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## REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

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NORTH-WEST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Bamenda, the 28 JUL 2022

## MINUTES OF THE 7th SESSION OF THE NORTH-WEST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY.

The 7th session of the North-West Regional Assembly, convened by the President of the North-West Regional Assembly, Prof Fru Fobuzshi ANGWAFO III, held at the Regional Assembly building in Bamenda, from the twenty-sixth to the twenty-eighth of July, in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

## TUESDAY, JULY 26TH 2022.

#### FIRST SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY:

#### **JOINT OPENING SESSION**

The first sitting of the North-West Regional Assembly 7th session was a joint opening session of both Houses of the Assembly chaired by Prof Fru Fobuzshi ANGWAFO III, President of the North-West Regional Executive Council.

After the arrival and registration of members of the North-West Regional Assembly, Members of Parliament, Junior Parliamentarians of North-West extraction, Mayors and other dignitaries, then followed the arrival at 10:58 am of the President of the Regional Executive Council, accompanied by the Representative of the State, Governor of the North-west Region. This was announced by the North-West unity gong.

The entire Assembly stood for the singing of the National Anthem after which Honourable Representative KARAMUSA GAGARI ADAMU and Honourable Representative Rev. ANYAMBOD Emmanuel ANYAH led prayers.

The President of the North-West Regional Assembly, on verification of quorum through roll call, presented nine (9) proxies from Representatives GHEJUNG AWUNTI, GHUYEH EDWARD MBUNKUR, NCHECHUMA PIUS BANLA, OMBA NSAHLAI HENRIETTE, GORDON CHEBELEM ANYELE, H.R.H Fon NDI CLEMENT MBAIN, H.R.H Fon WIRBA

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MBINGLO Patrick, H.R.H Fon CHICK MARCUS FOMINYAM and H.R.H Fon Aaron KILLA BUMNKANG.

The President then declared the session valid after noting a quorum of 82/83 members of the Assembly giving a 98.8% attendance.

The agenda of the first sitting of the session proposed by the Regional Executive Council (REC) was as follows:

- 1. Reading of the decision convening the 7th session of the Assembly
- 2. Opening address by the President of the Regional Executive Council
- 3. Statement by the Representative of the State
- 4. Presentation and adoption of minutes of the March and April 2022 sessions
- 5. General Training Phase I
- 6. Closing remarks by the President of the Regional Executive Council

## Reading of the decision convening the 7th session of the Assembly.

Decision No 2022/00628/NWRA/SG/DAG of 10/07/2022 convening the 7th session of the North West Regional Assembly was read by Mr. Peter GIYOH YERIMA, Secretary General of the Regional Assembly.

# II Opening address by the President of the Regional Executive Council.

The President, after dully observing protocol present, started by welcoming members to the 7th session of the North-West Regional Assembly. While thanking God for making it possible, He begged the indulgence of the Assembly to observe a minute of silence in respect of another departed member of the Assembly: H.R.H Fon ANGWAFOR III, Solomon A. N together with so many others transited to glorious eternity. The President pointed out the sadness plaguing the Assembly with the continuing absence of the Vice President of the North-West Regional Executive Council, President House of Chiefs, H.R.H Fon YAKUM Kevin TEUVIH who was still in captivity while hopefully praying for his release.

The President of the Regional Assembly, Prof Fru ANGWAFO III, highlighted that the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Assembly was purposeful to permit all stakeholders especially the parliamentarians to fully participate in the conciliation, conflict resolution, peace building and development.

In the way forward, the President reminded that the interactive discussions during the 7th session with all stakeholders was going to lay the ground work on Divisional and Sub

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Divisional peace building seminars and community driven projects across the entire Region. He concluded by thanking all members who came for the 7<sup>th</sup> session notwithstanding the challenges of the period.

## III Statement by the Representative of the State.

The Representative of the State upon given the floor observed protocol present and thanked the President of the Regional Executive Council for the opportunity given him for a statement. Governor Adolph LELE L'AFRIQUE with renewed esteem and enthusiasm hailed the holding of the 7th session of the Assembly on the very important topical theme (conciliation, conflict resolution, mediation, peace building and development) given the particular context that the Region had been experiencing. The Representative of the state was delighted to say that the best way of ensuring effective decentralization was by building peace which is synonymous to development. To the Representative of the State, the benefits of the North-West Region with regards to the Special Status were enormous if the Region could uphold peace which is sine-qua-non for meaningful development. He encouraged members to be forbearers of decentralization to address issues from the grassroots through commitment and loyalty. H. E Governor Adolph LELE L'AFRIQUE reminded the Assembly of the determination of the number one peace crusader (H. E President Paul BIYA, President of the Republic of Cameroon). He reminded the Assembly that they are the ones to change the narratives of the Region whenever they meet in plenary during sessions for the population were looking up to the Assembly for meaningful development. He called on all to be committed, make meaningful and positive contributions during the 7th session to handle the very challenging issues of the Region in strict respect of the laws of the Republic. He wished all a happy stay in Bamenda during the session.

# IV Presentation and adoption of minutes of the March and April 2022 sessions.

The Hon. President, Prof Fru ANGWAFO III gave the floor to the first Secretary, Hon. Rep KALAK Flavius BOTEH, who presented the minutes of the March 2022 ordinary session and the April 2022 extraordinary session of the North-West Regional Assembly.

H.R.H Fon KWANGA PETER YAI moved for the adoption of the minutes and was seconded by Hon Rep NGONG Denis NGONG, Hon Rep ADAMU PHILOMENA and acclamation.

On matters arising from the minutes, Hon Rep KIBUH TUME Henry asked to know the level of execution of the seven (7) contracts of the Assembly for 2021.

Hon Rep Prof Fru Fobuzshi ANGWAFO III gave a summary update on the level of execution of the seven (7) contracts of the Assembly in 2021

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Hon Rep DOH Becky ACHAM asked why the twenty million vouchers per Division were still with the Regional Treasurer and not disbursed for the peace building projects.

The President, Prof Fru Fobuzshi ANGWAFO III clarified why the funds were not yet disbursed.

## V <u>General Training Phase I</u>.

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PRESENTATION	RESOURCE PERSON(S)				
Religious authorities	-Rev. F. Gabriel AFUMBOM	-Peace building approaches and methods			
	-Rev. F. Ebua Michael Mua	-Negotiated steps to end wars and build			
	-Rev Ncham Godwill	sustainable peace			
		-Culled Swiss peace advance training			
	DISCUSSIONS				
Representative of	-Mr Elvis Kanjo Nfor	The implementation of cash for work under the			
Safety Net Project		Safety Net project in connection to peace			
N. N		building			
CamCCUL	-Mr. AWAH Richard NDOH	CamCCUL network's contribution on conflict			
	FFA/FIPA/ICUDE	resolution/peace building			
	Assistant General Manager				
RAINBOW	-Mrs. BIH Rose FRU	The role the microfinance sector in general and			
	SAMPLE OF	RAINBOW CAM in particular can play in			
		conflict resolution and peace building within the			
		North-West Region			
DISCUSSIONS					
The NW Regional	-Mr. METOH MBAH	Best practices and peace building measures			
Chapter of UCCC	Joachim	for grassroots implementation in order to			
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		in the North-West Region of Cameroon			
RD MINDDEVEL	-Mba-Mbole Pius N.	Citizen participation			
Secondary	-Mr Ngwang Roland	Suggestions of the Secondary Education			
Education		Sector at the Peace Building discussions 7th			
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	DISCUSSIONS				
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The joint opening sitting was declared closed at 5:45pm by the President of the Regional Executive Council.

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#### WEDNESDAY JULY 27th 2022.

## **SECOND SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY:**

#### **JOINT SESSION**

The second sitting of the North-West Regional Assembly 7th session was a joint session of both Houses of the Assembly chaired by Prof. Fru F. ANGWAFO III.

After the arrival and registration of members of the North-West Regional Assembly, Members of Parliament, Mayors and other dignitaries, was the arrival at 10:45 am of the President of the Regional Assembly, accompanied by the Representative of the State, Governor of the North-West Region, announced by the North West Unity Gong.

The entire Assembly stood for the singing of the National Anthem after which Honourable Representative ADAMU ALI SULLE led prayers.

The agenda of the second sitting of the Assembly as proposed by the Regional Executive Council was as follows:

- 1. General Training Phase II
- General Training Phase III
   Presentation on the establishment of birth certificates and National Identity cards
- 3. Closing remarks by the President of the Regional Executive Council.

#### I General Training Phase II.

PRESENTATION	RESOURCE PERSON(S)	TOPIC
Experts	-Dr Bamnjo Herman	- Communication during crisis Period
	-Mrs MAKOUDEM TENE	-Active & creative peace-building activities in
. :	Marienne	the North-West Region of Cameroon for a long
		lasting peace
	DISCUSSIONS	
DDR Center	-Mr Kum Henry Ichu	The Functioning of the DDR center Bamenda
Bamenda		and the way forward
Chamber of	-Mr Edison Fru Ndi	Fostering the interest of businesses in the
Commerce		Region and the Nation as a whole in peace
*	7	building
Drivers Union	-Mr Nchindo Ndi Ivo	Amalgamation of Trade Unions and
2,11,5,5		Associations in transport sector in the North-
		West Region affiliated to NOWEPROBUBTU
Buyam-Sellam	-Mme Akwa Tabukum	Proposals from the Buyam-Sellams
3	DISCUSSIONS	

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## II General Training Phase III.

PRESENTATION	RESOURCE PERSON(S)	TOPIC
The House of Chiefs	-HRH Fon Bahmbi III, Mathias NJUH -HRH Fon FUNWIE Stanley	Conflict resolution and peace building
Minority	NGUFOR -Shuibu Isyaka	Proposed strategies on conflict resolution
Civil Status	-Mr Tchachu Nkwechu Girest	Exhaustive declaration of civil status events in the North-West Region amidst security challenges
	DISCUSSIONS	

## III Closing remarks by the President of the Regional Executive Council.

The President of the Regional Executive Council announced that the sitting was suspended by striking the North-West unity gong. The sitting was to reconvene the following day.

#### THURSDAY MARCH 28th 2022. 9:30 am - 11:30 am

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The five Committees of the House of Divisional Representatives and the two Committees of the House of Chiefs held separate meetings from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

## THURSDAY JULY 28th 2022.

## SITTING OF THE HOUSE OF CHIEFS. 11:45 am - 12:30 pm.

The House of Chiefs sat in plenary on the twenty-eight day of July in the year two thousand and twenty-two in the chambers of the House of Chiefs of the North-West Regional Assembly.

After the ceremonial arrivals of members of the House of Chiefs, members of Parliament, Mayors and other dignitaries, was the arrival at 11:45 am of H.R.H Fon NGWASHI NDIKUM GEORGE, the eldest member amongst the chiefs in attendance, Chairperson of the sitting in the absence of H.R.H Fon YAKUM KEVIN TEUVIH President of the House of Chiefs. His arrival was announced by the blast of the North- West traditional trumpet.

The entire House of Chiefs stood for the singing of the National Anthem, after which H.R.H Fon KUNDE FOWANKO TIMOTHY led prayers.

The agenda of the sitting of the House of Chiefs was as follows:

- 1. Opening Statement by the sitting Chairman of the House of Chiefs
- 2. Discussions on the cleansing of the Region by the Fons
- 3. Discussions on the orientation and programming of seminars and community activities in the seven Divisions of the North-West
- 4. Closing remarks by the sitting Chairman of the House of Chiefs.

# Opening Statement by the sitting Chairman of the House of Chiefs.

The sitting of the House of Chiefs was chaired by H.R.H Fon NGWASHI NDIKUM GEORGE, in place of the President of the House of Chiefs who was unavoidably absent, in compliance with Section 339 of the General Code of Regional and Local Development.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of the sitting, H.R.H Fon NGWASHI NDIKUM GEORGE welcomed all members of the House of Chiefs and declared the session open for deliberations.

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## II <u>Discussion on the cleansing of the Region</u>

H.R.H Fon KUNDE FOWANKO TIMOTHY of Ntem proposed that the exercise be done within a particular week for all villages. H.R.H Fon THOMAS KIBUSSI of Misaje supported the idea and proposed that each village carries out their cleansing in the same week on their various country Sundays and that forces of law and order and the Administration be involved as witnesses in the process and for security purposes.

H.R.H Fon FUNWIE Stanley NGUFOR of Nkwen raised a concern and proposed a report accompanied by photographs be submitted to the Assembly after the exercise. This exercise was agreed upon by members to take place between the 1st of September 2022 to the 10th of September 2022.

# III <u>Discussions on the orientation and programming of seminars and community activities in the seven Divisions of the North-West.</u>

The members of the House of Chiefs unanimously accepted to be members of the Peace and Development Committee in the seminars to be organized by the North-West Regional Assembly. HRH Fon AYO Wilson UZE made mention of the different social activities that could help boast the villages and the Divisions at large. Disciplines like sporting activities, cultural dances, community work and annual dances were solicited to be put in place to boast the economy of the Sub-Divisions and Divisions at large.

As a method to preach peace and reconciliation amongst indigenes and youths through the idea of tournaments and other sporting activities be organized and some income generating activities to occupy the youths during the holidays be incorporated into these community activities

# IV Closing remarks by the Sitting Chairman of the House of Chiefs

HRH Fon NGWASHI NDIKUM GEORGE appreciated Hon. Royal Majesties for their sense of patriotism and due diligence for a good deliberation.

The deliberations came to a close with a closing remark by the eldest member of the House of Chiefs who applauded the secretary for meticulously taking the minutes. He declared the sitting of the House of Chiefs closed at 01:00 pm.

#### THURSDAY JULY 28th 2022 11:40 am - 12:50 pm.

## SITTING OF THE HOUSE OF DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

The House of Divisional Representatives sat in plenary on the twenty-eight day of July, in the year two thousand and twenty-two in the deliberative chambers of the North West Regional Assembly.

After the ceremonial arrivals of members of the House of Divisional Representatives, members of Parliament, Mayors and other dignitaries, was the arrival at 11:40 am of Prof Fru F. ANGWAFO III, Chairman of the House of Divisional Representatives, announced by the North-West unity gong.

The entire House of Divisional Representatives stood for the refrain of the National Anthem, after which Hon Rep KARAMUSA GAGARI ADAMU and Hon Rep MBANWII Philip NJENKO led prayers.

The agenda of the sitting of the House of Divisional Representatives was as follows:

- 1. Opening statement by the Speaker of the House of Divisional Representatives
- 2. Presentation of Peace Building Reports by members of the REC
- 3. Discussions on peace building missions and decentralized community activities
- 4. Closing remarks by the Speaker of the House of Divisional Representatives.

# Opening Statement by the Speaker of the House of Divisional Representatives.

The Chairman of the House of Divisional Representatives, Hon. Rep. Prof. Fru Fobuzshi ANGWAFO III, after dully observing protocol, welcomed and thanked all members who were present. He said the discussions from the training of the previous days were certainly going to be the turning point in everything that was going to be carried out in peace building. The Chairman pointed out that the sitting was dedicated to looking at how to operationalize what was obtained as information on peace building educational talks, seminars and community projects from the communities.

#### II Presentation of Peace Building Reports

The Chairman of the House of Divisional Representatives gave the floor to the members of the Regional Executive Council to present reports on what had been done with regards to peace building projects in each Division to be improved upon and formalized.

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Brief reports of the various Divisions were presented by the Hon Commissioner for Health and Social Development for Bui Division, Hon Secretary 1 for Donga Mantung Division, Hon Commissioner for Educational, Sports and Cultural Development for Momo Division, Hon Questor for the Boyo Division, Hon Rophina KASAMA FONKWA for Mezam Division, and Hon Wendy MUMAH CHEOBON LIMA for Ngoketunjia.

It was noted that a lot of work had been done and a lot of work still needed to be done. Brief reports on peace building of each Division were to be sent to the REC in writing.

38/66 members of the House of Divisional members voted for the name steering committee to be changed to peace and development committee to be put in place in each Sub Division and to be formalized by the Senior Divisional Officers.

Funding for the Peace Building project was said to be available and the various Divisions were to send in proposals for takeoff as soon as possible.

# III <u>Discussions on peace building missions and decentralized community</u> activities

Hon ACHU Kingsley TANNI when given the floor, suggested that Regional Councilors be trusted and empowered with the funds to carry out the peace building projects. In response, the President cautioned on how public funds are spent.

Hon Rep FUCHI Emmanuel DIANGHA cautioned members to minimize publicity and communication that could counter the mission to be carried out under the prevailing crisis.

Senator ARE NKEZE Emilia KALEBONG when given the floor, suggested to the members of the House of Divisional Representatives to master the guiding principles and laws with respect to managing State funds.

# V Closing remarks by the Chairman of the House of Divisional Representatives.

The sitting ended with closing remarks from the Chairman of the House of Divisional Representatives who congratulated members for a successful discussion. Hon Rep Prof Fru ANGWAFO III thanked all Divisional Representatives for a sincere deliberation and declared the sitting close.

The sitting of the House of Divisional Representatives ended at 12:50 pm with a brief concluding word from the Chairman of the House of Divisional Representatives.

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#### THURSDAY JULY 28th 2022.

## JOINT IN CAMERA SESSION.

The joint in-camera session of the Assembly exclusively for members of Parliament, Mayors and members of the Regional Assembly held from 1:00pm to 4:00pm with a series of resolutions arrived at.

During the joint in-camera sessions, the floor was given to Hon Rep SHEY NFOR Marcel who presented a report on the North-West athletics in respect of one of the resolutions arrived at during the March 2022 session.

#### VI Presentation and adoption of deliberations.

Four deliberations were presented for adoption by the Secretary General Mr Peter GIYOH YERIMA as follows:

- 1- Adoption of deliberation on Regional tours;
- 2- Deliberation creating a peace building fund
- 3- Deliberation to create an infirmary in the Regional Assembly
- 4- Deliberation authorizing the REC to obtain one billion grants from FEICOM.

Hon Rep KIBUH TUME Henry moved for the adoption of the deliberations, seconded by HRH Fon NGWAN MBANYAM SIG III and acclamation.

The joint in-camera sitting was declared closed at 3:45pm by the President of the Regional

Executive Council.

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## THIRD SITTING OF THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY:

#### JOINT CLOSING SESSION

The third sitting of the North-West Regional Assembly 7th session was a joint closing session of both Houses of the Assembly that held at the Regional Assembly building in Bamenda, on the twenty-eight day of July, in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

After the arrival of members of the North-West Regional Assembly, Members of Parliament, Mayors and other dignitaries, was the arrival at 4:10 pm of the President of the Regional Assembly, accompanied by the Representative of the State, Governor of the North-West Region.

The entire Assembly stood for the refrain of the National Anthem.

The agenda of the third sitting of the Assembly as proposed by the Regional Executive Council was as follows:

- 1. Statement by the President of the Regional Executive Council
- 2. Statement by the Representative of the State
- 3. Closing speech by the President of the Regional Executive Council.
- 4. Distribution of MEDSHARE PPE

## Statement by the President of the Regional Executive Council.

After dully observing all Protocol, Hon. Rep. Prof Fru Fobuzshi ANGWAFO III, President of the North-West Regional Executive Council welcomed all to the joint closing of the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Regional Assembly. He gave the floor to the Representative of the State, Governor of the North-West Region for a word.

## II Statement by the Representative of the State.

Upon taking the floor, the Representative of the State, H. E Adolph LELE L'AFRIQUE, Governor of the North-West Region, who after dully observing protocol, congratulated the members attending the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Assembly dedicated to build capacities of members for peace building. The Representative of the State hailed and added his voice to the very many participants on the expectations awaited by the population in regards to the implementation at various levels of the resolutions arrived at during the session. He assured the Assembly on the collaboration of the Administrative and Security services to accompany it in the peace building mission. Governor Adolph LELE L'AFRIAUE urged members of the Regional Assembly to go back and join hands with local stakeholders to prepare for school.

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resumption by exploiting the many experiences shared during the session. He said some of the key resolutions of the 7th session were to be taken to the knowledge of the Prime Minister. He concluded by encouraging those that were still living outside their communities to go back and interact with the people they represent.

#### Closing remarks by the President of the Regional Executive Council. III

Hon. President, Prof Fru F. Angwafo III observed, appreciated and respected all protocol. He thanked all for coming for the statutory closing of the 7th session of the Regional Assembly. He pointed out that the never to forget session of the Assembly brought together all the components of the community. The session that was preceded by a pre-session seminar by the Public Independent Conciliator looked at the rights, responsibilities and demeanor, behavior of Regional Assembly members. The President summarized some key indicators and resolutions of the session such as the Fons committing to royal cleansing of the land, provision of opportunities for unskilled labour force, professional approach to peace making and peace building. The President called on all Citizens to give peace a chance in the Region. He thanked the Representative of the State, the new law and order team and the judiciary authorities for having come to the 7th session. Prof Fru F. Angwafo III, Chairman of the session declared the 7th session of the North-West Regional Assembly closed by striking the North-West Regional Assembly unity gong.

The session ended at 4:45 pm with the refrain of the National Anthem followed by the distribution of MEDSHARE PPE donation to the 21 health districts in the North-West Region. 2 8 JUIL 2022

BAMENDA, the \_

SIGNED BY:

SECRETARY 1

KALAK Flavius BOTEH

SECRETARY 2

FÓN BAHMBI III Mathias NJUH

THE PRESIDENT

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

RTH-WEST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Profirru F. ANGWAFO III

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