



JOINT COMMUNIQUE

ON THE OCCASION OF THE SESSION OF THE STRUCTURED ECONOMIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN CAMEROON AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

25 June 2019

The first edition of the Structured Economic Dialogue between Cameroon and the European Union was held in Yaoundé on 25 June 2019. The meeting was attended by the Government of Cameroon represented by several Members of Government including the Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development, the Minister of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries, the Minister of Forestry and Wildlife, the Minister of Industry, Mines and Technological Development, the Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the interim Secretary General of the Ministry of External Relations. The European party in Cameroon was represented by the Ambassador Head of European Union Delegation, the Ambassadors of the Member States of the European Union or their representatives, the Resident Representative of the European Investment Bank, the European Development Agencies in Cameroon; the Cameroonian and European private sector represented among others by the President of the Interpatronal Group of Cameroon, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Crafts, the President of the Cameroon Business Women's Group, the Representative of the French Business Circle of Cameroon, the President of the Business Coalition for Good Governance.

The meeting addressed economic issues of common interest, including macroeconomic issues, the investment climate, the role of the private sector and the promotion of employment, especially for young people and women. The parties also deliberated on the partnership between the European Union and Cameroon and the various existing instruments that can be used to strengthen the cooperation.

At the end of the meeting, the participants expressed their satisfaction with the quality of the deliberations which allowed them to review the priorities of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon in terms of reforms and development. Both parties welcomed the involvement of the private sector and the contributions of the latter to the discussions.

The parties agreed to institutionalise this bilateral consultation framework, which will include the member States of the European Union and the Private sector which is expected to play a key central role in this new dialogue platform. This will enable the stakeholders to regularly pursue in a structured manner the sharing of information and views on macroeconomic policies and structural reforms.

They agreed to hold the dialogue sessions on an annual basis and to establish a light mechanism to follow up the implementation of its recommendations. The two economic dialogue stakeholders also agreed to adopt the agenda for each session by mutual agreement and to determine the participants based on the issues on the agenda.

The next structured economic dialogue session is scheduled for June 2020.

For European Union,

The Ambassador Head of European Union
Delegation

Hans-Peter SCHADEK
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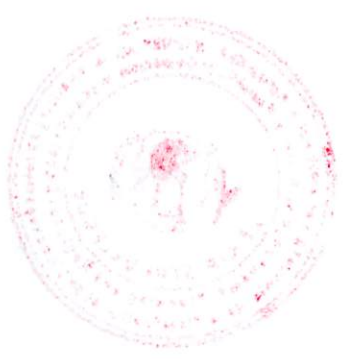
For Cameroon Government,

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