Voluntary National Review on the Implementation of SDGs in Cameroon

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KEY FACTS ABOUT CAMEROON

- Population: 25.6 millions (2018)
- Land Surface area: 475440 sq. Km
- Population Growth rate: 2.54%
- Rate of urbanization: 3.63%
- Life expectancy at birth: 59.4 years
- GDP (official exchange rate): $34.99 billion (2017)
- GDP real Growth rate: 3.5% (2017)
- Official Languages: English and French
- Capital: Yaounde
- Currency: CFA francs (XAF)
CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

- **UPDATING, ALIGNING** national and sector (health & education) **DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES** thus **INTEGRATING** SDGs to make Cameroon a place in the World where « **No One is Left Behind** »

- **EMERGENCE & PERSISTENCE** of socio/security crises with negative consequences on SDGs implementation.

- **NORMATIVE, PARTICIPATORY** and **INCLUSIVE** VNR review Methodology. All SDGs addressed with focus on **Challenges**.

- **PRESENTATION** limited to the SDGs to be reviewed this year, namely **SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17**.
PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON SDG 4

- **Fundamental Education; Completion Rates of students improved** at first cycle Secondary Level. General Education (from 53.2% in 2015 to 80% in 2018)

- Deterioration at the primary level due to security crisis and challenges.

- Decrease of pupil-teacher ratio as a consequence increased school enrollment.

- **CHALLENGES:** (i) reduce education cost; (ii) improve supply of technical education (quality & access); (iii) promote universal completion of fundamental education.
PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON SDG 8

- **STABLE Economic Growth** (4.5% in 2016, 3.7% in 2017 and 4% in 2018),

- **CHALLENGE**: reach 7% to meet SDGs.

PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON SDG 10

**INCOME INEQUALITY** higher as a consequence of security crisis (*increased Gini coefficient*). **RESPONSE**: Scope Extension of the Social Safety Nets beneficiaries and progressive raise of *Guaranteed Minimum Wage (SMIG)*. **CHALLENGE**: extension of social protection measures to as many people as possible.
PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON SDG 13

- **ADOPTION** In 2015 of a National Adaptation Plan for Climate Change in Cameroon (PNACC).
- **CREATION** of an inter-ministerial committee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Paris Agreement (COP 21).
- **ELABORATION** of a list of eligible projects to be submitted to the Green Climate Fund window.

- **CHALLENGE**: **ACTION’S COORDINATION** to combat climate change and **RESOURCES MOBILISATION** to fund the National Adaptation Plan.
PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON SDG 16

- **IMPROVED QUALITY OF INSTITUTIONS**: Cameroon’s score in the World Bank’s quality of policies and institutions moved from 3.1/6 in 2015 to 3.3/6 in 2019, through policies and structural reforms.

- Despite **INCREASED FRAGILITY** and **INSTABILITY** in conflict areas;

- **CHALLENGES** : (i) **REINFORCE** Trust and Confidence in national institutions for greater Efficiency, Inclusion and Justice; (ii) **STRENGTHEN** Good Governance (iii) **RESTORE/CONSOLIDATE** Peace and Stability in crisis areas.
PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON SDG 17

- **SIGNIFICANT GROWTH RATE (7.7%)** average annual State budget revenues (excluding donations) - from 1936.9 billion FCFA in 2010 to FCFA 3433 billion in 2018;

**CHALLENGES:**

- **IDENTIFY** and **EXPLOIT** new revenue sources;
- **PROMOTE** a fair and inclusive digital economy;
- **IMPROVE** on the economy competitiveness;

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THREE MAIN CHALLENGES:

(i) **ENSURE** large mobilisation of multiple stakeholders
(ii) **STRENGTHENING** the Statistical System for better monitoring
(ii) **MOBILISING FINANCIAL RESOURCES** requested to achieve the SDGs.

GOING FORWARD

✓ **INTENSIFY NATIONAL OWNERSHIP** of the SDGs (inclusion in school and university curricular and in extra-curricular activities).
✓ **ACCELERATE FULL INTEGRATION** of SDGs into daily public policies and programs;
✓ **ESTABLISH** a national Multi-stakeholder monitoring BODY (as a review and accountability platform for the implementation of SDGs);
✓ **STRENGTHEN** national statistical system (Support from the World Bank);
✓ **ELABORATE STRATEGY** to enlarge partnership and mobilise needed financial resources for a successful implementation of SDGs.
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