP, 22 – 23 APRIL 2019, YAOUNDE**

The inaugural workshop on the capacity building of the 7 states parties to the Kinshasa Convention on the implementation of the Convention through the MOSAIC modules on SALW took place in Yaounde from April 22 – 23, 2019. Participants were drawn from 15 key ministries involved in the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention and PoA and 5 Civil Society Organizations engaged in the fight against the illicit proliferation of SALW. The meeting was officially opened and closed by Mrs Cecile Mballa, Director of the United Nations and Decentralize Cooperation at MINREX.



The following recommendations were adopted at the end of the workshop:

- The government should accelerate the creation of the NatCom, elaboration of a NAP and submission of Cameroon's report to the PoA.
- Appoint a Point of Contact for the PoA.
- In the interim MINREX and MINDEF should take the lead in completing Cameroon's report on PoA and submit on record time.
- Ensure every key ministry and institution designates a focal point to provide sectorial reports on the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention and the PoA.
- The NAP should integrate concrete actions regarding arms control in collaboration with all stakeholders involved in the arms distribution value chain.
- States Parties should define the mandate and scope of NATCOM according to the country priority on arms control.
- States Parties should ensure Lawmakers are engaged in the arms stockpile management process as to prevent soldiers from illicit trafficking of arms and to deter uncontrollably arms diversions.
- States Parties should set up protection and redress mechanisms to provide holistic support to women who are victims of sex related war crimes.
- The technical capacity of States Parties should be strengthened on demining techniques and on effective measures to dismantle cluster munitions.
- Participants encouraged the sharing of best practices and knowledge regarding the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention amongst ECCAS countries through the coordination of the ECCAS Secretariat.
- The ECCAS five year implementation plan of the Kinshasa Convention was welcomed, and States Parties like CSOs were encouraged synergize efforts with the ECCAS Secretariat in order to avoid wasteful duplication of activities if proper coordination is done with stakeholders.

**v. THE CHAD NATIONAL WORKSHOP, 27 – 28 JUNE, 2019, NDJAMENA.**

The workshop took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, International Cooperation and the Diaspora. Participants for the meeting were drawn from key government entities and the Civil Society. Mr. Madou Fatchou Sangueh, Director General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, officially opened and closed the meeting.



At the end of the workshop, participants recommended that there is need to:

- Accelerate the process of ratification of SALW proliferation ordinances by the National Assembly.
- Involve legislators in the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention on SALW.
- Harmonize the laws and texts on the fight against SALW with the Kinshasa Convention.
- Disseminate at the national level the texts on the control of SALW.
- Involve the Ministry of Justice in the prevention and control of SALW in Chad.
- Create in a short time a national coordinating body for the fight against SALW.
- Vote a special operating budget for the National SALW Commission.
- Prioritize skills within the National Commission and not politicize it.
- Continue building capacity to address the disarmament issue related to SALW.
- Submit a report on the PoA to the United Nations; To play a role commensurate with their competence, to CSOs for the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention;

Advocacy meetings and audience were held with the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Administration and Internal Affairs and the National Focal Point on SALW. They all took commitments to follow up the creation of NatCom and elaboration of NAP.

**vi. CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC NATIONAL WORKSHOP, 19 – 20, SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2019 BANGUI**

The workshop took place at the Ministry of Agriculture in Bangui with participants drawn from key government entities; such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Central Africans Abroad as well as Civil Society. The opening ceremony of the workshop was presided at by H.E. Adolphe PAKOUA, Diplomatic Adviser at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.





At the end of discussions, participants recommended that there is need to:

- Strengthen the capacity of Women and Civil Society on SALW related issues
- Adopt and put in place a national boarder management strategy
- Integrate updates from the POA in the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention by the National Commission
- Put adequate resources and logistics at the disposal of the NATCOM
- In form ECCAS Secretariat about the country's identification code on SALW

**vii. CONGO BRAZZAVILLE NATIONAL WORKSHOP, 5 – 6 NOVEMBER 2019, BRAZZAVILLE**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Congolese Abroad held a national capacity-building workshop for the seven (7) States Parties to the Kinshasa Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW).



The meeting that saw the participation of Mr. Anselme Nahmtante Yabouri, the Director of the UN Centre for Peace and Disarmament (UNREC) was officially opened by Mr. Charles Richard MONDJO, Minister of the National Defense.

After acknowledging the efforts of the States Parties to the Kinshasa Convention, experts identified challenges in the implementation of the aforementioned legal instrument on SALW and agreed to:

- Accelerate the process of setting up the Secretariat of the Kinshasa Convention.
- Speed up the implementation of a sub-regional Plan for the implementation of the said Convention to the Congolese Government.
- Hasten the process of operationalization of the National Commission of SALW.
- Systemize within the framework of the National SALW Commission the preparation and transmission of the National Report for the POA.
- Quicken the process of implementation of the Program for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration of Ex-Combatants.
- Integrate in the long run, ministries in charge of agriculture and livestock, trade, industry and craft in the National Commission.

### **3.2 NATIONAL CONSULTATION WITH YOUTH DRIVEN CSOS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ISTANBUL PRINCIPLES ON DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS, 25 APRIL, 2019, YAOUNDE.**

To engage Youth CSOs in this process of evaluating the Istanbul Principle on Development Effectiveness, CAMYOSFOP in partnership with the Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) Youth Constituency with the support of the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT) organized a national consultation with 25 youth-led organizations in Cameroon. The goal was to gather information on how youth organizations contribute and can improve their contribution towards the implementation of those principles, both within their own organizational environment, as well as in their advocacy and partnership practices, and field work.

At the end of the discussions, it was recommended that there is need to:

- Strengthen existing knowledge sharing practices on the Istanbul Principles towards youth driven CSOs and the wider public.
- Upgrade the technical and professional capacity of youth driven CSOs on development effectiveness issues and trends and enhance networking amongst youths by developing an elaborate sector by sector data base for youth driven CSOs.

### **3.3 GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE, 2-9 JUNE**

The campaign was led by The Cameroon Action Network on Small Arms (CANSA) members and other civil society coalitions under the leadership of CAMYOSFOP with the theme **Rise Up For Humanity: Control the Guns.**

The activities for this week included a press conference which ended with a press release and social media campaign via social media platforms; twitter and Facebook. The campaign focused on ending gun violence on women, children and the general public. The colour orange was used during this campaign to remember those who have lost their lives to gun violence with hashtag #WearOrange #IANSA.

Journalists and the general public during this period were encouraged to join CANSA and lead the media campaigns.



### **3.4 CAMYOSFOP/UN WOMEN PROJECT ON STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES AND SENSITIZING COMMUNITY LEADERS OF THE PYGMY AND MBORORO MINORITY GROUPS ON HIV/AIDS AND THE NETWORK OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV, AUGUST – NOVEMBER 2019**

The project aimed at raising awareness on HIV and GBV within the pygmies and Mbororo communities of the East Region of Cameroon and the Cameroon Network of Positive Young People. The four months project that ran from August to November 2019, was funded by UBRAF through UN Women Country office, Cameroon aimed at raising awareness on HIV and GBV within the pygmy and Mbororo communities of the east Region of Cameroon and the Cameroon Network of Positive Young People in Yaounde.

The three main activities implemented in Bertoua, Dimako and Yaounde included; strengthening the capacities of 15 women peer educators and 15 Community leaders from minority groups on leadership and the prevention of HIV/GBV, Organization of a caravan against HIV and GBV within the pygmies and Mbororo communities in the East Region of Cameroon and Provide support to Cameroonian network of positive young people.

#### ***i. STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF 15 WOMEN PEER EDUCATORS AND 15 COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM MINORITY GROUPS ON LEADERSHIP AND THE PREVENTION OF HIV/GBV, BERTOUA, 15-16 OCTOBER 2019***

The workshop brought together 30 participants from the Mbororo and Pygmies communities of East Region of Cameroon.



After the two days deliberations, participants recommended that there is need to:

- Encourage communication on HIV / GBV issues in families, involve community and religious leaders in the implementation of HIV / GBV activities to bring about behavioral change in both communities.
- Empower and promote the education of the girl child.
- Bring outreach and capacity building activities to smaller communities.
- Includes sensitization of young people about the harmful effects of drug use during the Caravan to be held in Dimako.
- Ensure that Peer educators and community leaders are able to strike the right balance so as to be able to effectively bring about behavioral change in communities when it comes to HIV/GBV issues and use images during awareness campaigns according to each thematic area.

**ii. NATIONAL YOUTH CARAVAN ON THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV, GBV AND DRUGS IN THE PYGMY AND MBORORO COMMUNITIES IN DIMAKO, NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

The caravan was organised as part of the activities of the UN Women project with the objective to strengthen the capacity of community leaders and peer-educators to advocate against HIV/AIDS, GBV and drug abuse and empower the youth to be accountable and focused on building a violent-free society.

In order to mobilize community members to participate in the event, a radio talk show was held at the National Radio Station, CRTV Radio Bertoua on October 29. On October 1, the African Youth Day, youth and other community members of all works of life met at the Dimako main junction for the sensitization march to the Dimako ceremonial ground where other activities including talks from experts, free counselling and screening on HIV in partnership with Dimako sub-divisional medical centre and the endorsement of the HeforShe campaign through registration by men on the campaign website. 71 youths from were registered and screened on HIV. Five people of the ages of 30 and 50 declared zero positive after the screening were given appointments to undergo counselling, follow up and treatment at the medical centre. The caravan that was presided at by Divisional Officer of Dimako Mr. Nde Ngue Felix was meant to commemorate the African Youth Day on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov and the World AIDS Day on 15 November.



*Cross section of Participants during the caravan march across the city of Dimako and the screening on HIV*



## 4. CONSULTANCIES

CAMYOSFOP was contracted by The Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC) to evaluate the implementation of the Central African Convention for the control of small arms and light weapons, their ammunition and all parts and components for their manufacture, repair and assembly in Cameroon. The evaluation was done under the framework of “**Support to African States in the framework of the “Silencing the Guns (STG) in Africa by 2020: Capacity Building of Central African States”**”.

The report from the evaluation reveal that Cameroon is on the right path in the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention but much still need to be done towards the domestication of this convention.

Amongst other recommendations the study indicated that the creation of a National Commission for the management and control of SALW (NatCom), and the elaboration and adoption of an Action Plan on SALW (NAP), engaging the civil society in the implementation of the Convention are key in providing the needed momentum for advancing the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention in Cameroon.

## 5. CONTRIBUTION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY SPACES

### i. CONTRIBUTIONS IN NATIONAL POLICY SPACES

| No | PARTICIPANT NAME,   | PURPOSE OF EVENT, ORGANISERS, VENUE AND DATE OF EVENT   | OUTCOME OF EVENT  |
|----|---|---|---|
| 1. | Suwun Rita Beri,<br>Senior Programs Officer   |   |   |
|    |   | Dialogue on women's disability approach to implement the digital plan of action for the African Decades on Disabilities (2010 – 2019) organized by NCHRF in partnership with African Women Leadership Colloquium, 12 June 2019, Yaounde   | Participants strategized on the effective implementation of the Continental Plan of Action of African Decade of Disabled Persons in Cameroon. |
|    | Suwun Rita Beri<br>(Programs Officer)<br>Amaa Francisca<br>(Research and Policy<br>Development Officer) &<br>Jato Jennett<br>(Programs Assistant) | Advocacy and Story Telling Conference of Women in the Crises Regions of the North West and South West of Cameroon on Non-violence Communication and Peace Building, organized by Mother of Hope in partnership with the Canadian High Commission (Cameroon), 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2019, Yaounde                           | A policy document to Advocate for the restoration peace in the North and South West Region was developed.                                     |
| 2. | Amaa Francisca Tamaako,<br>Research and Policy<br>Development Officer   |   |   |
|    |   | National Consultation workshop to finalize the Civil Society Voluntary National Report (VNR) on the implementation of the SDGs in Cameroon, organized by Sight Savers on 21 – 22 February in Yaounde.   | The CSO VNR was finalized and validated   |
|    |   | CSO Consultation workshop on the combined 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Periodic Review Reports on Government Response on the implementation of ACHPR, Kampala Convention and the Maputo Protocol in line with the 38 recommendations made in 2019; organized by the NCHRF, 21, March, 2019, Yaounde. | Validated and enriched Periodic Review report   |
|    |   | Validation meeting of the draft Summary Note of CSO, SDGs VNR report to be attached to Government National VNR, organized by Sight Savers; 28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019   | Finalized Summary Note of the CSO, SDGs VNR report  |

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|           |  | Validation workshop on the presentation of a draft report in relation to the voluntary National Review of Sustainable Development Goals particularly goal 16; organized by WAA Cameroon, 13 – 15 May, 2019, Yaounde. | A final report on SDGs 16 was adopted  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Serge Nguimba,<br/>Public Relations Officer</b>       |  |  |
|           |  | Validation meeting of a study report on the socio-cultural determinants of GBV and their impact on HIV/AIDs and the maternal mortality in women and girls, organized by the NCHRF, 6 February 2019                   | The document was enriched with technical inputs in the domain of GBV and HIV/AIDs.   |
|           |  | The technical visit by UNODA on the surveillance and monitoring of illicit flow of firearms organized by MINREX on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December in Yaounde.  | Knowledge on Standard models for the collection of data on illicit flux of firearms acquired   |
|           |  | Consultative workshop by the Civil Society Platform of Cameroon (PLANOSCAM) in preparation of its General Assembly, 19 February, Continental Hotel, Mbalmayo.  | Review of activities of the platform for the last two years 2017-2018 was carried out  |
|           |  | Capacity building for members of PLANOSCAM on citizen control of public finances organized by PLANOSCAM, from 18-19, Douala.   | Appropriation of two components of citizen control of public finances and taking gender into account in the rural development sector by participants |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Jato Jennett Kopceip<br/>Programs Assistant</b>       |  |  |
|           |  | Strengthening Capacities in support of Peaceful Electoral Processes and Social Cohesion in Cameroon, Organized by ELECAM, 16 April, Yaounde  | Criteria for the selection of platform members were set  |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Lukong Brenda Beriliy,<br/>Communications Officer</b> |  |  |
|           |  | Workshop on strengthening capacities in support of peaceful electoral processes and social cohesion in Cameroon, organized by UNESCO and LOYOC, 8 - 9 May 2019, Yaounde  | A UNESCO ambassador for peace network was created  |
|           |  | Panel discussion on: Hate speech in the Cameroon media organized by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 29 April 2019 in Yaounde   | Launch of the book, AFRICAN Media Barometer Cameroon 2019  |



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| 6. | Claudvis Fung<br>Research Assistant |  |   |
|    |                                     | Launch of the NCHRF Project on 'Improving the Conditions for Exercising freedoms in Cameroon's (PICEF) funded. Organized by NCHRF on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019, Yaounde.             | Creation of a CSO database  |
|    |                                     | CRADEC's Capacity building workshop on 'strengthening budgetary governance with the aim of providing sustainable basic services, while respecting the environment', 20 – 22 August, Kribi. | A framework on mitigating the negative impacts of mining projects on the environment, and the community dwellers was developed. |

**ii. CONTRIBUTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY SPACES**

| No | PARTICIPANT NAME,   | PURPOSE OF EVENT, ORGANISERS, VENUE AND DATE OF EVENT   | OUTCOME OF EVENT   |
|----|---|---|--|
| 1. | Professor Verkijika G. Fanzo,<br>Board Chair  |   |  |
|    |   | High Level Reflection Group on "Democratic Governance and Preventive Democracy in Africa. March 15 – 16, Johannesburg ( South Africa)   | A joint Action Plan for ECOSOCC, other organs of the AU, Pan African organizations and AUC technical departments developed.                  |
| 2. | Yaah Gladys SHANG VIBAN,<br>Board Member and Mr.Ngalim Eugene N, Executive Director |   |  |
|    |   | Seminar on promoting the effective implementation of the Africa Union Master Road Map on the practical steps to Silence the Guns (STG) in Africa, organized by the Africa Leadership Academy, 11 – 12 November, Nairobi, Kenya. | A strategy on the effective implementation of the Master Road Map was adopted.   |
| 3. | NGALIM Eugene N, Executive Director   |   |  |
|    |   | High level workshop on STG in Africa by 2020, organized by the office of the Special Envoy on STG, 11-12 Dec, Aswan, Egypt  | The road map was fine tune for the effective implementation of the STG in 2020.  |
|    |   | Humanitarian Disarmament Forum, side event on the UN First Committee on Conventional Weapons, 18 - 20 October, New York   | Participants committed themselves on engaging their governments in the universalization and implementation of key UN disarmament instruments |
|    |   | Sub-Regional Workshop on Legal Assistance to the State parties of the Kinshasa Convention on SALW, organized  | Adoption of guidelines on the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention by the 11 member states of ECCAS                                     |

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|    |   | by UNREC, September 25 – 27, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.   |   |
|    |   | Inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee of the Security Sector Reforms in Africa, organized by the AU, 3 – 4 September, Addis Ababa   | The statutes, Action Plan of the Steering Committee was adopted and the Steering Committee set up with NGALIM Eugene as one of the Representatives of ECOSOCC.  |
|    |   | Senior-Level Meeting (SLM) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), 13-14 July, New York.   | The meeting strategized on the inclusive collaboration on the funding and achievement of the SDG by 2030  |
|    |   | CPDE civil society forum on addressing accountability, strengthening advocacy for effective Development Cooperation, parallel event to SLM and High Level Political Forum on the SDG, organized by the CPDE, 12 July, New York.   | The civil society took the commitment of taking the lead in advocacy on addressing accountability and shrinking space for an inclusive implementation of the SDG.   |
|    |   | CAMYOSFOP Side event on Government – CSO joint efforts in the promotion of the HeForShe Gender Equality Campaign in Cameroon, organized by CAMYOSFOP during CSW, 15 March, Church Centre, New York.   | Participants encouraged the Boys-to-Boys Initiative on EVAWG in Cameroon and called for a greater involvement of men in the promotion of gender equality and fight against violence on women and girls                                      |
| 4. | Mr. Charles LINJAP, Senior Strategist       |   |   |
|    |   | Develop a youth indicator for the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) and also develop an African position paper on strengthening the South-South Development Cooperation: BAPA 40 years plus, organized by Reality of Aid for Africa (ROA Africa). 26 January to 1 February 2019, Nairobi-Kenya | Proposed document for developing a youth indicator for the GPEDC process.   |
| 5. | Ms.Suwun Rita Beri, Senior Programs Officer |   |   |
|    |   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Global Council Meeting on Development Effectiveness, Beirut, February 24 – 28. The meeting was aimed at experience sharing on developing countries compacts on CPDE, Cameroon included.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beirut Declaration on Development Effectiveness and the CPDE Manifesto was adopted.</li> <li>A strategic plan for CSO Development Effectiveness work on the country actions was developed</li> </ul> |
|    |   | Study Conference on Humanitarian Assistance organized by CPDE from the 10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019, in Amman, Jordan   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A communiqué with key messages on the CPDE position regarding the triple nexus was adopted.</li> </ul>   |

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|    |                                   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A core group of the Conflict and Fragility Working group was put in place.</li> <li>▪ The action plan of the Conflict and fragility Working Group was adopted</li> </ul>  |
|    |                                   | CPDE Youth Constituency Global Meeting and Training on effective Development Cooperation organized by CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness from 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 , in Plovdiv, Bulgaria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Youth Constituency Strategic Action Plan for 2020 – 2022 was developed</li> <li>▪ The Youth common position regarding the Youth Indicators was adopted</li> </ul>   |
|    |                                   | World Youth Forum under the auspices of President Abdel Fatah Al-sisi from 12 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt..  | <p>It was recommended that there is need to launch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An African initiative to promote digital transformation and governmental excellence in collaboration with the African Union and Africa's Regional United Nations Technology Innovation Lab to sponsor technology innovation, and to also focus on industrial revolution in African universities.</li> <li>▪ An African initiative to combat digital piracy to secure highly sensitive data (HSD) and to create one million job opportunities in 2020</li> <li>▪ A global initiative titled “Arts for Humanity.”</li> <li>▪ A global online platform that supports innovators worldwide</li> </ul> |
| 6. | Claudvis Fung, Research Assistant |  |  |
|    |                                   | CSO expert meeting on financing for development organized by the Reality Of Aid Africa (ROAA) from the 9 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019, in Nairobi, Kenya   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CSOs resolve to commit towards engaging African governments in asserting their sovereignty from aid, including to an extend ODA, through an efficient DRM strategy.</li> <li>▪ CSOs resolve in promoting initiatives based on fighting public debt, fiscal frauds and malpractices such as illicit financial flows, corruption; tax evasion, etc; and in promoting Private sector initiatives</li> </ul>  |

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|    |  |   | towards domestic production, tax justice, and support national and regional mechanisms in favour of DRM  |
|    |  | CSO intercontinental dialogue on influencing the OECD DAC work on ODA and development finance towards setting a common agenda-organized by ROAA, Nairobi 11 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019    | Engaged membership in the various thematic groups towards a coherent and harmonized approached in the CSO reference group's representation contributions in the OECD-DAC meetings and agenda |
|    |  | Workshop on enhancing development effectiveness of youth and children towards leaving no one behind (youth indicator) organized by ROA from 13 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019; Nairobi, Kenya | Established the roadmap towards the framing, testing, and the adoption of the youth and children indicator   |
| 7. | Lukong Brenda Berriliy,<br>Communications Officer<br>&<br>Bongwong Christian Shofola,<br>Finance Officer |   |  |
|    |  | Concerted consultation on local approaches to peace building and conflict transformation organised by the All African Conference of Churches in Nairobi, Kenya, 25-30 November 2019.                      | A working group / platform was created to provide regular updates on our work on peace   |

**iii. PARTICIPATION IN THE AFRICA UNION ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COUNCIL (ECOSOCC) EVENTS**

| No | PARTICIPANT NAME                          | PURPOSE OF EVENT, VENUE AND DATE OF EVENT  | OUTCOME OF EVENT   |
|----|---|--|--|
| 1. | Prof. Verkijika G. FANSO,<br>Board Chair  |  |  |
|    |   | Joint Planning Meeting of ECOSOCC five Sectorial Cluster Committees. July 15 – 20 2019, Cairo, Egypt   | Joint Action Plan for ECOSOCC , other organs of the AU, Pan African organizations and AUC technical departments developed                                  |
| 2. | Mr. Ngali Eugene N,<br>Executive Director |  |  |
|    |   | Composite elections of ECOSOCC general assembly, orientation and induction meeting for the 3rd Permanent ECOSOCC General assembly and 1st session of the statutory standing committee of the 3rd permanent General Assembly, Lusaka, Zambia, 10-14 June 2019 | Elections were conducted and the Executive Director of CAMYOSFOP elected into the Third General Permanent Assembly of ECOSOCC for a mandate of four years. |

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|    |                                    | Seminar on promoting the effective implementation of the African union Master Roadmap on Practical steps to silence Guns in Africa November 11 to 12, Nairobi, Kenya   | Enhanced understanding of the African Union Master Roadmap on Silencing the Guns and the role of AU system, its organs and procedures in the implementation of the roadmap |
|    |                                    | Validation Workshop on ECOSOCC Research Studies on the in-depth study and role of CSOs in the ECOSOCC reform process, 4 December, Nairobi, Kenya   | The studies were validated with key recommendations for action by the ECOSOCC Secretariat.   |
| 3. | Jato Jennett<br>Programs Assistant |  |  |
|    |                                    | Workshop to: facilitate comprehensive cooperation between AU member states and CSOs in all sectors of national and continental development and to establish actionable guidelines to govern positive collaboration between African governments and civil society in a constructive, mutually-reinforcing context, organized by the Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO), 30 - 31 October in Freetown, Sierra Leone | Improved coordination and synergy between African member states and the civil society  |



## **6. CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SUCCESS OF CAMYOSFOP IN 2019**

### **i. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAMYOSFOP**

### **ii. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CAMYOSFOP**

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3. Ms SUWUN Rita Beri, Senior Programs Officer
4. Ms AMAA Francisca TAMAKO, Research and Policy Development Officer.
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8. Mr FUNG Claudvis, Research Assistant (Until December 2019)
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5. Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)
6. National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms (NCHRF)
7. Plan International, Cameroon.

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- Africa Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)
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- United Nations Office for Disarmament (UNODA)
- United Nations Regional Office for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC)
- UN Women
- Economic Community for Central African States (ECCAS)
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)
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- Civil Society Platform for Peace and Conflict Prevention in Central Africa (COPAC)
- Civil Society partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)
- Control Arms
- Global Network for Sustainable Development (GNSD)
- International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)
- National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms (NCHRF)
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- Canal2 TV
- Spectrum Television.
- Vison4 TV
- Cameroon Tribune
- Emergence newspaper
- Le Jour newspaper
- L'oeil de Sahel newspaper
- Messenger newspaper
- Mutation newspaper
- The Guardian Post newspaper
- The Post Newspaper
- The Median newspaper
- The Horizon newspaper
- The Voice newspaper
- The Eden newspaper
- The Star newspaper
- The Sun newspaper