



INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE FUNDING OF DEVELOPMENT

PROJECTS OF CITY COUNCILS OF CAMEROON

At the Conference Center of Yaounde- Cameroon

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a strategic tool to meet your development projects in Cameroon.
An unmissable event for business contacts.

NOTE OF PRESENTATION OF THE FORUM

PURPOSE OF THE FORUM

- The Forum on the financing of investment projects of city councils in Cameroon will give way to address the problematic of projects and to establish direct relationship between the city councils and investors, following the criteria and conditions of international donors, according to each sector of the economy.
- Energy, agriculture, animal husbandry, waste treatment, health, water supply, road infrastructure, housing, 200 projects will be part of selected innovations across the entire 367 urban and rural councils, following the criteria of investors. In accordance to the policy of the fight against poverty. In view to strengthen the coordination of international support in the implementation of the Program of the Millennium Development Goals.
- This strong participation of international partners illustrates the commitment of the organizations on development issues, and the collective awareness on the issues today that affect the social and economic development of communities in Cameroon.
- Development programs of city councils are perceived by the UNDP and the populations as an opportunity for economic and social development. In addition to the ease of trade, it permits easy access to employment and essential services, it ensures the possibility of having higher standards of living, strengthening of democracy and empowerment of local authorities called upon to manage the daily lives of the people.

CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION

- Decentralized councils are regarded as a genuine alternative to the development issues faced by the Cameroonian population. Through the decentralization of the councils, the populations are now placed in the heart of the development of economic and social policies, aimed at transforming their lives. In order to implement their development policy at the local level, the State counts on the support of its local elected officials, including the mayor, and the municipal councilors. These represent major players and are even unavoidable for the development and management of local affairs. Also, their functions, attributions just as much as their people, are involved in one way or another in the implementation of the said local governance.
- To take action, the mayor has the community development plan and a development panel; he's also in need of projects of commercial nature, which have an added value which will be much more relevant on the income of the city council, it would no longer be recipients of state aid within the central government. The success or failure of community development policies generally depend on city councils projects and the idea that people conceive, in order to benefit from it:
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- The lack of funding and the appropriate technologies are the major elements, and also the fact that the projects do not meet the investment criteria in accordance with the economic model.

THE MAJOR TRENDS OF COOPERATION

Urban – rural council

The city councils are supposed to get in touch with strategic partners operating in different sectors of various activities, in order to make their region economically attractive.

WATER WAYS Solutions LTD has developed an approach to meet up with sustainability challenges, in order to render the development projects economically viable, and thus increase the incomes of the population in areas such as:

- ✓ -Sanitation,
- ✓ -Energy
- ✓ -Agriculture,
- ✓ -Social housing
- ✓ - Collection and treatment of household waste
- ✓ -Livestock
- ✓ - Basic infrastructure in the rural and peri-urban areas.

The holistic methodology incorporates an appropriate technology as well as social models and businesses, to specifically address the challenges of non-sustainability, that affects more than 50 per cent of projects in Cameroon.



Financial and Technological Choice

The choice will be made from the pilot studies, and from the community development plans. In this light, the projects will be presented to the CVUC who will then transmit the information to investors

- Agriculture: technological choice - irrigation, input, phytosanitary, development of new plantations . Training and organization of cooperatives.

- Energy: public lighting, construction of mini power plants for the electrification of the peri-urban and rural areas. Establishment of platforms for marketing of new techniques, and training of tenant managers. (Lamp, solar panel, etc)

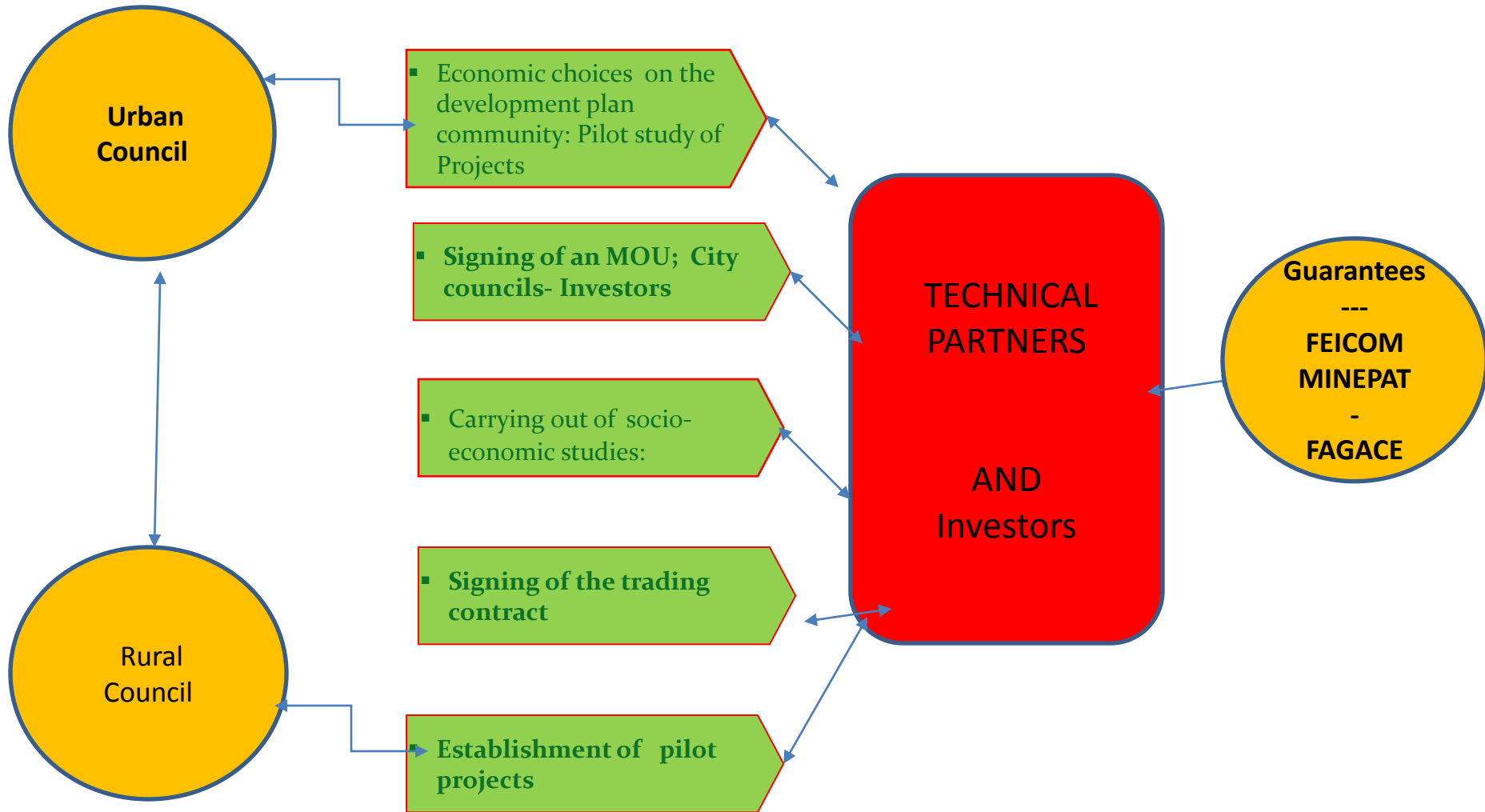
Road infrastructure: What matters here is to find new sustainable technologies at a lower cost for the construction of rural and Peri-urban roads with the involvement of the front road of Cameroon and the Ministry of Public Works.

-Agriculture: is an arid agricultural country, it will bring its know-how on new irrigation techniques, and enable the people to put in place several types of crops, agricultural inputs and pesticides, as well as the development of agricultural projects for the local councils, who need to invest in agriculture.

-The livestock industry: Israel brings an expertise to small producers and poultry farmers in order to have poultry that meets the international standards and develop industrial farms for the local councils who are in need.

- Sanitation, new techniques for waste treatment, and the construction of public toilets is an indispensable element for the development of city councils.

MODEL OF INVESTMENT; STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SECLECTED PROJECTS



STAKEHOLDERS AND INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

The implementation of community projects is placed at the center of economic and social development in rural areas. And therefore, contributes in enabling the Cameroonian government honour its commitments made on normative plans (the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the recommendations of the WSSD) and prospective (contained in the DSCE and the Vision for 2035), which today, clearly contributes to the emergence of the country in rural areas, often neglected to the detriment of the urban areas. To achieve this, we will include this forum which will involve the participation of the entire city councils of Cameroon, under the high patronage of the Prime Minister Head of Government, the Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization of the Republic of Cameroon.

Participants:

- Mayors
- Senators
- Deputy (Members of parliament)

Institutional partners invited

- MINATD
- FEICOM
- UCCC
- Road Fund
- MINADER
- PNDP
- MINEFI
- MINEPIA
- MINEE
- MINETP

Participation file of city councils:

- **Areas of Interest** : transport, agriculture, energy, health, environment, agri-food, fishing, road infrastructure, social housing, waste treatment . This forum is Co organized with Waterways LTD and partners such: UCCC, FEICOM, USA Embassy, MINATD.

The Forum of funding of city councils brings together investors and presents the opportunity to participate in a unique economic event, bringing together, heads of Canadian, Israeli, Indian, Southth Korean businessmen, as well as international funders, in a round table with the mayors of city councils, and other high personalities, in the country.

-A first in Cameroon:

- Chaired by the Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization ,
- The High Commissioner of Canada to Cameroon
- The Ambassador of Israel to Cameroon
- The Ambassador of United state of America to Cameroon
- High Commissioner of India to Nigeria
- The President of the national office of UCCC,
- The President of the SENATE ,
- Executive Secretary general of UCCC,
- Financial Manager: the General Coordinator of FEICOM,
- Members of the bureau and invited partners: MINEE , MINTP, MINADER, MINEFI, MINEPIA, PNDR.

Number of participants: 500 Participants .

Costs of participation: 1200 Euros

Cameroonian Public Agencies

FORMAT OF MEETINGS

- Concertation between mayors and investors, plus presentation of projects,
- Coffee Break,
- Business dinner to build bonds of partnership,
- Visits to the town councils of Yaounde and planning visits to those of the other regions,
- Getting cognisance of the projects already carried out, and those in progress,
- Exhibition stalls of investors,
- Gala night.

EXPECTATIONS

The ultimate goal is to make the local councils to be more operational, by giving them the chance to generate their own revenues, through profitable economic activities that will make them more autonomous. We wish to arrive at the following goals:

- 1- The signing of partnership agreements between the investors and the decentralized territorial communities.
- 2- The signing of agreements between Water Ways (main organiser of the event), with the FEICOM, on the holistic methodology, on the setting-up of community development projects
- 3- Formation and development of business plans and economic feasibility studies based on the criteria of donors.
- 4- To bring back strategic projects in the short term, through a planned and practicable financial mechanism

We will have a strong Israeli and American delegation in the key sectors of the economy: energy, agriculture, animal husbandry, fishing, social housing, the construction of roads and information communication technology (ICT).