

CWCP

**Common Working and Collaboration Platform on the  
Sustainable Development Goals in Cameroon**

Reference Document

**DEFINITION – OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

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## 1 - Origin of the CWCP

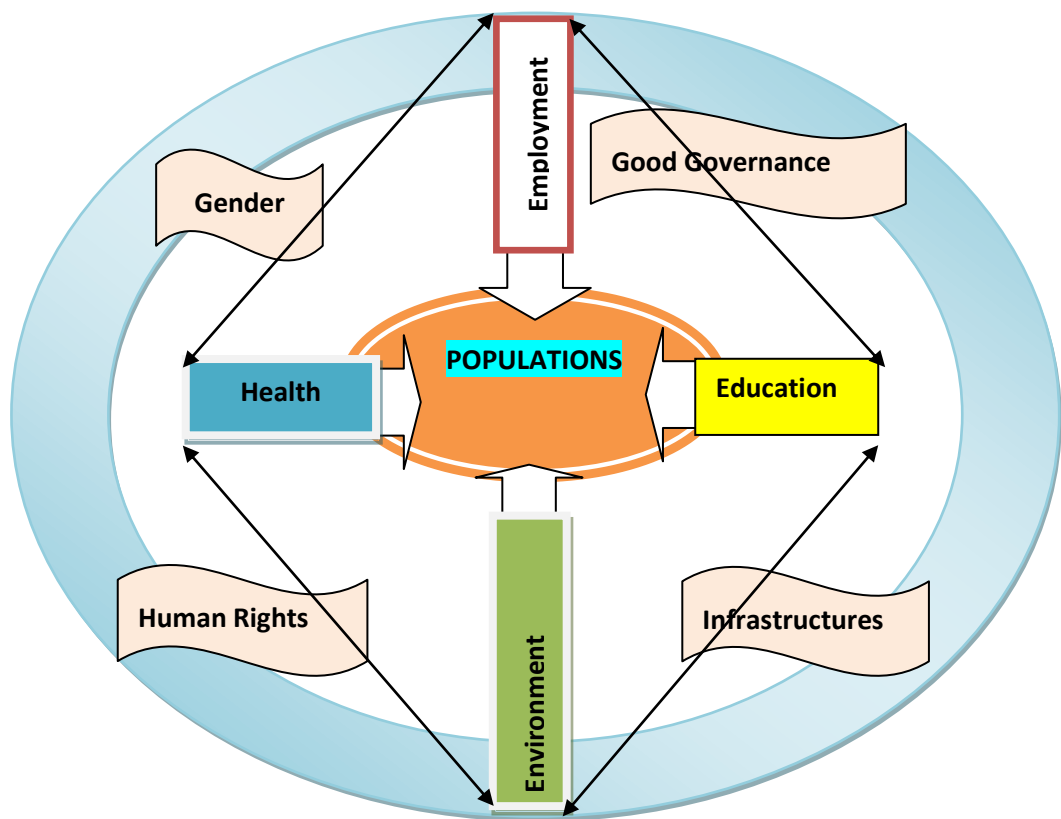
Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) should be considered with a view to best meet the expectations of the people, by involving everyone, institutionally or individually, relying on the capabilities of everyone. This is in a spirit of common but differentiated responsibility, in accordance with the accountability framework commonly accepted and integrated, operating at all levels with structural links.

At the level of the UN, to avoid the mistakes made in the design and implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), measures have been taken to mobilize maximum skills to reach an Agenda that takes into consideration the development concerns of populations globally. This is reasons why several consultative structures were established for the post 2015: High Level Panel (HLF), Open Working Group (OWG), the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Financing Sustainable Development (IGCFD), National Consultations in sixty countries including Cameroon, etc. In line with these, the Secretary General of the United Nations recognized that *"development framework of the post- 2015 will be all the more effective, and will be the result of a transparent open and inclusive process with the participation of multiple stakeholders . "*

Indeed, it emerges in the world today with a broad consensus on the need to hinge the new development framework on a broad process of consultation with various stakeholders, including civil society organisations and groups usually left on the sidelines of the design of development policies and programs. Implementation frameworks and multi actor interactions have emerged as essential to development services provision that meet people's expectations.

Based on the above, the idea of an adequate framework for dialogue has gradually imposed in Cameroon through the process of defining the Post - 2015 Agenda in several stages:

- 1) The 2013 national consultations (on financing of the United Nations agencies) to prepare the contribution of Cameroon (one of the 60 countries asked by the United Nations for this purpose), which resulted in five meetings which were attended by public administrations, TFP, domestic private sector, and more than 120 national civil society organizations (CSOs) covering ten regions and all development sectors of the country. These consultations resulted in the formulation of national development priorities as **a "Circle of Sustainable Development Efficiency - CSDE "**;



**Key:** populations , placed at the center of all development activities primarily are in need of health , education / training, employment and environmental protection . The quantity and quality of development services they receive in relation to these priorities are determined by the availability of infrastructure , taking into account gender approaches and human rights, and good governance .

- 2) The 2014 national consultations of (on financing of the United Nations agencies) to prepare the contribution of Cameroon ( one of the 15 countries tasked by the United Nations for this purpose) to the design of the implementation of the Agenda at local. These consultations were also attended by several governments, TFP , national private sector (through the SME organizational grouping, Umbrella association of Enterprise (Entreprises Cameroun -ECAM ), representatives of Youth and University ( Through the National Youth Council - CNJC ) , population (through ADIN and Positive Generation) , elected local authorities (through the United Cities and Councils of Cameroon - UCCC ) .

- 3) The workshop mobilisation workshop on Financing for Development (FD3) and Post-2015 Agenda. This consultation, organized by Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN) with support of SightSavers, saw the participation of several Sector Ministeries (including the Ministry of External Relations-MINREX; the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development -MINEPAT; the Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development-MINEPDED, the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts-MINPMEEESA and others), United Nations agencies (UNDP and UNECA), and several CSOs. It was during this multi-sectoral consultation that were outlined the groundwork of a Platform Collaboration and Working Group within which synergies between all stakeholders (internal and external) for the development of Cameroon.
- 4) The 3rd Conference on Financing for Development held from 13 to 16 July 2015 in Addis Ababa. It was with the framework of the PCTC put in place that Cameroon's participation in the conference was prepared, which constituted an official national delegation extended to non - state actors (meetings between civil society represented by ADIN and officials of MINREX and MINEPAT, contribution to interventions delivered by the Minister (MINEPAT) , Head of the Cameroon delegation, and technical experts who accompanied him, the organisation of a side event co- chaired by Cameroon (ADIN) and Kenya (CSO African Working Group on the Post 2015 Agenda) in Addis Ababa... etc.

## **2 - Actors of the PCTC**

The main actors in the PCTC are all those concerned for effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals ( SDGs ), especially those who feel they are at the forefront of the four national development priorities inscribed in the Circle of Sustainable Development Efficiency - CSDE (Health, Education , Employment, Environment ) and / or the four cross-cutting concerns ( Infrastructure, Good Governance, Human Rights, Gender )

## **3 - Format of the CWCP**

The CWCP offers a framework capable of encouraging and strengthening the synergies between development actors in Cameroon for the implementation of the Post -2015 Agenda. It is not the exclusive property of any actor in particular. This is an open collaborative and collective framework through which

- Each actor plays its role in its area of intervention
- No actor decides to another
- No actor has the ability to prevent another from contributing
- Each actors is free to associate or engage others to address important for the development of Cameroon and the implementation of the SDGs.
- The proposals or recommendations of the PCTC are designed to provide highlights to allow each actor to improve his performances or interventions in their respective area of expertise for the benefit of Cameroonians.

Thus defined, PCTC shall contribute to the accountability framework which is a requirement for results oriented management, and to the realization of the shared responsibility amongst all stakeholders in the design and implementation of actions national development.

#### **4 - Resources for animation of the CWCP**

Human, financial or other in-kind resources necessary for the animation of the PCTC can be mobilised by any actor, including governments, donors, the private sector or civil society . Interested players are free to decide the method of use of these resources and the implementing partner, each according their level of commitment and its internal practices, with respect established ethical rules of ethics and the spirit of synergy building within the framework of the PCTC .

#### **5 - Branches and operational procedures of the CWCP**

Within the framework of the PCTC, each actor, in accordance with the values and laws in place, can define the format for collaboration with other actors that align with its statutory mission, subjects under consideration, timelines for meetings, funding arrangements etc.

In particular:

##### **GOVERNMENT / Technical and Financial Partners (TFP)**

Governments and donors of Cameroon will find an organizational model of partnership with civil society working in the field in their areas of expertise;

##### ➤ **NGOs / CSOs**

NGOs / CSOs will find a framework for transparency in the presentation of their contributions and potential areas for intervention for Cameroon's development, and finding consistent support from other actors to strengthen their activities on the ground ;

➤ **ALL STAKEHOLDERS**

All actors at national level will find a tool to demonstrate at international level, consistency of actions carried out.