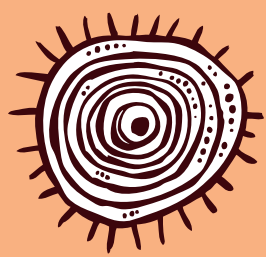


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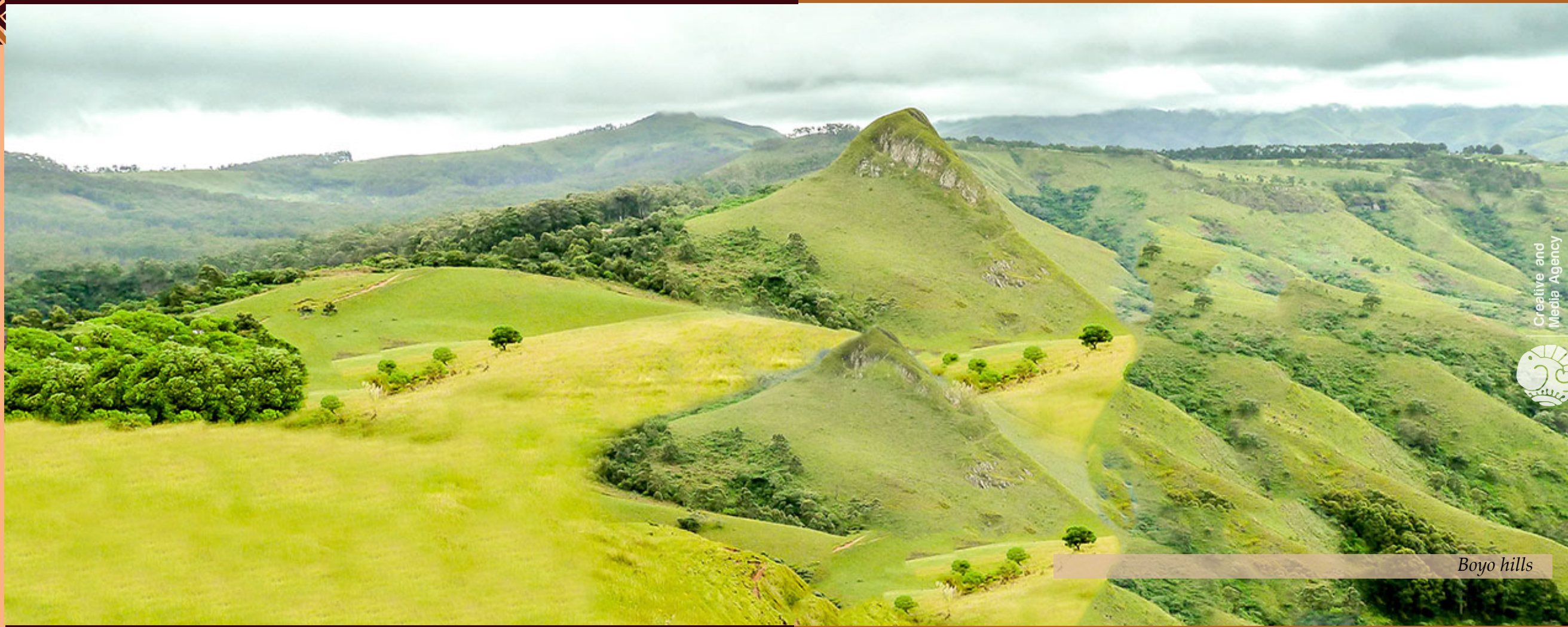
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North west Regional Assembly sitting



The view of Bamenda town from Up station

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North West traditional shoes



North West cultural dance



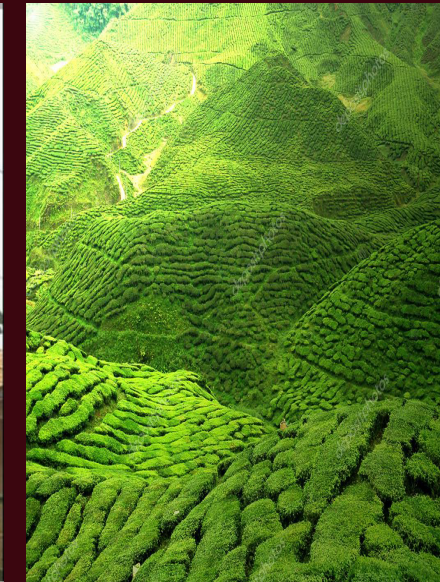
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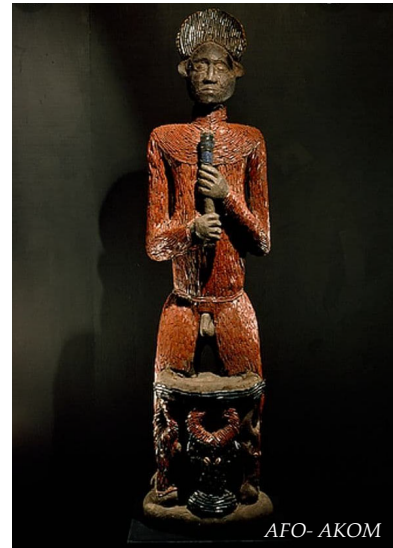
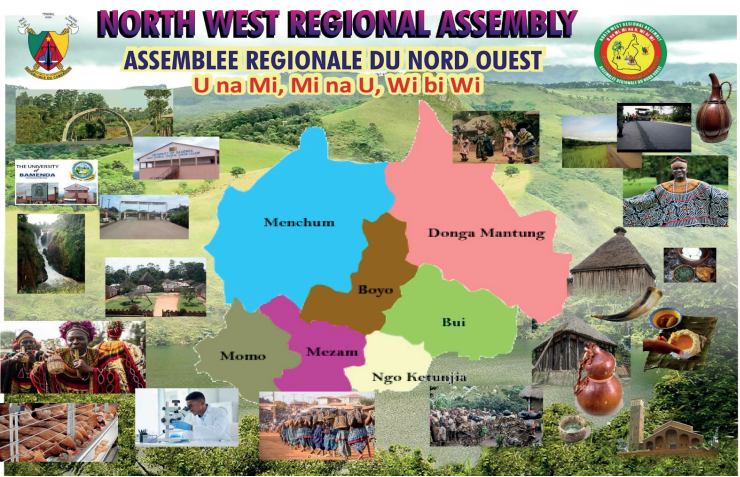
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ABOUT US



The North West Regional Assembly is a local governance institution created by a Presidential Decree within the context of the Special Status of the North West Region as provided for by article 62 of the Constitution of Cameroon. The Regional Assembly which covers the same territorial boundaries of the North West Region as an administrative unit is composed of 70 representatives from the seven Divisions of the Region and 20 traditional rulers elected by their peers in the House of Chiefs.

By virtue of its creation, composition and status, the Regional Assembly is a deliberative organ with the Divisional Representatives reflecting the gender and sociological components of the Region to enhance social and economic development.



SPECIAL STATUS

The Special Status confers on the North West Region a specific organizational and operational regime, based on the historical, social and cultural values of the region, with due respect for the primacy of the State, national unity and solidarity.

In addition to the powers devolved on the Regions by this law, the North West Region as a result of the Special Status may exercise some powers amongst which are: participating in the formulation of national public policies relating to the English sub-system of education in Cameroon, setting up and managing regional development authorities and participating in defining the status of traditional chiefdoms.

Also, the North West Region may be consulted on issues relating to the formulation of justice, public policies in the Common Law sub-system and may be involved in the management of public services established in the Region.

RELATIONS WITH STATE AUTHORITIES

As the State Representative in the Region, the Governor has a supervisory role during deliberations. Though functioning in close collaboration with State authorities, it should be noted that the Regional Assembly is an independent structure and remains open to constructive advice.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Regional Assembly has three principal structures, that is, the General Assembly, the House of Chiefs and the Executive Council. The General Assembly which is the umbrella structure has 90 members being a combination of the 70 Divisional Representatives and the 20 members of the House of Chiefs. It is the General Assembly that elects the Executive Council which is the Executive organ of the Assembly with the following offices:



North west Regional Executive Council



Representative of State

The President
Vice President
Commissioner for Economic Development
Commissioner for Health and Social Development
Commissioner for Education, Sports and Cultural Development
Two Secretaries and
A Questor

RESPONSIBILITIES

As a team under the coordination of the President, developing a harmonious, participatory and sustainable territorial development plan is the foremost responsibility of the Regional Assembly. Placed under the care of Commissioners, the Regional Assembly pecks its actions around Economy, Health, Social, Education, Sports and Cultural Development. Divided amongst three Commissioners, the target of the Regional Assembly is established as follows:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises.
Organizing trade fairs and exhibitions.
Promoting handicrafts.
Promoting agricultural, pastoral and fishery activities.
Encouraging the creation of Regional groupings for economic operations.
Supporting income-generating and job-creating micro-projects.
Promoting tourism amongst others.
Environmental and natural resources management
Managing, protecting and maintaining protected areas and natural sites falling under the jurisdiction of the Region.
Preserving and implementing other local measures to protect nature.
Managing Regional interest water.
Creating woodlands, forests and protected areas of Regional interest following a plan duly approved by the Representative of the State.
Creating firewalls and early firing as part of the fight against bush fires.
Managing Regional natural parks following a plan submitted to the Representative of the State for approval.
Formulating, implementing and monitoring Regional environmental action plans or schemes.
Formulating and implementing specific risk prevention and emergency response Regional plans.
Spatial planning, Regional development, public works, town planning and housing
Implementing Regional development plans.
Signing performance contracts with the State for the achievement of development objectives.
Participating in the organization and management of interurban public transport.
Coordinating development actions.
Formulating Regional territorial development guidelines, in accordance with the national plan.



Participating in the formulation of urban planning documents and local authority Master Plans.
Rehabilitating and maintaining Divisional and Regional roads.
Supporting the actions of Councils in town planning and housing matters.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Health and social action
Creating, in accordance with the health map, equipping, managing and maintaining health facilities within the Region.
Participating in maintaining and managing social advancement and/or rehabilitation centres.
Recruiting and managing nursing and paramedical staff of Regional and District hospitals.
Supporting health facilities and social institutions.
Implementing preventive and hygienic measures.
Organizing and managing assistance to the needy.
Participating in the development of the Regional portion of the health map.
Participating in organizing and managing the supply of medicines, essential reagents and appliances, in accordance with the national health policy.



EDUCATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Education, literacy and vocational training
Education
Participating in drawing up and implementing the Regional portion of the national school map.
Creating, equipping, managing and maintaining government secondary and high schools as well as colleges in the Region.
Recruiting and managing teaching and support staff of such institutions.
Acquiring school supplies and materials.
Distributing and awarding scholarships and school grants.
Participating in management and administration of government secondary and high schools as well as colleges through dialogue and consultation platforms.
Supporting the actions of Councils in the area of Primary and nursery education.

Literacy

Formulating and implementing Regional plans to eliminate illiteracy.
Preparing annual summary reports on the implementation of literacy campaigns.
Recruiting personnel in charge of literacy campaigns.
Training trainers.
Designing and producing teaching aids.
Drawing up literacy map.
Constructing educational infrastructure and facilities.
Monitoring and evaluating illiteracy elimination campaigns.

Vocational training

Carrying out a comprehensive census of the Region's trade and preparing a Directory of existing vocational training courses, with an indication of required skills and training profiles.
Participating in drawing up the Region's portion of the school map relating to technical education and vocational training.
Developing a forward-looking training plan.
Ensuring the upkeep and maintenance of schools, training centres and institutes in the Region.
Recruiting and managing support staff.
Participating in the procurement of teaching aids, especially supplies and work materials.
Participating in the management and administration of State training centres through dialogue and consultation platforms.

Formulating a Regional plan for the vocational integration of youths.
Assisting in the drawing up of school-enterprises partnership contracts.

Youth affairs, sports and leisure

Issuing authorizations to open educational centres duly approved by the Representative of the State.
Assisting Regional sports associations.
Constructing, administering and managing sports and socio-educational infrastructure with a Regional status.
Organizing, coordinating and developing socio-educational activities.
Promoting and managing physical and sports activities at the Regional level.
Creating and operating leisure parks of Regional interest.
Organizing recreational socio-cultural events of Regional interest.

Culture and promotion of national languages

Culture
Promoting and developing cultural activities.
Contributing to the surveillance and monitoring of the conservation status of historical sites and monuments and discovery of prehistoric vestiges.
Organizing cultural days, traditional cultural events and literary and artistic contests.
Creating and managing bands, traditional song groups, ballets and drama groups of Regional interest.
Creating and managing socio-cultural centres and public reading libraries of Regional interest.
Collecting and translating works of oral tradition such as tales, myths and legends, with a view of facilitating their publication.
Assisting cultural associations.
Promotion of national languages
Encouraging functional command of national languages and producing Regional linguistic map.
Participating in the promotion of publishing in national languages.
Promoting print and broadcast media in national languages.
Building infrastructure and facilities.

CHECKS AND BALANCES IN DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE

To ensure checks and balances in due democratic process and practice, the office of Public Independent Conciliator (PIC) has been instituted within the Special Status of the North West Region, to supplement institutional regulation by the Representative of State, but not substituting adjudication by the Administrative Court, nor statutory controls of the Audit Bench of the Supreme Court. Rather, the PIC seeks amicable settlement of disputes between users and State services, as well as Regional and Local Council Administrations, by defending and protecting rights and freedoms; designing and implementing measures to prevent direct and indirect discriminations, in compliance with standard public ethical practice.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The backbone of economic development in the Region is agriculture, with the exportation of coffee, tea, honey, rice and cocoa; but also food crops such as potatoes, vegetables, bananas, beans, plantains, oil palms, ginger, pepper, as well as cattle and fish. There is a growing secondary sector with start-ups for packaging, processing and transformation of produce. There is growing demand for cooperation in the tertiary sector and investment in the public works, construction, small and medium-sized industries.



Asamba - Nidori Ntarinkon



Mankon Sacred House -- ACHUM