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CALL FOR PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES No. 001-2025 /APA/MINJEC/CAB OF 17 FEB 2025
FOR THE SELECTION OF JOINT PROJECTS BY LOCAL AND DIASPORA YOUTHS ELIGIBLE
FOR FUNDING FROM THE DIALYJ COUNTER AND THE SELECTION OF ACTIVITIES
CARRIED OUT BY YOUNG CAMEROONIANS IN THE DIASPORA TOWARDS CAMEROON,
SEEKING LOCAL ACCOMPANIMENT, FOR THE 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR.-

I. BACKGROUND

As part of the implementation of its missions to promote national integration and the socio-economic integration of young people, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civic Education (MINJEC) has undertaken actions aimed at accompanying the manifold initiatives of the Cameroonian Diaspora to enable them to contribute to the nation building process. In this regard, a specific mechanism for the empowerment, accompaniment and financing of initiatives taken by young Cameroonians in the Diaspora has been put in place, in order to offer these young people the opportunity to invest in their country of origin, in joint venture with their local peers. This mechanism is operationalised through a special counter known as '*Diaspora and Local Youth Joint-Venture (DIALYJ)*', set up under the Young Entrepreneur Guarantee Fund (FOGAJEUNE). The goal is to build an ecosystem capable of supporting the industrial development of our country by mobilising young Cameroonians in the Diaspora and their peers back home, in the creation of sectors and value chains likely to create jobs for other youths.

In the same vein, accompaniment is also offered to young Cameroonians in the Diaspora wishing to implement multifaceted initiatives in Cameroon in various fields, particularly social, humanitarian and/or economic, likely to improve the living conditions of Cameroonians.

Hence, this Call for Projects and Activities for the selection of joint projects by youths both in the country and in the Diaspora, eligible for funding from the DIALYJ scheme and the selection of activities carried out by young Cameroonians in the Diaspora seeking to do business in Cameroon, soliciting local accompaniment, for the 2025 financial year.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL

1. Overall objective

The overall objective of this Call for Projects and Activities is, on the one hand, to create an incentive entrepreneurial environment through the mobilisation of Cameroonian investors from the Diaspora and the establishment of a voluntary and inclusive synergy between youths in Cameroon and those in the Diaspora, to turn them into catalysts for Cameroon's endogenous industrialisation, and on the other hand, increase the participation of Diaspora youths in nation-building by accompanying their social, humanitarian and/or economic activities in Cameroon that are likely to improve the living conditions of Cameroonians.

2. Specific objectives

This Call for Projects and Activities specifically seeks to:

- initiate the process of setting up a system to promote the integration of young people from the Cameroonian diaspora into the national economy;
- set up *joint ventures* between young local entrepreneurs and those from the diaspora;
- finance joint business creation projects in promising areas with high potential for economic, technological, social, cultural and environmental growth;
- promote the participation of the Cameroonian diaspora in the country's economic, social, technological and technical development;
- provide administrative, institutional and technical support for the many initiatives of the Cameroonian diaspora, in forms of social, humanitarian and/or economic projects in Cameroon;
- encourage and support the commitment of the Cameroonian Diaspora to technology transfer and skills sharing in Cameroon;
- highlight, record and communicate all the initiatives of the diaspora towards their country of origin.

III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CALL FOR PROJECTS

This Call for Projects is subject to the following terms and conditions :

1. Eligibility criteria

Applications may be submitted by young Cameroonians or young people from the diaspora of Cameroonian origin, project leaders, aged between 18 and 35 by 31st of December 2025, registered on the platform of the National Youth Observatory (NYO) at the following address: www.onjcameroun.cm, holders of a Biometric Youth Card (BYC), where applicable, and meeting the following criteria:

➤ Criteria relating to project owners

Legal entities and individuals are eligible for funding, and may take on the roles of applicant or co-applicant.

The lead applicant, who submits the project, is a young person or a group of young people from the Cameroonian diaspora, wishing to undertake business in Cameroon with their local peers. The co-applicant is the person associated with the project.

The lead applicant and the co-applicant must reside one abroad (Diaspora) and the other in Cameroon, or vice versa. Any consortium may have a maximum of two (02) co-applicants and two (02) associated partners. The co-applicant, like the lead partner, participates in the management and implementation of project activities. Therefore, the rules applicable to the applicant are the same for the co-applicant. Each applicant and co-applicant may join only one project.

Legal entities must be set up as an Establishment, a Small and Medium Enterprise or Small and Medium Industry, a Very Small Enterprise, a Business Incubator, a Cluster, a University Institution or a Group of Young People's Joint Initiatives, and provide proof of legal existence.

Partners may be involved in implementing the project, in particular a decentralised Local Authority, a public/private sector company or a Civil Society Organisation.

➤ Project-related criteria

The project-related criteria concern the nature of the planned actions, costs, geographical location and duration.

• Criteria linked to the nature of the actions envisaged

Actions eligible for funding are those relating to capacity building, staff costs, depreciation of equipment acquired as part of the project, expenditure on intellectual property, homologation, design, acquisition of technology, rental of structures, provision of services, purchase of materials and supplies, maintenance and repairs, insurance, documentation, intermediary remuneration and fees, advertising, publication, postage, travel and ISO standards.

For actions to be eligible, they must be joint, i.e. involve at least two (02) partners, i.e. the applicant or lead partner and the co-applicant.

The actions financed must take into account the sustainable management of natural resources and the promotion of measures to mitigate the effects of climate change.

The following are not eligible for funding:

- projects of a religious or political nature;
- sponsorship-related projects;
- projects awarding grants or financing mainly training courses.

• Cost-related criteria

Eligible projects are those whose costs are covered by the funding. It should be noted that eligible costs are those incurred by the project owners and directly linked to the implementation of the project.

Project costs must meet the following criteria:

- be incurred for the duration of the project;
- be included in the overall provisional budget for the project;
- be identifiable and verifiable.

The budget may include a contingency reserve not exceeding 05% of the estimated direct eligible costs. This reserve may only be used with the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority.

In addition to the amount of funding, the following direct eligible costs may be included in the budgets submitted:

- direct costs of staff involved in the implementation of the business project;
- travel costs associated with carrying out the micro-project;
- equipment and consumables;
- protection of intellectual property;
- knowledge transfer and dissemination;
- Marketing costs;
- advertising and communication costs;
- other direct operating costs.

The following expenses are not eligible:

- repayment of loans and charges relating to these loans;
- provisions for miscellaneous losses;
- purchases of land or buildings
- loans to third parties;
- the purchase of cars.

- **Criteria governing the geographical location of the project**

To be eligible for funding, applicants must choose one of the ten (10) Regions of Cameroon where their business project will be implemented. Priority will be given to economically disadvantaged Regions.

N.B.: Special attention will also be given to projects in Cameroonian cities that are lagging behind in economic development.

- **Criteria on the duration of the project**

Eligible projects must have a minimum duration of eighteen (18) months and a maximum duration of thirty-six (36) months.

2. Composition of the Application File

The application files shall consist of the following documents:

- a handwritten stamped application addressed to the Minister of Youth Affairs and Civic Education;
- photocopies of the co-applicants' identity papers;
- a photocopy of the co-applicants' Biometric Youth Card or enrolment receipt of the aforementioned Card, if applicable;
- a copy of the applicant's project outline;
- A location map of the company, if necessary.

3. Application submission procedure

The submission procedure is subject to the completion by candidates of a 'concept note' or 'brief note' form, available on the platform of the Special Counter in charge of the Diaspora at the following address: www.dialyj.cm, and structured as follows:

- Part A: the application form;
- Part B: the budget;
- Part C: the logical framework.

The downloaded and completed file should then be printed and attached to the application file, with a copy sent to the following address: contact@dialyj.cm

IV. CRITERIA FOR THE CALL FOR ACTIVITIES

The aim is to provide administrative, institutional and technical support for the implementation of any social, humanitarian and/or economic initiative by young people from the diaspora in Cameroon.

1. Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- be a young man or woman from the diaspora of Cameroonian origin;
- prove that they have sufficient funds of on their own to carry out their project in Cameroon;
- present a project likely to improve the living conditions of Cameroonians.

2. Composition of the Application File

The application file consists of the following documents:

- an application addressed to the Minister of Youth Affairs and Civic Education, stating the title and purpose of the initiative;
- a photocopy of the promoter's identity document;
- a detailed presentation of the project (Terms of Reference);
- a Curriculum Vitae of the promoter;
- a map showing where the project will be implemented, if necessary.

3. Application submission procedure

The submission procedure is subject to candidates completing an information sheet, available on the website of the Support Programme for the Return and Integration of Diaspora Youths (PARI-JEDI), of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civic Education, at the following address : www.parijedi.org

The downloaded and completed file should then be printed and attached to the application file, with a copy sent to the following e-mail address: parijedi.cm@gmail.com

V. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FILES

Completed physical applications in a sealed envelope must be submitted no later than 15th April 2025 either to MINJEC's central mail service or to one of its deconcentrated and attached Services, bearing the following words:

1. For the Call for Projects

'FOR THE SELECTION OF JOINT PROJECTS BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN CAMEROON AND IN THE DIASPORA ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCING THROUGH THE DIALYJ SCHEME FOR THE 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR', and a digital copy sent to the e-mail address: contact@dialyj.cm.

2. For the Call for Activities

'FOR THE SELECTION OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY CAMEROONIAN DIASPORA YOUTHS IN CAMEROON, SOLICITING ACCOMPANIMENT, FOR THE 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR', and a digital copy sent to the following e-mail address : parijedi.cm@gmail.com.

VI. SELECTION PROCEDURES

Application files received will be examined by the members of the Ad hoc Committee set up for this purpose by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Civic Education. At the end of this examination, promoters of the projects and activities selected will be informed by posting and/or on all MINJEC platforms.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For any further information, please contact the Support Programme for the Return and Integration of Diaspora Youth (PARI-JEDI) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civic Education, at the following e-mail addresses: parijedi.cm@gmail.com, contact@dialyj.cm or dial the phone number : (+237) 222 204 718./-

N.B. : We strongly encourage projects that promote gender equality and disability issues, endogenous know-how, ethnic minorities, as well as ethnic, linguistic and cultural intermingling.

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