



# THE PAN AFRICAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR CAMEROON (REPORT)



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## INJECTING WISDOM INTO THE CREATIVE AREAS OF COMMUNITIES

“Implementing the June 2007 PAYLF Plan of Action”



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## SUMMARY

**A** one day Pan African Regional Development Seminar, under the patronage of the Divisional Delegate, Youth Affairs Fako, Mr. Isaac Ekombe Mbua, was held at the conference room of the Center for Professional Studies on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007 in Limbe, Cameroon.

The Regional Development Seminar was jointly organized by the International Governance Institute and TK-Computer and Linguistic Foundation.

35 participants were selected for the seminar amongst which included government representatives, program managers, journalists, Counselors, Magistrate, representatives of political parties, NGOs, unemployed graduates and Lawyers (See list of participants, annex I). Facilitators at the Seminar came from Cameroon, Nigeria and South Africa.

The Seminar was sponsored by Stephen Nkem Asek and Tecla SuhNeba both Pan African Development Activists. We remain profoundly grateful for the promotion and back-up received from Onyeka Obasi, President of Friends of Africa International and Florence Fokoua, President of I Care Ministry International.

The Seminar was set out to achieve the following objectives which were chiefly attained:

Providing youths and leaders from around the provinces in Cameroon, an opportunity to be updated with current development issues on the African continent, to explore and to address the unique characteristics of African Development Issues.

Commence the groundwork for training conformists of African Development Needs, who will globalize African development concerns, supply information, support and expand structures for indigenous community development and opportunities.

Providing baseline data and expert resources as tools to make easy an “enabling environment” for youth human capital engagement on growth constrain sectors within their communities

The theme of the Seminar was Development Issues on the African Continent and the Role of Youths as Beneficiaries (injecting wisdom into the creative areas of communities), under which the following knowledge were injected :

- a) Characteristics of a True African Leadership and its accuracy at crises mitigation
- b) A Development Strategy that adequately attends to concerns of unemployment and migration in an African context.
- c) The Pan African Youth, June 2007 Accra Declarations and its current challenges.



d) Creative Interchange Exercise- Marrying participants community development need areas with idling community talents or unemployed graduate capacity.

e) Audio-Visual Demonstration of the World Development Report 2007. Generation Next.

f) Overview of HIV/ AIDS as an obstacle to the African Demographic Dividend. How to reverse the trend via simple practices.

g) How Family Formulation and gender based programs adequately address the modern challenges of an Africa family. "Lessons for young adult parents".

h) Engaging Youth Civil Society Leaders in Macro Strategic Development Planning, providing mechanisms for Governance Efficiency Assessment.

The Outcomes of the Pan African Regional Development Seminar were:

- ✓ Development intelligence on present-day African growth issues and strategies acquired
- ✓ Local government partnership and support for context driven and relatable youth community development agendas and engagement established.
- ✓ The ground work for training conformist of African development related concerns begun
- ✓ Home base awareness, support and advocacy for the Pan African Youth Leadership Forum (PAYLF) Declarations broadened
- ✓ Strategic information on local institutional governance performance evaluation, and youth participation mechanisms obtained
- ✓ Alliances for development information sharing and update established



## INTRODUCTION

In Cameroon, young people make up 72 % of the population (Source PRSP 2003) and constitute a major force, within the framework of the socio- economic and political life of the country. Cameroon as of date has no National Youth Council (NYC) even though the ground work for the setting up of one is in progress. There is a Ministry of Youth, whose administration is decentralized in all the 10 provinces yet the youth voice is absent as far as policy is concerned in the decision-making, planning, implementation, evaluation and monitoring processes of major long term socio economic development initiatives.

The absence of adequate up to date information and access, to legal frameworks guiding the participation of these group in national development dialogue and context tailored development initiatives, handicap these cluster from an organized engagement and representation within decision conversion structures and community needs areas.

It is important to “enable” young people with action oriented knowledge that will leverage the implementation of several international agreements signed by the Cameroonian government; and to advance action and contribution that will engage government in the ratification of African designed frameworks and legal tools, such as the African Youth Charter

Youth empowerment therefore becomes an everyday priority as youth today constitute an effective development and mobility asset. Africa, a continent of which Cameroon is part of, has its own unique development characteristics and needs. As regional integration, migration and bilateral agreements with other continental platforms and government become a common rule for mutual economic exchange, peaceful coexistence and joint partnership, there is a grim need to explore and to address Africa's unique development characteristics within the constituency which constitutes its present and also its future ( The Youth) .

Through approaches and frameworks as the above, African youth would be strategically empowered and positioned to globalize African development concerns and supply information, to home based and Diaspora support structures which aimed at expanding indigenous community development opportunities.

As we face the pressing challenges of realizing the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, welfare improvement for young people, human resource and environmental migration, ratification of the African Youth Charter, participatory governance systems and leadership proximity, family management and scare resource spreading thinly across necessary social services, there is a severe need for development education, intelligent analysis and dialogue on fundamental Pan African issues. The seminar was therefore driven by a need to build accurate mentalities for development, making experts, graduates and leaders more aware and empowered to guide their communities and economies.



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Management of logistics and organization of the seminar was ensured by the organizers and partners.

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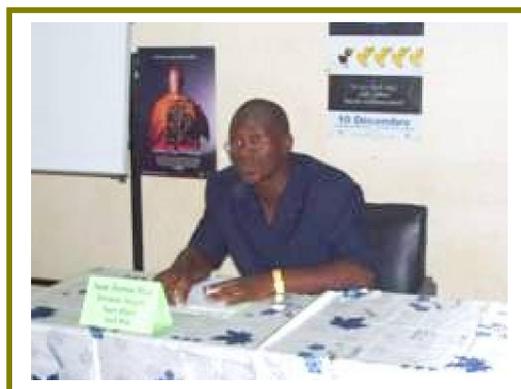
# Seminar Overview-CEREMONY

## I.I Participation

**P**articipation in the Seminar which was tailored to reflected gender balance as much as possible saw representative from a cross section of the national territory. Participation was strictly for the following category of persons; youths belonging to youth associations, unemployed graduates, representatives of government, local councilors, researchers, journalist and Civil Society Leaders; in order to ensure the proper impact and dissemination of the outcomes of the seminar. 35 participants and organizers assembled in the hall at 8:15 am, after receiving work tools for the seminar. When they took their seats, personal introductions followed with participants and their names, meanwhile facilitators and other invited guests streamed in.

The official program began with the MC of the day Arrey Etta, who welcome participants and started the raison-d`etre of the Seminar. Then followed a welcome address from Mme Tecla SuhNeba, who reminded participants that being empowered and updated on development knowledge is a strategic way of creating a level playing field among development actors and government officials, that no better collaboration and support can be given to African initiatives if we fail to bring key players like youths and policy makers under a single platform to hear the same truth and to acquire similar capacity building. She requested participants present to take full advantage of this platform to learn and to creatively interchange with other experts present.

This was followed by words form the Divisional Delegate of Youth Affairs, Fako Mr. Isaac Mbu, who on his part expressed his joy about the meeting, emphasizing on the relevance of the Seminar with government current development plans. Pointing out some facilities which have been made available by his Ministry in the area of youth education and called on participants to take full advantage and benefit from these facilities. Such as the Youth Training and Recreational Center, and the Multi-purpose ICT education Facilities established by the Ministry of Youth in Fako.



During an overview of the Seminar, Stephen N. Asek, explained to participants that the choice of Limbe, as the town for the Pan African Regional Development Seminar and not Yaounde, was due to the need for the decentralization of information form the Capital city- Yaounde. Reminding them that the task is an effort of young leaders to educate and train conformist for African Development concerns.



## I.2 Seminar Presentations

Describing the Characteristics of True African Leadership and its Accuracy at Crises Mitigation

Presented by Sidouaunne Signing K.  
Representative of Dr . Malaky O.Mac-Manuel  
World Out Reach Facility,  
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Dr Malaky`s presentation began with a description of leadership from the point of view of African crises and outcomes. Stating that the development outcomes obtained in each country is a manifestation of the nature of leadership that is in place

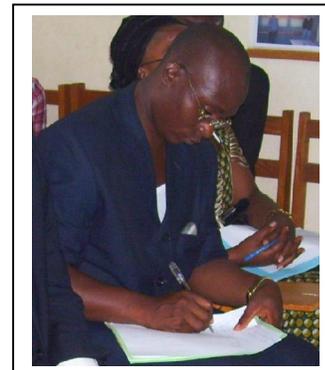


We therefore have to arbitrate and examine leadership from results and not from what it purports it represent. Reminding participants that in leadership, identity and value are two key elements that determine the position and attitude of a leader.

She explained through his presentation that without honorable values, leadership can not make honorable decisions. Never before has so much happened in such a short space of time in Africa, the philosophy and system of expansionism are distorting and rapping African values and identity to levels near obliteration. Therefore an effective leadership must examine development from what it can offer for the advancement of the African people and their distinctive identity. Dr Malaky`s presentation outlined the role and function present day African leadership should play to advance the continent in peace and economic growth.

a) Make extraction and exploitation from the African people more humane through innovative systems and policies.

Connect the people to their source, through a strategic and sustained connection with their communities and actors, engendering development from the people's vantage point and need assessment. The continent must operate forcefully inside the world of commerce with African leadership promoting African business.





## I.3 Seminar Presentations

Describing a Development Strategy that Adequately attends to Concerns of Unemployment and Migration In an African context  
Presented by Stephen Nkem Asek.  
Deputy Director, International Governance Institute Cameroon



Stephen N. Asek, the International Governance Institute, Focal Integrity Team Cameroon's Deputy Director, espouse his presentation with a description of the state of the unemployed African Youth. Stating that the often lack of access to constructive alternatives,



fastened with poor context driven and adaptability education paradigms have spurred up “a sense of vulnerability, uselessness and idleness” within this group. Unfortunately Sub Saharan Africa's rate of youth unemployment is constantly growing, ranked as the second largest in the world.

He explained to participants that, a good number of youth opinion pool have shown that the difficulty of finding a job after school continues to threaten the desire of many youths to continue with formal education. Many more young people will be encouraged to drop out of school in future, if we fail to connect our efforts with an active context .The presence of a liberal democracy and government can not on its own guarantee the thinning of the unemployment gap in Africa, if we have to loose sight of making relatable, our existing capacity resources with changing community needs.

Program mangers, institutional and organizational leaders, family heads and development activists should therefore create room for local characteristics and context in their engagement and tutoring. How can we absorbed and make continentally useful and fulfilled, Africa's superfluous educated capacities in contemporary times, where we wrestle with human capital flight and unemployment? These were the questions that the presentation raised and the following solutions were advanced.



Our Understanding that we Shouldn't Try to Change the Continent but Build Response Mentalities to enter arenas and platforms which need Change. This involvement must go beyond round tables, to a “visible” continental presence. Let Africa Feel You!. As Government, businesses, families and communities all combined, we create a network of circumstances



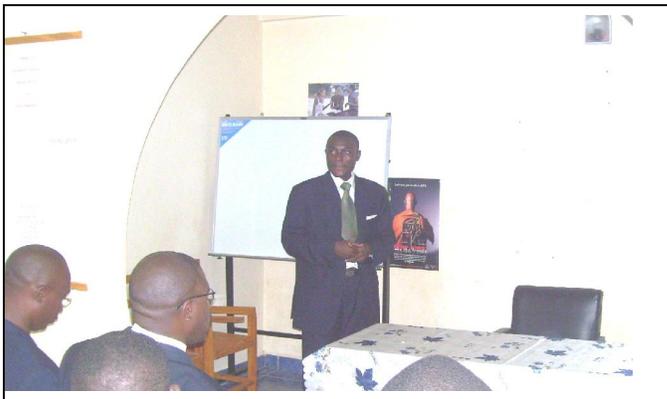
which may result in employment or unemployment, wealth or poverty, peace or social unrest, health or sickness. No effective human capital can yield, social, economic, political, or cultural dividend without a response mentality. With the aid of graphical illustrations, he outlined the different youth frustrations and the needed responses, admonishing program officers and development actors to always consider needs from a distinctive analysis of young people's frustration.



Following the preceding analysis of the frustration of the majority of disadvantage youth, Mr. Asek folded up his discourse with the presentation of a Life skill Building and Crises Solving, Engagement Model as an intervening strategy to the widening gaps of youth unemployment and Migration from Africa.

The model underscored the concept of Volunteering and Youth Service as windows of opportunities for Civil Society Organization to assemble idle capacities and untapped resource of this boom generation into active workforce.

Today 88 million young men and women are unemployed around the world he reminded, and Development NGOs can play a major role in easing this tension and frustration by involving the unemployed in their need based and social service activities. The "analysis of the groups frustration" underscored that young people have a need to be a development resource, to identify with local development, to enhance capacity and improve position, to find mutual support and treatment, to obtain access to constructive alternatives and to be fulfilled in life.



Civil society organizations can satisfy these frustrations as alternative skill development opportunity agencies established in vastly different contexts. NGO-school partnerships, NGO-government partnerships and NGO-vulnerable groups and communities partnerships need to be established for the development, civic engagement, community needs skill training,

structured empowerment and for effective youth transition from school to reliable social work.

Civil society or community based organizations which engage youth in responding to important social needs will compensate for a weak context driven educational system. By employing service programs aimed at addressing national and community needs, a positive view of young women and men as assets to the collective wellbeing of society rather than burden, will be strengthened.



## I.4 Seminar Presentations

The Pan African Youth Declarations and its current challenges  
Presented by Florence Fokou  
President, I Care Ministry International

Mme Florence began her presentation by informing participants who happened not to have been part of the previous meetings which Cameroon delegates to the Forum held in Yaounde about the Accra Pan African Youth Leadership Forum. She said youth focus policies and interventions have to be based on what youths themselves have agreed, linked with other country priorities.

Given that countries have different circumstances and specific needs, some guiding areas were recommended by Youth Delegates at the Accra Leadership Forum, on which to base policy choices and identify priority interventions for young people in the context of their development and empowerment. She took out the time to enumerate the various clauses of the Pan African Youth Leadership Declaration and Plan of Action to participants.



As far as the Plan of Action was concerned Mme Florence made specification on 3 main clauses of the action which the Cameroon Delegates to the Forum are laboring to realize before the set time. Reminding participants that the energy that is

invested in this venture is based on the benefit and advantages which youths in Cameroon will be exposed to, and therefore urge them to joint base with other actors in the field to realize the PAYLF Plan of Action in Cameroon. Participants were therefore urge to broadened and aggregate efforts in achieving the following in Cameroon:

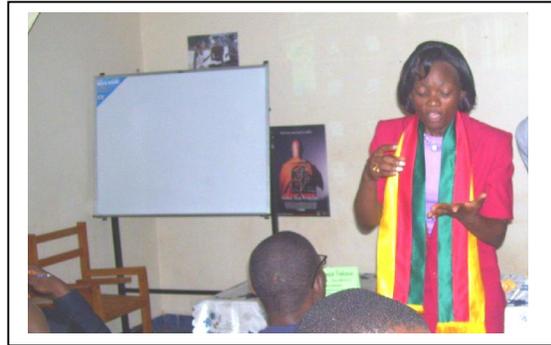
Ratification of the African Youth Charter because it provides young people in Cameroon with an opportunity to own a development agenda. It equally creates a context where these same people can hold local leaders answerable to the development process of our respective communities.

The organization of Vocational Training Programs targeting youths in conflict zones and communities, Such as the North West and Northern Provinces in Cameroon. this facility is to make achievable rehabilitation for youths in conflict regions by means of capacity building that will provide these young people with ready marketable skills in entrepreneurship, arts, craft, and access to public and private sectors of employment.



She recalled the gratitude of the Cameroon Management Team, to Mme. Tecla SuhNeba, Director of the Centre for Professional Studies for concurring to position the Centre as a Seat for Vocational Training Programs in Central Africa, where young people from conflict zones can be trained in ready marketable professional skills.

Another area of emphasis during this presentation was the call on participants to support democracy through participation and promotion of Human Rights. To engage their organisations in the introduction of human rights education in primary, secondary, and tertiary institutions and the subsequent establishments of human rights clubs in these institutions to serve as focal points for resource exchange, mobilisation and continued education. Reminding them that expertise from the International Governance Institute Cameroon, is readily available to train them on Human Rights Monitoring and Evaluation Techniques.



Even though the realisation of these agendas remain the utmost challenge, commitment and joint effort from each and very one present Mme. Florence maintained, can make it an enjoyable development exercise.



# I.5 THE MAKE OUR PROMISE COME TRUE SESSION

## Cross Analysis and Dialogue



### Sharing Experiences, Building the Desired Future !

This session gave participants the opportunity to share lessons in the field and experiences which could benefit and cross pollinate other participants. It is believed that each problem has a solution and where the purpose of a product is not known abuse of it is inevitable. The program organizers believe that each idle youth capacity has relevance and can contribute towards community development. This session opened the window for participants to do correct positioning and to creatively interchange.

#### Issues & Voices:

“Professionalism should be strengthen in schools...”Mike, Youth Leader



“Government seems to promote initiatives that come from a particular tribe, if tribalism is not curbed potential youth initiatives will be killed...” Maliva, Researcher



“Youth organizations should desist from the tendency of always looking for donors “form afar” whereas there are donors in their own communities...” Lyonga, Local Government, Councilor.



“We should also realize that there is a need for youths to have initiatives and not just capital, we need to strengthen joint efforts in this area too...” Julius, Rural Youth Development Activist



“Youth capacity is severely unused which supposedly, doesn't have to be so, but why not take on technical training even after graduating from university which can easily fetch you a preoccupation...” Isaac, Divisional Delegate Youth Affairs, Fako.



“Youths in transitional democracies should endeavor to be proactive and not reactive, a high-quality leader must command a good measure of personal discipline and a strong internalize value of other fellow and their humanity...”\_Signing, Leader

“There is need for our studies to be contextualized, to fit our present settings and needs. We need to selectively prioritize, if we have to ensure an effective youth posterity...” Paul, Program Officer



“There is a mentality problem amongst youth, by thinking success lies abroad; there is need for youths to check the thought process about going abroad as a high way to success...” Paul, Program Officer

“I am not completely against the opinion of going abroad but there is need for further research by migration actors, to know why parents always want to send their children abroad...” Babila, Politician



“How can we get youths to volunteer their capacity in development efforts when many are not even interested, all they ask is payment...” Tangu NGO Leader



## 2.1 Seminar Presentations

Overview of HIV/AIDS as an obstacle to the African Demographic Dividend.

How to Reverse the Trend via Simple Practices

Presented by Melvine Wajiri

Country Director, Peer Education Program (PEP) Cameroon



Melvine Wajiri, Country Director, PEP Cameroon, recounted the population impact of HIV/AIDS from a systematic evaluation of the social and economic lost to the pandemic by African countries, using Cameroon as a focal point of reference. An important factor to economic growth and social development is a country's population,



Considering that population is a determining factor to a stable growth, development actors must engage forcefully in activities and initiatives which empowers that population. He said country development strategies have to involve a significant investment in the health of young people who constitute the population. Development continent's human capital health limitations, top the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in most SSA by development actors and heavy chance of depriving benefits of its demographic surplus or dividend. Recounting that, the establishment of most key businesses and firms pedals on a country's demographic situation.



He therefore enlightened participants on the importance of combating the HIV/AIDS spread in Africa and Cameroon in particular, as a major step towards attracting investment that could create, myriad employment and development opportunities for the youth cluster.

Simple practices to restrain the spread of the virus where also highlighted such as ;

Creating sufficient time for rest and relaxation when under stress and to avoid using sex as a stress narcotic.

Faithfulness, abstinence, information sharing and condom use , were also part of the behavioral practices sighted by Mr. Melvine as simple steps towards preventing the disease spread and infection.





## 2.2 Seminar Presentations

How Family Formulation and Gender Based Programs Adequately Address the Modern Challenges of an African Family. "Lessons for Young Adult Parents"

Presented by Tecla SuhNeba.  
President, TK Computer and Linguistic Foundation



Family is an integral part in the life of an African which must be continually taken care of, and its practices passed on to posterity unadulterated and complete. It is a traditional platform where an African, without restraint, expresses his/her cultural heritage, love for lineage and value towards human life. The spirit of community and commitment is borne and tested within family units. The challenges faced by the world today are a macroscopic reality of what is experience at the level of the family unit. For today's generation of young men and women, who seem to have lost touch with the fundamentals, of a true Africa Family life

and relationship such as; True Love, Mutual Respect, Fidelity, Hard Work, Child Education, the Fear of God and the Respect for Elderly authority, family formulation programs are imperative.

Having explored some of the challenges of today's African family like finance, child birth and child education, mutual love and respect, honesty and transparency, housing and understanding, she assert that these challenges will continue to overwhelm both generations (young and old) if we fail to see that there is a need for a paradigm shift in the vision of gender relations in Africa. She reminded young adult parents present, that



"two are better than one" and that whenever and wherever two consent and engage, the out look of life and the future is always positive.

Mme Tecla Neba explained that, family formulation and gender based programs will not only teach youths the "art of forming families" whose poor management is an outburst of our societal problem currently, but will also, prevent them from risk and pitfalls, such as early marriages and childbearing. Marriage is not an act of experimentation she emphasized, just as forming a family does not go without responsibilities. There are enormous implications if we fail to tackle the modern challenges of today's family from a gender reinforcing and balance perspective. Problems are easily solved when people agree and cooperate and difficult to resolve when people are in disagreement or disarray. She recalled the need to start community forums where gender and family formulation related issues are discussed and shared amongst young people. Maintaining that Family Formulation and Gender programs will train young people to address the day to day challenges of the family from angles of united effort, joint emancipation, common ownership and trust.



## 2.3 Seminar Presentations

Engaging Youths Civil Society Leaders in Macro Strategic Development Planning, providing Mechanisms for Efficiency Governance Assessment. Jointly Presented by Patrick Assibong (PhD). University of Calabar, Nigeria & Stephen N. Asek , Deputy Director, International Governance Institute Cameroon



The joint presentation of both presenters focused, first on the process and window of engagement for youth development organizations in strategic development planning and evaluation both at the national and community levels. The second phase of the presentation centered on mechanisms for governance participation and efficiency assessment. Certain key areas of engagement were identified and explained during the first phase.



### Problem Identification:

Youth leaders were told they can provoke their participation in national and local development consultative processes, when they demonstrate a significant measure of understanding on the nature of difficulty experience by their group via a systematic collection of data and presentation. They should therefore be involved in the collection of evidence and tools that describes who are the vulnerable in their communities, where they live ,what type of vulnerability conditions they are experiencing, indicating suitable time frames for intervention to make a difference in their lives and communities.



### Policy Choices:

To be involved in strategic community development planning, participants were advised that their inputs should be based on specific youth interventions, covering multiple sectors. With focused goals grounded in evidence gathered at the problem identification point. When putting together policy choices for intervention in local community development, the participants were reminded to make connections to

existing agreements and conventions such as the African Youth Charter, the African Charter on the Rights of the Child etc. Ensuring that their course of action are forward looking and dynamic in perspective to capture any future changes.



## Planning Appraisal

An added area of their involvement should be based on the targets identified, which will constitute the basis for assessing local government performance and efficiency. Analyzing why intended results were or were not achieved, providing lessons or recommendations



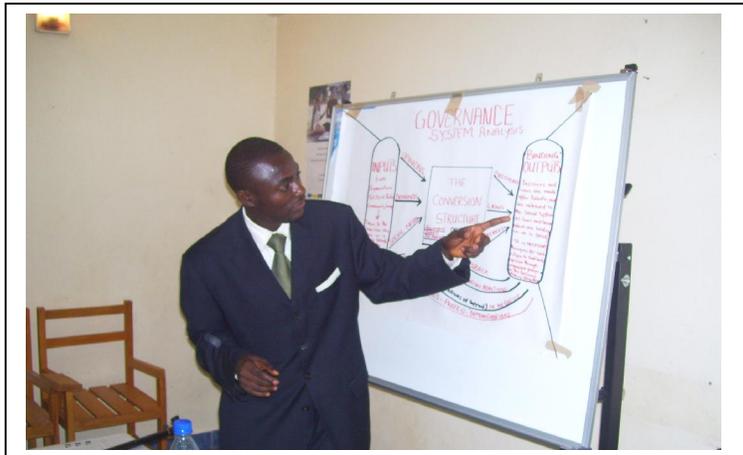
for future improvement.

During the second phase of the presentations, participants were aided in their understanding of a good governance system through the employment of illustrative sketches.

The sketches displayed the input, output and the decision-making / conversion structure. Participants were informed that to ensure an effective governance assessment, participation and knowledge of a standard good governance system is important. The processes of involvement were therefore demonstrated

which includes; involvement and contribution at the level of input (opinions). Either through political parties, youth organizations, trade unions or community local bodies of representation, participants were encouraged to make their inputs to this representative structures who will aggregate and channel their demands and opinions for debates at the next stage of the governance process ( the conversion structure or the decision making body).

It was equally mentioned, that in the event where the voices or demands of the population were not properly represented or consulted a binding output or decision is made on the general populace which eventually does not reflect their aspirations. The resultant outcome or feedback on the

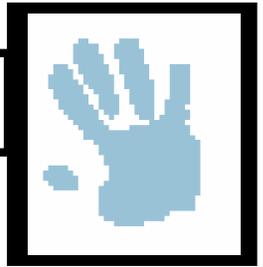


environment will be protest, group mobilization, strikes and rebellion as against a positive feedback of support when the peoples` opinions are properly represented. The Deputy Director, of the International Governance Institute's Focal Integrity Team in Cameroon, finalized the joint presentation with the exposé of certain governance efficiency and monitoring tools used by the Global International Governance Institute's Focal Integrity Teams, in governance assessment. Such as the I IGI-Public Efficiency Monitoring Forms, the IGI- Human Rights Monitoring Forms, the IGI-Corruption Monitoring and the IGI-democratic Election Monitoring Forms.

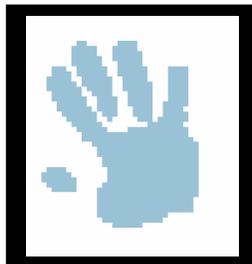
The second phase of the ongoing Pan African Regional Development Initiative with Youth Civil Society Originations, Researchers, Graduates and Local Government Administrators was promised by the same organizers in "need" Provinces. Meanwhile, the next pilot event has been planned for November 2007 in Yaounde, to be hosted by Mme Florance Fokoua, President of I Care Ministry International.



### 3.1 AWARD OF CERTIFICATES



At the end of the Pan African Regional Development Seminar, participants were awarded each, a certificate of participation jointly signed by Mme. Onyeka Obasi, President of Friends of Africa International . New York and Mme. Tecla SuhNeba, Director, of the Center for Professional Studies. Cameroon





## ANNEX .1

### Pan African Regional Development Seminar South West Province, Cameroon List of Selected Participants

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# ANNEX.2

Agenda October 13, 2007

Regional Development Seminar  
*Injecting Wisdom into the Creative Areas of Communities*  
Looking at Development Issues in Africa; and the Role Youths can Play to Benefit  
*Draft Agenda*

Cameroon, South West Province Limbe  
October 13, 2007

## Seminar Objectives

- ✓ To provide youths and leaders from around the provinces in Cameroon, an opportunity to be updated with current information on African continental Development Issues
- ✓ To provide baseline data and expert resources as tools to make easy an “enabling environment” for youth human capital engagement on growth constrain sectors
- ✓ To begin the ground work for the training of Conformist for contemporary African Development Needs.

## Planned Activities

8:00-8:45 Registration of Participants and collection of Seminar materials

Welcome, Introductions, expectations for the Seminar.

8:00-8:45 Welcome Remarks: Tecla Suh Neba, President,  
TK-Computers and Linguistic Foundation

9:00-9:10 Speech: Delegate of Youth Affairs, South West Province

9:10-10:10 Introduction to Seminar: Stephen Nkem Asek  
Deputy Director, Focal Integrity Team Cameroon,  
International Governance Institute.

Overview of African Development Issues and Its Unique Characteristics  
(Injecting the Needed Knowledge)

10:15-10:50 Visioning Exercise: Describing the Characteristics of  
True African Leadership and its accuracy at crises mitigation  
Presenter : Dr. Malaky O. Mac-Manuel, Founder World Out Reach Facility,  
South Africa

10:50-10:10 Reality Check: Describing a Development Strategy that Adequately Attends to  
Concerns of Unemployment and Migration in an African context  
Presenter: Stephen N. Asek, Deputy Director, International Governance Institute  
Cameroon

10:10-11:40 Focus Exercise: The Pan African Youth Accra Declarations and its current  
Challenges



Presenter: Florence Fokoua, President, I Care Ministry International,  
Director of Propaganda and Communication PRESBY Cameroon

11:40-12:30

**Coffee Break**

- 12:30-1:00 Cross Analysis and Dialogue  
Sharing Experience, Building  
the Desired Future:  
Marrying Participant’s Community Need Areas with Idling  
Community Talents or Unemployed Graduate Capacity.  
Engaging Talent and Creating Change  
( The Make Our Promise Come True Session)
- 1:00-1:20 Audio-Visual Demonstration  
Screen Display of the World Development Report  
2007: Generation Next
- 1:20-1:50 Expert Discussion: Overview of HIV/AIDS as an obstacle to the  
African Demographic Dividend. How to reverse the trend via  
Simple Practices.  
Presenter: Melvin Wajiri, Country Director Peer- Education Program  
Cameroon (PEPCAM)
- 1:50-2:30 Field Experience: How Family Formulation and Gender Based Programs  
Adequately Address the Modern Challenges of an African  
Family. Lessons for “Young Adult Parents”  
Presenter: Tecla Suh Neba, President TK-Computer and Linguistic  
Foundation. Gender Activist

2:30-3:30

**Refreshment and Lunch Break**

- 3:30-4:00  
Base Line Data  
World Bank/ UNFPA Youth Strategy, 2007-Washington Statement  
Engaging Youth Civil Society Leaders in Macro Strategic  
Development Planning, providing mechanisms for  
Governance Efficiency Assessment  
Presenter: Stephen N.Asek ,Alumni World Bank Institute Washington DC
- 4:00-4:30 Discussions: Networking and Alliance Building.
- 4:35-5:10 Closing Remarks and Presentation of Certificates to Participants.
- 5:15-5:45 Closing Reward & Award of Certificates
- 6:00 Departure

