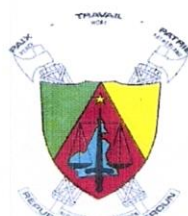


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# CAMEROON NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (CNYC)

# STATUTES





## PREAMBLE

Youth associations, organisations and movements abiding by these statutes:

- following the nation's Constitution, the laws and regulations governing movements and associations in Cameroon, the recommendations contained in the World Youth Action Programme of the Year 2000, the United Nations' Agenda 2030 and the African Union's Agenda 2063 for the Africa we want, and the provisions of the African Youth Charter;
- convinced of their duty to participate in the construction of an exemplary Republic and to the consolidation of the values of peace and unity;
- upholding ethical values as the driving force of their action;
- concerned with the ever-growing needs and aspirations of Cameroon's youth;
- Aware of the responsibilities that youths must assume to ensure a better future;
- conscious of young people's dynamism in their diversity;
- adopting basic values of globalisation, conventions and resolutions of the international community pertaining to the establishment and implementation of national youth platforms;
- considering the need to coordinate their actions,

### Hereby decide :

To set up a national forum for consultation, expression and dialogue of Cameroonian youths, under the supervisory authority of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civic Education.



## **CHAPTER I : GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Establishment, Name, missions, objectives, Goals, head office and duration.**

#### **Article 1.-**

- (1) Created by the initiators, a youth body, known as the Cameroon National Youth Council, abbreviated, "CNYC" is hereby established.
- (2) The CNYC is non-political, secular and non-profit making.
- (3) The CNYC is placed under the supervision of the Ministry in charge of Youth Affairs.
- (4) The headquarter of the CNYC is in Yaoundé.
- (5) The CNYC has an unlimited duration.

**Article 2.-** The CNYC aims at the development of youth in the national and international public environment, with/ in a view of their full and effective participation in development.

**Article 3.-** The Cameroon National Youth Council is a national interaction, dialogue, coordination, consultation and action platform for youth organisations in Cameroon.

In this capacity, it has the following missions:

- create synergy between youth associations, organisations and movements in Cameroon, in order to increase the creativity of young people and optimise their potentials for action and participation in development;
- acting as an intermediary between youth associations, organisations and movements, public authorities, the civil society on the one hand, and international institutions operating in Cameroon and involved in youth affairs on the other;
- ensure the representation of young people, associations, youth organisations and movements in local, national and international consultations.



**Article 4.-** The general objective of the CNYC is to participate in the dialogue between young people, public authorities, civil society, foreign and international organisations, in order to facilitate the taking into account of their aspirations and needs.

**Article 5.-** The CNYC has the following specific objectives:

- facilitate consultation, expression and youth actions by young people ;
- enable the sharing of information and interaction among youths at local, national and international levels;
- encourage the effective participation of young people in society, in the decision-making process and in the development of the nation;
- give impetus to and support national and international solidarity to and for youths;
- facilitate the socioeconomic integration of youths and promoting the entrepreneurial culture among youths;
- contribute to the promotion of educational, cultural, sporting and civic values;
- contribute to the representation of young people in national and international consultations;
- contribute to the promotion of youth health;
- promote the development of young girls, young women and their effective participation in society;
- Promoting dialogue and intergenerational solidarity;
- contribute to the fight against uncivil behaviour, social exclusion, social ills and poverty among young people;
- mobilise young people for protection of the environment, cultural heritage and sustainable management of natural resources;
- contribute to the promotion of volunteer service, volunteerism, humanitarian action and disaster prevention;
- mobilise human, material and financial resources at both national and international levels to accomplish its missions.

**Article 6.-** The CNYC may join international organisations after a favourable opinion from the supervisory authority.



## **CHAPTER II : MEMBERS**

### **Section I : Membership**

#### **Article 7.-**

- The CNYC shall have the following members:
- active members ;
- Associate members.

#### **Article 8.-**

- (1) Active members are associations, movements and youth organisations legally existing in Cameroon, and have paid their membership and subscription fees.
- (2) Active members register at the Sub divisional Delegations of the Ministry in charge of Youth and/or with the Local Sub Divisional Executive Offices, which are responsible for organising them into thematic networks. The registration procedures are specified in the Internal Rules and Regulations.

#### **Article 9.-**

- (1) An associate member is any legal person, whether governed by public or private law, who commits to legally support by all means possible, youth projects and programmes implemented by the CNYC or with its help.
- (2) Associate members are co-opted and admitted as such, by the General Assemblies, following proposition from the CNYC Executive Bureaus. This co-optation is transmitted through hierarchy chain for the supervisory appreciation.

#### **Article 10.**

- Membership is lost, as the case may be, by :
- resignation of the association or its appointed representative;
- exclusion of the association or its designated representative ;
- dissolution of the association;
- break in collaboration for associate members.



## **Section II : Rights and obligations of members**

### **Article 11.-**

(1) Active members are entitled, under the conditions laid down in these statutes, the Internal Rules and Regulations and the Electoral Code to :

- attend all general assemblies, deliberations, voting and all the activities of the CNYC through their designated representatives;
- carry out the activities falling within the competence of the CNYC, after opinion from the territorially competent Executive Bureau;
- exercise all other rights arising from the present statutes and the Internal Rules and Regulations of the CNYC, after the opinion of the competent Executive Bureau.

(2) When invited for deliberations, associate members have advisory capacity with no right to vote during sessions of the General Assembly. They have the right to audit the use of the contributions allocated to the CNYC.

**Article 12.-** Active members are compelled, otherwise penalty provided for in the present statutes, to:

- respect the rules governing the CNYC ;
- stick to the instruments and directives of the Minister in charge of youth affairs;
- comply with collaboration agreements;
- honour the payment of contributions;
- comply with the ethics and professional rules regarding youth supervision;
- submit any changes in their statutes to the National Executive Bureau through the territorially competent Executive Bureau.

## **CHAPTER III : THE ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE CNYC**

### **Article 13.-**

- The bodies of the CNYC are:
- the General Assembly ;
- an Executive Bureau;
- commissions ;



- regulatory bodies;
- deconcentrated structures ;
- thematic networks and
- Advisory Commissions.

### **Section I : General Assembly**

**Article 14.- (1)** The CNYC is composed of three (03) types of General Assemblies which are:

- the Elective General Assembly;
- the Ordinary General Assembly;
- The Extraordinary General Assembly.

**(2)** The operating mechanisms of each type of General Assembly, as well as its members, are defined in the Internal Rules and Regulations.

**Article 15.-** The General Assembly is the deliberative body of the CNYC. In this capacity, it is responsible for :

- determining CNYC major policies and visions;
- validating the moral report presented by the President of the National Executive Bureau;
- validating the CNYC activities, reports and financial balance sheet;
- adopting CNYC annual plan of action;
- voting CNYC annual budget;
- adopting CNYC amendments to its basic instruments;
- setting contribution percentage;
- admitting, suspending or exclusion of membership ;
- ratifying the resignation of a member ;
- issuing any other directives necessary for the smooth functioning of the CNYC;
- electing National Executive Bureau members and thematic networks when necessary.



#### **Article 16.-**

- (1) The Elective General Assembly shall be held every three (03) years, i.e. after each term of office, for the appointment of new officials, convened by the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs, who is the supervisory Authority of the CNYC.
- (2) When required by the circumstances, the supervisory Minister may convene a G.A., within the term of the current legislature.
- (3) It is chaired at the local level by the administrative authorities and at the national level by the supervisory Minister.

#### **Article 17.-**

- (1) The Ordinary General Assembly shall meet at least once (01) a year, upon convocation by the President of the Executive Bureau of the concerned body, in accordance with an established agenda.
- (2) It is chaired by a bureau elected at the opening of the meeting and composed of a chairman and two secretaries.
- (3) It meets, as the case may be, in the locality hosting the CNYC's headquarters.

#### **Article 18.-**

- (1) The Extraordinary General Assembly may be held if need be, on the initiative of :
  - the Supervisory Minister;
  - the President of the Executive Bureau;
  - 2/3 of the statutory members of the General Assembly.
- (2) The procedures convening modalities for the Extraordinary General assembly by 2/3 of the members are specified in the Internal Rules and Regulations.





## **Section II : The Executive Bureau**

**Article 19.-** The Executive Bureau is the management body which ensures the application of the texts and the proper functioning of the CNYC. As such its attributes are:

- the implementation and monitoring of the resolutions and recommendations of the General Assembly;
- the enforcement of the guidelines and decisions from the supervisory authority in accordance with the texts in force,
- the preparation of draft action plan and annual budget;
- the preparation and convening of Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies;
- preparation of draft amendments of basic texts before their submission to the General Assembly;
- the transmission to the supervisory authority, drafts of the action plan and of the annual budget, as well as the draft resolutions and recommendations of the General Assembly;
- proposing to the General Assembly projects for the creation of networks of youth organisations;
- representing the CNYC in all areas of civil life, in legal proceedings and in all national and international institutions;
- monitoring the execution of the tasks assigned to deconcentrated structures;
- the instantly resolution of disputes concerning member youth organisations;
- Monitoring and evaluating the activities of member youth organisations and thematic networks.

### **Article 20.-**

- (1) The Executive Bureau shall be elected for a term of three (03) years.
- (2) The Executive Bureau shall meet if need arises, upon convocation by its President or at the request of 2/3 of its members.



- (3) The modalities for convening meetings of the Executive Bureau by 2/3 are specified in the internal rules and regulations.
- (4) The composition of the Executive Bureau, which may vary at the national, regional, divisional or municipal level and the duty devolved assigned to each of its members, are specified in the internal Rules and Regulations.

### **Section III : Commissions**

#### **Article 21.-**

- (1) The National, Regional, Divisional and Sub Divisional Executive Bureaus shall have the following Commissions:
- the Commission on Economic Development and Environmental Protection ;
  - the Health and Social Development Commission;
  - the Commission on Educational, Sports and Cultural Development;
  - the Commission for the Promotion of Peace, Human Rights and Social Cohesion;
  - the Commission on Administrative and Legal Affairs and that of the Internal Rules and Regulations;
  - the Diaspora Commission.
- (2) Under the authority of the Secretary General of the Executive Bureau concerned, each commission shall be headed by a coordinator appointed by decision of the President of the Executive Bureau concerned.
- (3) The coordinators referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be chosen from among the members of the Executive Bureau concerned.
- (4) The missions of the various Commissions are specified in the internal rules and regulations.



## **Section IV : Monitoring bodies of the CNYC**

### **Article 22.-**

- (1) The control of the action of the CNYC is carried out at the administrative, financial and accounting levels.
- (2) The financial and accounting audit is carried out by the Statutory financial secretary.
- (3) Administrative, financial and accounting control is ensured by the supervisory ministry, and possibly by the associate members and donors.

## **Section V : Deconcentrated structures of the CNYC**

### **Article 23.-**

- (1) In addition to the National Executive Bureau, the following deconcentrated structures are distinguished:
  - Regional Executive Bureaux;
  - Divisional Executive Bureaux;
  - Sub Divisional Executive Bureaux.
- (2) The organisation and functioning of these structures are set out in the Internal Rules and Regulations.

## **Section VI.**

### **Thematic networks**

### **Article 24.-**

- (1) The Thematic Networks are the basic structures of the CNYC. They are located exclusively at the municipal level.
- (2) They have the following tasks :
  - coordinate and monitor the activities of youth organisations registered within them;
  - investigate and collect information on the behaviour of young people and youth organisations in the Networks;
  - organise network animation activities;



- Identify and list youth organisations and associations within their respective fields of action;
- defining and implementing sectoral programmes and plans;
  - publish specific information on the activities of the Networks and on the affiliated organisations;
  - mobilise member youth organisations on an ongoing basis.

**(3)** The CNYC has ten (10) Thematic Networks, notably

- education, training and literacy;
- youth health and promotion of girls and young women ;
- employment and socio-economic insertion;
- agriculture and animal husbandry;
- communication, digital economy and ICT;
- human rights, promotion of peace and conflict management;
- humanitarian action, volunteer service, volunteering and disaster prevention;
- Protection of the environment, biodiversity and sustainable development;
- leisure, sports, culture and tourism;
- Participation and promotion of citizenship.

**(4)** Other Thematic Networks may be created if need be.

**(5)** Every any member organisation of the CNYC must belong to a Thematic Network.

**(6)** The organisation and functioning of the Thematic Networks are specified in the internal rules and regulations.

## **Section VII : The consultative Committee**

**Article 25.-** The Consultative Committees are bodies in charge of issuing opinions and advice on all questions which are put to them by the supervisory authority as well as by the CNYC structures to which they are attached. As such, they have an essentially consultative role for a period of one year.

**Article 26.-** A distinction is made between :

- the National Consultative Committee;
- the Regional Consultative Committee;



the Divisional Consultative Committee;  
the Sub divisional Consultative Committee.

**Article 27.-** The National Consultative Committee is composed of (05) five members appointed by the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs, namely a chairman (01), a secretary (01) and three (03) members.

**Article 28.-** The Regional, Divisional and Sub-divisional Committees are each, composed of three (03) members, namely (01) a president, (01) a secretary and (01) a member, all appointed by an act of the territorially competent administrative authority, on the proposal of the heads of the Deconcentrated Services of the supervising Ministry.

**Article 29.-** (1) The persons to be appointed in the Consultative Committee are the former leaders of the CNYC, who, through their proven experience, skills and knowledge, can give relevant opinions on youth issues or on the strategy to be implemented for the smooth running of the CNYC.

## **CHAPTER IV : FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING PROVISIONS**

### **Section I:**

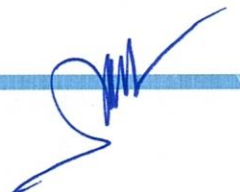
#### **Financial provisions**

**Article 30.-** The resources of the CNYC come from:

- the active Membership fees and income from the registration of active members;
- State subsidies and support;
- programme support, allocated by associate members and financial donors;
- fines imposed by competent bodies;
- income from CNYC services;
- benefits from various activities from partners jointly organised with the CNYC;
- donations and legacies.

**Article 31.-**

(1) The CNYC budget is annual, balanced in income and expenditure.





- (2) Its financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of the calendar year.
- (3) Presidents of Executive Bureaus are the authorising officers of the budget at the level of their respective bodies.
- (4) The resources of the CNYC are public funds.

#### **Article 32.-**

- (1) The funds of the CNYC are deposited in an account opened in a banking institution approved by the Ministry of Finance.
- (2) Any withdrawal of funds must be made on presentation of a duly signed disbursement voucher issued by the supervisory organ.
- (3) In addition to the disbursement voucher, any withdrawal of funds requires the logic of at least two (02) signatures of the three signatories (President, Secretary General and Treasurer), of which the President's signature is mandatory.
- (4) At the level of the deconcentrated structures of the CNYC, in addition to the disbursement voucher issued by the local representative of the supervisory authority, any withdrawal of funds requires the logic of three (03) signatures (President, Secretary General and Treasurer), among which two (02) are mandatory, of which those of the President and the Treasurer General of the Executive Bureau concerned are required.

### **Section II : Accounting Provisions**

**Article 33.-** The keeping of accounts and financial statements at national level shall be carried out by the General Treasurer in collaboration with the Secretary General.

#### **Article 34.-**

- (1) CNYC expenditures are those found in the budget and in the action plan approved by the General Assembly, as well as any mission entrusted by the supervisory authority.



(2) Expenditures are ordered at each level by the Chairman of the Executive Bureau who may delegate powers in respect of current expenditure.

## **CHAPTER V : DISCIPLINE**

### **Article 35.-**

- (1) The disciplinary provisions relate both to the internal functioning of the CNYC and to its relations with the supervisory authority and partner institutions.
- (2) The CNYC officials and members must avoid any act or behaviour that is not in line with its basic instruments, good morals, public order, the laws and regulations of the Republic as well as the interests and brand image of Cameroon.

### **Article 36.-**

- (1) Disputes between members shall be settled by the Executive Bureau concerned as a matter of priority.
- (2) If the dispute persists, the protagonists or the CNYC shall refer the matter to the supervisory organ or the competent administrative authority.

**Article 37.-**The set of disciplinary rules punishing offences related to the management of resources and properties, accountancy, the participation in and the holding of meetings, the attitude to be observed vis-à-vis the institutions and between the associations, are laid down in the internal rules and regulations.

## **CHAPTER VI : MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 38.-**

- (1) The functions of the CNYC are free of charge. However, members of the Executive Bureaus can benefit from volunteer status.
- (2) Cumulating functions are not allowed in the CNYC.



- (3) Elected Members of an Executive Bureau, at any level, can no longer be qualified for another position. Only delegates elected at the lower level can stand for election at the higher level.
- (4) The functions of a member of the Executive Bureau of the CNYC are incompatible with those of a leader of a Network of youth organisations.
- (5) The functions of the Auditors are incompatible with any other function within the CNYC.

**Article 39.-** In case of necessity, the mandate of the members of the Executive Bureaus, the Auditors and the Delegates may be extended by an act of the supervising Minister.

**Article 40.-** The conditions and mechanisms for the election of members, governing bodies, Auditors and Delegates at national and local levels are defined in the Electoral Code.

**Article 41.-** The Internal Rules and Regulations of the CNYC shall complete and specify the provisions of these Statutes.

**Article 42.-** The Electoral Code of the CNYC defines the conditions and modes of election or appointment of members of the governing bodies and structures of the CNYC, the Auditors and the Delegates.

**Article 43.-**

- (1) Amendments to these Statutes may only be made by a General Assembly.
- (2) Changes are notified to the supervisory authority for approval before implementation by the President of the National Executive Bureau of the CNYC, within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of their adoption by the General Assembly.
- (3) The approval referred to in paragraph 2 above is expressed by a written letter from the Supervisory Minister to the President of the National Executive Bureau of the CNYC.



(4) The new texts approved by the supervisory authority are signed and communicated to the different bodies of the CNYC by the President of the National Executive Bureau.

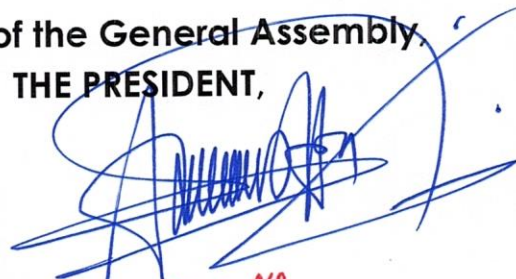
**Article 44.-** The dissolution of the CNYC is pronounced either by the Extra ordinary General Assembly sitting with 3/4 of the active members, by a 2/3 majority, or by the public authorities.

**Article 45.-** These changed Statutes shall take effect as soon as they are signed and communicated to the different bodies of the CNYC by the President of the National Executive Bureau.

Done and adopted in Yaounde, the **13 DEC 2021**.....

On behalf of the General Assembly,  
THE PRESIDENT,



  
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