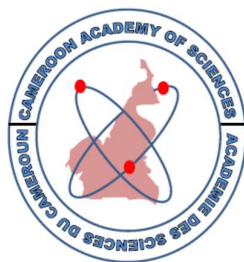


**STATUTES OF THE CAMEROON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**  
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# THE CAMEROON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

## PREAMBLE

We, the concerned men of science and technology of Cameroon;

Conscious of the primordial role of science and technology in the process of development and convinced of the need to place science and technology at the service of national development;

Considering the objectives and resolutions of the first congress of scientists held in Brazzaville (Congo) from 26 - 30 June, 1987, under the aegis of the Organization of African Unity (the OAU) as well as **CASTAFRICA II**, the second conference of African ministers responsible for the application of science and technology held in Arusha (Tanzania) from 6 - 15 July, 1987, thirteen years after **CÂSTAFRICA I** (Dakar, 1974) under the aegis of **UNESCO**;

Considering the recommendations of the National Council of Higher Education and Scientific and Technical Research (CNESRST) of 1974 and 1982;

Do hereby resolve to create in Cameroon an Academy of Sciences with the aim of accelerating the mastery of science and technology in a bid to foster Cameroon's development in particular, as well as that of Africa and the world at large.

## CHAPTER I: CREATION, OBJECTIVES, HEADQUARTERS, MOTTO

**Article 1.** An erudite association to be known as The Cameroon Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the Academy), is hereby created in conformity with Law No. 53 of 19 December, 1990, on the freedom of association in Cameroon. It shall create young scientists affiliate known as The Cameroon Academy of Young Scientists.

**Article 2.** The overall objective of the Academy shall be to foster the development of science and technology at a high level for the economic, social, and cultural development of Cameroon.

**Article 3.** The following shall constitute the specific objectives of the Academy:

- A) - to organize and mobilize the national scientific and technological community without any discrimination whatsoever;
- B) - to promote research and scientific and technological training at a high level in Cameroon;
- C) - to contribute to the defense of science and the franchise of scientists;
- D) - to advise national and international policy-makers on all issues related to science and technology in the development process;
- E) - to foster a culture of science and technology through the dissemination of science and technology;
  
- F) - to develop scientific and technological relations with the productive and service sectors of the national economy;
- G) – to ensure scientific and technological cooperation on a non-governmental basis.

**Article 4.** The headquarters of the Academy shall be located in Yaoundé. The Academy shall have a 99-year life-span which shall be renewable thereafter.

**Article 5.** The motto of the Academy shall be: **Science, Excellence, Progress.**

## **CHAPTER II: COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**Article 6. A)** The Academy shall be composed of Fellows who shall be divided into the following five categories;

i). **Honorary Fellows** shall include the Head of State (Protector of the Academy), as well as other members elected by the General Assembly of the Academy.

ii) **Founding Fellows** are the twelve Cameroonian scientists present at the creation of the Academy on November 9, 1990, in Douala. They are listed in the appendix.

iii) **Fellows** shall be those elected by the General Assembly in accordance with Article 8 from among active Cameroonian scientists with international renown in the field of science. Maximum membership within this category is 100.

iv) **Associate Fellows** shall be those elected by the General Assembly from among Cameroonian scientists whose contribution to science is noteworthy but not yet significant enough for full membership. Maximum membership within this category is **50**.

v) **Corresponding Fellows** shall be those elected by the General Assembly from among foreign scientists of international prominence and who have worked for the development of science and technology in Africa and the Third World. Maximum membership within this category is **50**.

vi) Members of the Academy of Young Scientists.

**B)** The modalities for the attribution of membership shall be defined within the by-laws of the Academy and the Academy of Young Scientists

**ARTICLE 7.** The principal organs of the Academy are:

- The General Assembly;
- The Sections (or Colleges);
- The Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE 8. A)** The General Assembly shall be the highest decision-making body of the Academy. It shall be composed of all the regular members of the Academy. It shall meet in an ordinary session once a year upon convocation by the President, either on his own initiative or upon the request of one-third of the members.

- B)** The main functions of the General Assembly shall include the following:
- i.- to determine the orientation and the general programme of action of the Academy;
  - ii. - to review the annual Report of Activities of the Executive Committee;
  - iii. - to review or assess the administrative expenditures and propose the budget for the following year;
  - iv.- to elect members of the Academy;
  - v. - to elect the members of the Executive Committee;
  - vi.- to create new sections of the Academy.

**ARTICLE 9.** The Academy shall be divided into sections corresponding to the major groups of scientific disciplines. The number, designation and terms of reference of these sections shall be defined in the by laws of the Academy.

**ARTICLE 10. A)** The Executive Committee shall be the administrative body of the Academy. It shall be composed of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Executive Secretary and an Assistant, the Treasurer and an Assistant and the Heads of the various sections stipulated in Article 9.

**B)** The Executive Secretary shall be elected for a 5-year period. He may be re-elected.

**C)** The other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for a 4-year period. They may be re-elected once only in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws. Details relating to the functioning and character of the Executive Committee shall be stipulated in the by-laws.

**ARTICLE 11.** Where necessary the Executive Committee shall create other commissions and structures with precise terms of reference, duration, and membership. The creation of these commissions and structures shall, however, be subject to approval by the General Assembly.

### **CHAPTER III : FINANCES**

**ARTICLE 12. A)** Subject to the provisions of the law, the finances of the Academy shall be composed of the following:

- i) membership fees as determined by the General Assembly;
- ii) study and research contracts with public or private institutions;
- iii) interests accrued on revenue from its assets.
- iv) Finances obtained from donations and grants shall be expended in accordance with the wishes of the donors. They shall, however, be accepted only if they are found to be compatible with the objectives of the Academy.

**ARTICLE 13.** The Academy's account shall be subject to annual review by an independent auditor.

## CHAPTER IV: MISCELLANEOUS

**ARTICLE 14.** The by-laws dealing with the organizational details and functioning of the Academy shall be elaborated and adopted by the General Assembly in accordance with the present statute.

**ARTICLE 15.** When necessary, the President shall call an extraordinary session of the General Assembly either on his own initiative or that of one-third of the regular members.

**ARTICLE 16.** Requests for amendments to the statutes shall be made either by the Executive Committee or by a third of the members of the Academy. All amendments shall, however, be subject to approval by a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly.

**ARTICLE 17. A)** The Academy shall only be dissolved by an Extraordinary Assembly convened by the President and attended by a minimum of three-quarters of the regular and associate members of the Academy.

**B)** The decision to dissolve the Academy can only be made by a three-fourth majority of the members present. In case of dissolution, the Extraordinary Assembly shall designate a commission to ensure the liquidation and disposal of the Academy's assets.

## APPENDIX

### LIST OF FOUNDING FELLOWS OF THE ACADEMY

1. Prof Victor Anomah Ngu (deceased)
2. Prof Marc Bopelet (deceased)
3. Prof Henri Hogbe-Nlend
4. Prof Paul Nchoji Nkwi
5. Prof S. Yunkap Kwankam
6. Prof Samuel Domngang
7. Prof Jean Mfoulou (deceased)
8. Dr. David Akuro Mbah
9. Dr. Antoine Ngalani
10. Dr. Samuel Nzietchueng
11. Dr. Emmanuel Tebong (deceased)
12. Mr. Jean Nya Ngatchou