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# **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

THE MINISTRY OF SECONDARY  
EDUCATION

(MINESEC)

**AND**

*THE CAMEROON ASSOCIATION OF  
COUNSELLORS IN HOME ECONOMICS*

*(CACHE)*

## **General provisions**

Considering that the republic of Cameroon has made of employment one of the major concerns of its government;

Considering that inadequacy between the training provided by the Cameroon educational system and the occupational skill requirements is typical of the national labour market;

Considering that in its strategy of the education sector, Cameroon expects to chart the course of future action on the improvement of the quality of knowledge provided in the schools and work out a new training policy that will match with the actual needs of the economy so as to enable a smooth social insertion of his graduates;

Considering that the said policy has to be followed by a reform of the technical school system, which channels increased specialization of teachings, the development of an efficient partnership with the productive sectors of the economy and the civil society and the revision of training programmes;

Considering that law N°98/004 of the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1998 governing educational counselling in Cameroon provides that government should involve the civil society in the development and implementation of the policy of technical and vocational training, cooperative education, content and means of trainings as well as in the evaluation and validation of the results of those trainings;

Considering that Cameroon is on to achieve the Millennium Development Objectives (MDGs), namely the objective number 3 related to the enhancement of gender equality, empowerment of women as well as the objective N°8 related to the putting in place of a development partnership.

Considering that law N°2006/012 of December 29<sup>th</sup> 2006 laying down the general regulation on partnership agreements provides that private or public bodies should work together in order to perform duties of common interests;

Considering that the main concern of the Cameroon Association of Counsellors in Home Economics (CACHE) is to ensure that Home Economics becomes the cornerstone of education for sustainable development and further capacity building of its members, most of whom are competent trainers in that field;

Considering that the Association has already carried out some significant studies and projects in Home Economics Didactics such as training for self-employment and incorporation of gender issue in Home Economics teachings. These studies have led to the production of powerful pedagogical tools;

Considering that the Cameroon Association of Counsellors in Home Economics, in its capacity of originating partner, is involved in the 'Apprendre à Entreprendre' project financed by the Canadian cooperation and that the aim of that project is to feed the

overall educational system with entrepreneurial culture and to foster social and economic integration of secondary school youth;

### **Partnership has been agreed**

#### **Between**

The Ministry of Secondary Education, (MINESEC), P.O Box 185, Yaoundé, represented by the Minister of Secondary Education, Mr Louis Bapes Bapes, acting as state authority and hereafter referred to as “The Ministry”;

#### **And**

The Cameroon Association of Counsellors in Home Economics represented by Mrs Nwafo, born Wandji Marie Louise, current President of that Association, P.O Box 25 195 Mess-Yaoundé, hereafter referred to as “The Association”.

#### **For**

### **Article 1: Nature of contract**

The present agreement aims at laying down conducive teaching conditions paving nationwide the way for quality training in Home Economics. The signatories of this agreement commit themselves to work hand in hand in order to ensure post-experience training courses for teachers and to carry out pedagogical researches and reforms likely to improve the efficiency of teachings in the afore-mentioned field.

### **Article 2: Obligations of The Association**

The Association shall:

- Be instrumental to the further professional capacity building of its members in conformity with the pedagogical priorities and orientations of the Ministry of the Secondary Education (MINESEC);
- emulate didactical and pedagogical information amongst Home Economics teachers;
- foster excellence of achievement by sharing pedagogical resources, experiences and ability skills with its members;
- be privy to research in teaching techniques in Home Economics as well as to the design, development and assessment of teaching media;
- improve and reinforce counselling of students in the field of Home Economics;
- host professional training courses for the students;
- be privy to the putting in place and to technical management of Home Economics clubs in schools;
- Extend to the Ministry its annual progress report, pedagogical tools developed and any other document deemed important in the framework of the present agreement.

### **Article 3: obligations of the Ministry of Secondary Education**

The Ministry shall:

- sponsor the validation actions of handbooks and pedagogical tools designed by the Association;
- uphold the Association's cooperation actions with the national and international partners in the framework of the promotion of Home Economics;
- send resource persons to take part in workshops that the Association will organise to rehabilitate and reformulate Home Economics;
- promote collaboration between the Association and other local structures of the Ministry so as to facilitate The Association's activities in various administrative constituencies;
- promote and stimulate the participation of Home Economics teachers in seminars and workshops the Association may organise all over the national territory;
- let the Association get to all information sources in Home Economics within the Ministry;
- involve the Association in all pedagogical reforms related to Home Economics;
- Implement, expand and institutionalize the results of studies and researches carried out by the Association;

### **Article 4: execution, construction management and follow-up**

(a) A construction management committee made of (03) people representing the Ministry and (03) other people representing the Association will be established to follow-up and implement the present agreement. That committee will meet once every six months to plan up, evaluate and steer the activities or draw up a balance sheet. However, extraordinary meetings may be convened when necessary in order to address important arising issues.

(b) The members of the construction management committee are appointed by respective decisions of both parties, upon signature of the agreement. The chairmanship and secretariat are respectively held by people chosen amongst the representatives appointed by the Ministry and the Association

### **Article 5: confidentiality**

Information gathered either from The Ministry or from The Association are confidential. Both partners shall not disclose, use or cause to be used any privileged information or material accessible to them in the course of executing this convention without mutual permission. The party that violates the above-mentioned provision of the arrangements is likely to be prosecuted on the basis of sections 310 of the Criminal Code (professional confidence) and 189 of the same code (copies of government papers without authority or permission).

### **Article 6: duration, termination and variation of term**

The duration of the present agreement is three (03) years, as from the date of its signature. It is open to automatic renewal, unless withdrawal of one of the parties. It

can also vary by mutual consent. If the case, modification endorsements should therefore be added to the initial convention.

**Article 8: settlement of litigations**

Any litigation related to the construction or execution of the present agreement should be settled amicably. Disagreements should be brought before the court only if all other smooth settlement attempts are dead locked.

Done in Yaoundé, on.....  
In three original copies

The Association

The Ministry

WANDJI Marie Louise spouse NWAFO

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