



## 2023- New Year Address to HCCA members

Dear esteemed Cameroonians in the Diaspora,  
Compatriots,  
Partners,  
Members of the High Council of Cameroonians Abroad (HCCA)

Please accept our warm greetings and wishes of blessings and prosperity for the new year 2023. As we are stepping into the new year, let us be grateful for all the providence which we got in the past year and let us look ahead to the best of our expectations for 2023. May we also keep our departed sisters and brothers and their loved ones in our prayers.

My dear brothers and sisters, as you are aware, HCCA was created on May 22nd, 2019, in Yaoundé, as a federating structure for organisations of Cameroonians living abroad and we have thousands of members in close to 20 countries.

HCCA is and will remain a non-partisan organisation that engages people from all ideologies and who are affiliated to any political organizations in Cameroon or abroad.

Since its creation, HCCA has made good progress towards achieving its core objectives. We had a very successful year in 2022, with the most significant achievement being the mobilizing of members of the diaspora to travel to Cameroon massively and join the country's effort of organizing a successful AFCON competition.

During the AFCON tournament, the different HCCA global technical committees carried out projects in Cameroon, including, but not limited to the Peace and Reconciliation committee that organized a day of prayer for peace for Cameroon. The peace committee also sponsored donations of food and drink to IDP (Internally Displaced Population) women in Douala.



The Healthcare committee organized a health fair in Yaoundé during which members of the public received free screenings for diabetes, high blood pressure, kidney disease, Covid testing and distributed donated face masks.

The Economic Council sponsored and organized a computer literacy workshop for more than 50 young internally displaced children in Yaoundé.

Finally, we organized the first Diaspora Cafe in Yaounde which was an opportunity for the diaspora to meet and great and to network and share business experiences on the ground in Cameroon.

I am proud to report that these activities were funded 100% by HCCA members.

In addition, in 2022 HCCA organized multiple successful town halls with stakeholders in different disciplines to push the agenda of the diaspora forward and we will continue to do so in 2023

HCCA participated in multiple in person meetings at Cameroon embassies abroad as well as meetings with top government officials and agencies, the private sector and NGOs, foreign embassies of our host countries in Cameroon especially Prime Ministry, MINREX, MINJEC, MINSANTE, members of parliament via the REP-COD and the small and medium sized enterprises promotion agency (APME) just to give few examples.

We will continue in 2023 to broaden our membership base and to create alliances and partnerships with other diaspora groups.

This is important because our primary mission is to coordinate and federate the activities of Cameroonian diaspora throughout the world to optimize its contribution to the socio-economic development of Cameroon. To be efficient the diaspora has to work together with unify goals.



I would like to commend and appreciate the work of all the member countries especially those who hold regular meetings and those who are dully registered as a nonprofit organization in their host countries.

This year, we will continue work harder to push forward the items on HCCA's 5-year roadmap. We will continue to work with our major stakeholders to push for the implementation of all the recommendations adopted during the FODIAS in 2017 and the Major National Dialogue in 2019 including the creation of a ministerial department dedicated to the 7 million Cameroonians living abroad. Of course, we shall continue to engage with the revision-reform of the code of nationality such that dual or multiple nationality be authorized.

We will also work with the leadership of the 10 Regions to have diaspora representation in each Region.

HCCA is a bright light in the Cameroonian diaspora and a great example of our famous "vivre ensemble". Cameroonians from different backgrounds and ethnicities, working together under the same umbrella with the unique goal of giving back to our beloved country. The HCCA needs all the children of the country, in all the diversity and plurality that characterizes us, in the process of nation building of mother land, Cameroon.

I encourage all our members and sympathizers to continue your efforts, to participate actively in the development of our country in order to improve the living conditions of Cameroonians and build a better future for all in a just and growing society. Cameroon needs its Diaspora, and the best has yet to come!

May in this new year, our ideal for peace, respect for the republican values of Cameroon as well as those of our host countries continue to be evident in the way we conduct our activities.



Again, on behalf of HCCA, I wish you and your families, an excellent and prosperous year 2023.

Long live HCCA!

Long live the Cameroonian Diaspora!

God bless Cameroon.

Happy New Year

Yaoundé, January 11, 2023.

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