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(CAMYOSFOP): fostering moral and traditional values within the youth milieu.

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## LISTS OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

**AIDS:** Acquire Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

**AU:** African Union.

**AUC:** African Union Commission.

**CAMYOSFOP:** Cameroon Youth and Students Forum for Peace.

**COVID-19:** Corona Virus Disease 2019.

**CSOs:** Civil Society Organizations.

**ECOSOCC:** Economic, Social and Cultural council.

**ECCAS:** Economic Community on Central African States.

**HIV:** Human Immuno deficiency Virus.

**IRIC:** International Relations Institute of Cameroon.

**ITT:** International Tracing Instrument.

**MINJEC:** Ministry of Youth and Civic Education.

**MINPROFF:** Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family.

**MINREX:** Ministry of External Relations.

**NAP:** National Action Plan.

**NATCOM:** National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

**NCDDR:** National Committee on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reinsertion.

**NGO:** Non-Governmental Organization.

**PLWHIV:** Persons Living with HIV.

**PoA:** UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects.

**RECSA:** Regional Centre on SALW for the Great Lakes, Horn of Africa and Neighbouring States.

**SALW:** Small Arms and Light Weapons.

**SDGs:** Sustainable Development Goals.

**SGBV:** Sexual and Gender based Violence.

**UNREC:** United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

**UNODA:** United Nation's Office for Disarmament Affairs.

**UNSCAR:** United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation.

## 1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Since its creation in 1999, CAMYOSFOP has been working on upholding a non-violent society through moral and traditional values as prerequisite to a culture of peace by implementing activities in line with her programs which are geared towards capacity strengthening and empowerment of the youths, women/girls and the most vulnerable in communities. In 2022, the Organization designed activities within the framework of her programs which were successfully implemented despite the challenges faced with the insecurity crisis in the Anglophone regions, the Northern and Eastern regions of Cameroon.

## 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

### 2.1. SELF-IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES.

#### *A. ORGANIZATION OF A PARTNERS DINNER, OCTOBER 2022.*

In view of celebrating her 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of existence, a partner's dinner was organized on the 15th of October 2022 at Djeuga Palace, Hotel, Yaounde. This event was aim at networking with partners on CAMYOSFOP's arms control programs thus bringing together representatives from UN and international agencies, Government institutions, the Diplomatic Corps, Academia, Economic Operators, Private Sector and Civil Society Organizations.

The partners dinner permitted CAMYOSFOP to strengthen collaboration with her traditional partners as well as, engaging new partnerships.

#### *B. LAUNCH OF THE CERTIFIED COURSE ON THE DIPLOMACY OF ARMS CONTROL, NON-PROLIFERATION, AND DISARMAMENT (DACPD), OCTOBER 2022.*

CAMYOSFOP in partnership with MINREX, IRIC, ECOSOCC, UNREC, RECSA, launched the first edition of the Certified Course on the Diplomacy of Arms Control, Non - Proliferation and Disarmament (DACPD) from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022. The aim of this course is to provide trainees with foundational knowledge on the diplomacy of arms control, non - proliferation and disarmament through the most important arms control agreements and their implementation procedures with a focus on compliance and reporting / transparency and accountability on arms control. Under the theme "Stockpiling and Diversion of Arms", the five-day program saw the participation of 10 candidates from diverse Institutions. At the end of the training, participants received end of course certificates.



*C. PROMOTING EXEMPLARY FIGURES: ORGANIZATION OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE PUBLICATION OF: BIOGRAPHIC LEGACY OF PROF. BERNARD NSOKIKA FONLON: 1924-1986, TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2022.*

Promoting National Figures has been a key focus of CAMYOSFOP, as the Organization also aims at improving on the moral values of the youths by show casing Prof. Bernard Fonlon's legacy which include the values of, Integrity, honesty, hard work, and determination.

To achieve a behavioural change needed for the Cameroonian youth, CAMYOSFOP took the commitment of publishing a biographic legacy of this icon from 1924 – 1986. As such a 15-member steering committee was created for the completion of this publication. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering committee meeting therefore took place on Tuesday 20 December 2022 at National Episcopal Centre, Mvolye, Yaounde. During the meeting, members discussed and adopted fund raising strategies, as well as setting timelines on the completion of the project.



## 2.2. COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS.

As a multi-functional hub, CAMYOSFOP collaborate with multi-functional partners operating in various domains on the promotion of peace, development, and social co-existence. In 2022, CAMYOSFOP work with some of the following partners: UN Women, UNDP, UNSCAR, UNREC, Africa Union ECOSOCC, ECCAS, MINREX, MINPROFF, MINJEC, IRIC amongst others in implementing key programmes.

### *A. UN WOMEN PROJECT ON: ENGAGING WOMEN AND YOUTH ON THE PREVENTION OF HIV/AIDS, GBV AND COVID-19, JUNE - NOVEMBER 2022*

The UN WOMEN six-month project was implemented by CAMYOSFOP under the title: ***“Improving service delivery to persons living with HIV/AIDS, women, and adolescent girls in vulnerable and indigenous communities of the East region of Cameroon, from June to November 2022.*** The main beneficiaries were Women Living with HIV/AIDS, indigenous women including the Mbororo and the Bak pygmies, adolescent girls from the East, and youth groups from the 10 regions of Cameroon.



The project achieved the following:

- ✓ 25 Young girls and boys drawn from the 10 regions of Cameroon, acquired knowledge and life skills on the prevention of HIV/AIDS, COVID-19 and GBV.
- ✓ 50 Women and young girls living with HIV/AIDS from the East region trained on microfinance and project management and received subvention of 40,000 FCFA each for start-ups of income-generating activities.
- ✓ Over 500 indigenous people from the Baka Community were sensitized against the stigmatization, prevention, and management of HIV/AIDS, and GBV through film projection, and psychosocial assistance.
- ✓ Over 1000 community members sensitized on the prevention and management of HIV/AIDS, GBV and COVID-19 through the radio programs produced and broadcast through Community Radio Stations.

*B. UN WOMEN SALIENT PROJECT ON: SENSITIZATION SEMINAR OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ON MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS (SALW) POLICIES. NOVEMBER 2022, YAOUNDE.*

The capacity of 25 members of parliament, particularly members of the Defence and Security Committee of the National Assembly of Cameroon were strengthened during a sensitization workshop on mainstreaming gender in SALW policies.



*Group Picture for the workshop with MPs. Courtesy, CAMYOSFOP*

Major Outcomes of the workshop was the adoption of recommendations and resolutions with regards to the need to carefully examine and mainstream gender in every bill and policies adopted by the National Assembly as well as holding government responsible for the implementation of the various laws and instruments on SALW adopted by the National Assembly.

*C. UNSCAR PROJECT ON: TRAINING THE 11 MEMBER STATES OF ECCAS ON DATA COLLECTION ON SDG TARGET 16.4.2 ON SALW AND INTERNATIONAL TRACING INSTRUMENT.*

To contribute to the regulation of the illicit proliferation of SALW, CAMYOSFOP with the support of UNSCAR and in partnership with the state of Cameroon through MINREX organized a regional workshop in Cameroon on data collection on SDG Target 16.4.2 on SALW and the ITI with the 11 member states of ECCAS in Yaounde from 29 June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Participants included representative of National Commissions on SALW (NatComs), SDGs Focal Points, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, and National

Institutes of Statistics. As part of the training, a questionnaire about SALW in the sub region was administered to the participants of this training.



*Opening ceremony of the training on data collection on SDG Target 16.4.2. Courtesy, CAMYOSFOP*



*Panel for one of the sessions of the meeting: Courtesy, CAMYOSFOP*

The outcome of this project included:

- A training guide for the training was developed and published.
- A situational analysis on the situation SDG 16.4.2 was published.
- NatComs present in the training committed themselves to including Statisticians as members in the composition of said commissions to facilitate data collection on SALW.
- The member states of ECCAS also committed themselves to invest more efforts and resources, including specific budget lines in data collection of firearms in their respective countries.

- In line with the resolutions of the First Conference of States Parties (CSP1) to the Kinshasa Convention held in 2018 in Yaounde, the participants of the training reiterated the need to accelerate the process of creating a secretariat for the implementation of the Kinshasa Convention, by defining its headquarters, its name, its powers, and its attributions.

#### *D. DEVELOPING A REPORTING SYSTEM FOR THE POA AND THE KINSHASA CONVENTION ON SALW IN CENTRAL AFRICA, SEPTEMBER 2022-JUNE 2023*

This UNSCAR project aimed at developing a reporting mechanism for the PoA and Kinshasa Convention started in 2022 with an inception meeting bringing together ECCAS, RECSA, Cameroon, UNODA and the Consultant for the project to brainstorm on the way forward in developing the joint reporting template for the PoA and the Kinshasa convention. A comparison of the current PoA reporting template and the RECSA joint reporting template of the PoA and the Nairobi Protocol gave a clearer picture of what was expected of the Consultant in charge of developing the template.



RECSA in her experience sharing on her on joint template noted that: The purpose of reporting, aims to collect data and information to measure progress on the implantation of instruments, so this information that is collected is used to prepare regional SALW situation reports, quota reports of impact on the interventions made. These reports are then presented at annual high-level meeting for an overall review of the protocol. So RECSA implements this initiative as part of its work in coordinating the implementation of the protocol at the global instruments including the ATT, ITI.

#### *E. SAVING LIVES ENTITY (SALIENT) PROJECT IN CAMEROON.*

SALIENT is a new United Nations funding facility dedicated to supporting Member States tackle illicit small arms and light weapons as part of a comprehensive approach to sustainable security and development. Informed by more than twenty years of experience on small arms control and armed violence prevention by the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), SALIENT offers the international community a new vehicle for sustained financing of small arms control measures in settings that have been most affected. Cameroon, Jamaica, and South Sudan were therefore selected for the pilot phase of this project. On this basis, the government of Cameroon through the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX), selected CAMYOSFOP as the implementing partner of the project. The activities of this project included:

1. 6 workshops organized for the civil society and journalists in the 10 regions of Cameroon.
2. 1 workshop with key government agencies on the importance of the National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons (NatCom).
3. 1 sensitization seminar with the members of Parliament on mainstreaming gender in national policies.
4. 1 workshop with key stakeholders on mainstreaming gender in the control of SALW.
5. Baseline on the involvement of women and youth in the illicit proliferation of SALW in Cameroon.



The outcome of the above activities is that fact that much still need to be done in mainstreaming women and youth in the control of SALW in Cameroon. As such, a project document for the elaboration of a 3-year project was elaborated by the Consultant of the project.

### **3. OTHERS**

#### **3.1. CONSULTANCY**

##### *A. BASELINE ANALYSIS ON MAINSTREAMING WOMEN AND YOUTH ON SALW IN CAMEROON: SAVING LIVES ENTITY PROJECT (SALIENT), CAMEROON.*

As part of the Salient Project, CAMYOSFOP was contracted by UNDP, Cameroon to undertake a baseline study on the involvement of women and youth in SALW. The Consultancy aimed at promoting women and youth security through arms control as a steppingstone to tackling the illicit proliferation of

SALW in Cameroon, and fight against the diversion of arms through the application of international and national instruments on SALW, contributing to the peace process of Cameroon and promoting sustainable development.

Main objectives

Key outcome from this baseline amongst others included:

- ✚ Government should consider creating a National Coordinating Agency or Commission (NatCom) for the fight against Small Arms and Light Weapons composed of the various components of the government including the civil society.
- ✚ There is need to define, adopt and develop the right leadership in small arms control through a continuous and proper reinforcement of the competencies of government entities on the MOSAIC modules on SALW.
- ✚ Government must draft and adopt the text of application to facilitate the implementation of the 2016 law on arms and ammunitions in Cameroon.
- ✚ Government should reinforce its early warning system to be able to anticipate, inform and take precautions on time on the security situation of the country.
- ✚ Promote real and honest dialogue between Government and all Stakeholders with mediators for lasting solution on the fight against illicit proliferation and misuse of SALW.
- ✚ Reduce the number of military forces present in the North West and South West Regions and train the Cameroonian Police Force on Community Policing friendly strategies and deployed in the two regions.
- ✚ Government should be able to provide proper training to private security companies and vigilante groups set up to protect populations and provide intelligence on the Boko Haram and the Anglophone Separatists.
- ✚ The Africa Amnesty Month on the voluntary handing of illegal weapons should complement the DDR programme with regular gun destruction from one city to another especially the regions in conflict to raise awareness, motivate those holding illegal weapons to voluntary hand to government and to deter the population from these weapons.
- ✚ More engagement and capacity development of CSOs on taking the lead in the fight against SALW.
- ✚ Capacity building of key indigenous leaders (Queen mothers and Fons) on conflict management and resolution.
- ✚ Involvement of more CSOs especially grass roots associations and youth leaders in crisis areas in the programmes of peacebuilding and the fight against SALW.

### **3.2. LEVEL OF AWARENESS**

Throughout 2022, CAMYOSFOP worked with mainstream media that included the Radio, TV, and the print media as well as the social media that included its website, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn in providing the needed visibility to its activities. CAMYOSFOP also published some training manuals, policy documents, and the 4 editions of the Voice of Peace newsletter and 1 special edition on the inaugural ceremony of the Certified Course on the Diplomacy of Arms Control, Non-Proliferation, and Disarmament (DACPD).

#### 4. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL EVENTS

Participant's Names	Purpose of the event	Outcome of the event
<b>AMAA Francisca</b> (Research and Policy Development officer)	Consolidation workshop of Civil Society Complementary Voluntary National Report of the SDGs in Cameroon, organized by Sightsavers, Hotel Djeuga Palace, 10 <sup>th</sup> - 11 May 2022	A complementary Civil Society VNR report on the SDGs in Cameroon, produced.
	Launch ceremony: Mapping of GBV Service Providers in Cameroon; organized by MINPROFF, UN Women, Helton Hotel, 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	
<b>MBIJIGOH RUTH</b> (Communications and Public Relations Officer)	Media, participatory governance, and responsible debt for sustainable development in Africa. Organized by African Network on Debt and Development in partnership with ADIN. 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Creation of the Media Debt Network (AFROMEDI)
	Inception meeting for the project on Peace Education for a Peaceful NOSO. Organised by WAA Cameroon, 27 – 28, April, 2022	Creation of an online exchange platform with CSOs
	UN press club launch. Organised by MINREX in partnership UNESCO on the 21 October 2022	Establishment of a tripartite online platform between journalists, government, and UN system for the relay of verified information to promote sustainable development.
NGADI Edjenguele Sylvie	Capacity Building Workshop for Civil Society Actors Involved in Public Finance Management on the Innovations of the 2023 Finance Law. Organized by MINFI from the 8 to 9 December 2023	Creation of an exchange network MINFI/CSOs and other actors involved for on time information and adequate measures on issues surrounding participation and implementation on decision making by CSOs or MINFI for correction to be done at the top level on law of Finance
FONYE KERILAH Delphine Programs Associate (Intern)	First Edition of the National Forum of the Ministry of Finance and Civil Society Dialogue, organised by MINFI, Mont Febe Hotel, 27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> , October, 2022	Adoption of an outcome document enhancing CSOs participation in Public Contracts

## 6. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

NAME	EVENT	OUTCOME
<p><b>Mr Ngalim Eugine</b> Executive Director, CAMYOSFOP</p>	<p>CPDE Africa Coordination Committee Meeting and Regional Observatory Workshop, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022.</p>	<p>The series of workshops established an Observatory for CSOs on Development Effectiveness.</p>
	<p>Regional Observatorio Workshop, 9th and 10th February, in Nairobi.</p>	<p>The Youth Indicator Advisory Committee forged on the establishment of a Youth Indicator for the GPEDC indicators on Development Effectiveness. This indicator is still to be considered by the GPEDC</p>
	<p>The Youth Indicator Advisory Committee meeting 11th and 12th February 2022, organized by REALITY OF AIDS, Africa network</p>	
	<p>Civil Society Seminar and an Annual Strategic Planning Retreat with the AU PAPS Commissioner, February 22-24, 2022, Nairobi, Kenya</p>	<p>This meeting generated momentum on CSOs involvement in the promotion of peace and security in the continent</p>
	<p>Action Dialogue for Effective Development Cooperation; Final Preparatory Workshop for the Action Dialogue, 16-19 March 2022, Douala, Hotel Akwa Palace.</p>	<p>This workshop facilitated Cameroon's preparation for the third High Level Forum on Development Effectiveness (DE), held in Geneva in December 2022.</p>
	<p>CPDE Strategic Plan Midterm Review from 5 to 11 July 2022 and 20th Coordination Committee meeting of CPDE in from 12 to 13 July 2022 in New York, USA.</p>	<p>These meetings permitted the CPDE to review its Strategic Action Plan as well as strategized on its effective resource mobilization for its activities.</p>
	<p>Eighth Biennial Meeting of States (BMS8) organized by UN Office for Disarmament Affairs from 27 June to 1 July 2022, at the United Nations, New York.</p>	<p>As a civil society actor in SALW the BMS permitted CAMYOSFOP to show case it initiatives on the fight against SALW, share experiences and engage partners in support of her programmes.</p>
<p>High-Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on CSO Engagement with the African Union (AU) and the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA), organized by ECOSOCC, October 11th - 13th, 2022, in Port Louis, Mauritius</p>	<p>This workshop reviewed the ECOSOCC/AU/COMESA APSA project.</p>	
	<p>Africa's conference on promotion of localisation of development effectiveness through national leadership and building of trust, organized by REALITY OF AIDS, Africa network, Nairobi, 17 - 18 November 2022</p>	<p>This meeting served as a preparatory meeting for Africa's participation in HLM3 on DE held in Geneva from 9 – 14 December 2022</p>
	<p>CSO pre-Third High Level Meeting (HLM3) activities from 9 -10 December 2022. And HLM3 of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) in Geneva, Switzerland from 12 to 14 December 2022, Organized by CPDE.</p>	<p>The HLM is a stocktaking meeting on DE that brings government, international organizations, the private sector, and the civil society to evaluate the recommendations of the previous HLM and adopt new set of recommendations on DE for the next 4 years. The key outcome of this</p>

		HLM3 was on the need to generate momentum on the achievement of the SDGs by 2030.
<b>NGADI Edjenguele Sylvie</b>	CSOs sensitization forum on the free movement protocol (FMP) organized by AU ECOSOCC) in collaboration with GIZ, Accra (Ghana), 17 – 19 May 2022.	<p>The meeting appeal to ECOWAS and ECCAS member States to give full effect to the spirit of free movement protocol and refrain from imposing harsh penalties on fellow African citizens.</p> <p>Acknowledgement that AU heads of States and Governments have adopted the requisite policy decisions on free movement of people including Agenda 2063</p>

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- Cameroon Human Rights Commission (CHC).
- United Nations Office in Central Africa (UNOCA)
- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).
- United Nations Regional Office for Peace and Disarmament (UNREC).
- United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR)
- African Union Commission (AUC)
- African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)
- UN Women
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
- Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lake and Horn of Africa (RECSA).
- Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)
- Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN)
- Plan International, Cameroon.
- Cameroon Action Network on Small Arms (CANSAs).
- National Platform of Civil Society Organizations of Cameroon (PLANOSCAM).
- Solutions aux Migrations Clandestines (SMIC)
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
- Martin Luther King Foundation (LUKMEF)
- Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC)

### **MEDIA ORGANS:**

- CRTV (Radio and TV).
- Canal2 International.
- STV
- Equinox TV
- Radio Siantu.
- Radio Campus.
- Cameroon Tribune.
- The Post Newspaper.
- The Guardian Post Newspaper.
- Horizone newspaper.
- News Watch newspaper.

In case any organization or media that facilitated our work in 2022 is not mentioned, please accept our apologies.