



CONAC NEWSLETTER



UNE « ROAD SHOW » POUR BARRER LA VOIE À LA CORRUPTION ÉLECTORALE

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Par décret présidentiel N° 2019/612 du 10 novembre 2019, le Chef de l'Etat a convoqué le corps électoral en vue l'élection des députés à l'Assemblée Nationale et des conseillers municipaux. Deux scrutins pourraient donc se tenir en 2020, notamment le double scrutin du 09 février 2020 à l'effet d'élire les Députés et les Conseillers Municipaux et, probablement, les élections régionales.

Les personnes élues au terme de ces élections seront chargées de gérer la vie quotidienne des populations camerounaises pendant un quinquennat. L'issue de ces élections est d'autant plus capitale que l'une des résolutions du Grand Dialogue National appelle à une décentralisation plus poussée. Ce qui implique le transfert de davantage de compétences et de ressources aux Collectivités Territoriales Décentralisées. Le niveau de probité et d'intégrité de ces dirigeants déterminera la qualité de la gestion des biens collec-

tifs mis à leur disposition.

Généralement, les leaders élus aux moyens de fraudes diverses se montrent réticents à s'engager contre ce fléau. La clé de la lutte contre la corruption au Cameroun dans les années à venir réside donc dans la conduite de ces consultations électorales, les électeurs ayant la lourde responsabilité de choisir des leaders intègres, honnêtes et prêts à travailler pour l'intérêt général.

Au regard des missions de la CONAC telles que prescrites à

l'Article 13 (1) de son texte organique, à savoir : « mener des actions d'éducation et de sensibilisation du public à la lutte contre la corruption », l'Institution organise un « Road Show » visant à éduquer et à sensibiliser les populations sur la corruption électorale afin de barrer la voie aux leaders de mauvaise moralité.

Il s'agit d'une idée novatrice d'une caravane mobile qui a sillonné les axes routiers majeurs du pays, du 18 au 30 novembre 2019, avec des arrêts dans les

villes, villages et points de fortes convergences pour éduquer et sensibiliser les populations du méfait de la corruption électorale et importance de voter des leaders intègres.

Placé sous le thème « Des élus intègres et respectueux de la loi pour un Cameroun prospère », la « Road Show » visait à :

- éveiller la conscience collective sur les méfaits de la corruption électorale et le rôle des électeurs dans la sélection des élus intègres, respectueux de la loi et disposés à lutter contre la corruption ;

- susciter une adhésion populaire à la lutte contre la corruption afin que le Cameroun atteigne une masse critique d'acteurs positifs engagés contre la corruption.

Les cibles de la CONAC « Road Show » étaient la population camerounaise en âge de voter, hommes et femmes des media, leaders des Partis politiques, chefs traditionnels et membres de la Société civile (ONG, associations).

ELECTIONS SANS CORRUPTION CONAC « Road Show »

Des élus intègres et respectueux de la loi
pour un Cameroun prospère

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CONAC AGAINST ELECTORAL CORRUPTION

From November 18 to 30, 2019, a mobile caravan, dubbed CONAC "Road Show", drove through the major roads of the country with stops in towns, villages and strong points of convergence to educate and sensitize the population against electoral corruption and the need to vote leaders of integrity.



In line with its Mission to "...conduct public education and awareness-raising activities in the fight against corruption", as prescribed in Article 13 (1) of the text creating CONAC, the National Anti-Corruption Commission organised a "Road Show" to educate and sensitise the population on electoral corruption. The goal was to stop greedy, selfish and incompetent people from being elected.

CONAC used the innovative idea of a mobile caravan, dubbed "Road Show" to reach out to the population in the hinterland. Teams from CONAC criss-crossed the major roads of the country, with stops in towns, villages and strong points of convergence to educate and sensitize the population on the dangers of electoral corruption and importance of voting persons of integrity.

Placed under the theme «Elected representatives of integrity for a better Cameroon», the Road Show has as objectives:

- raise public awareness on the evils of electoral corruption and the role of voters in the selection of honest, law-abiding and anti-corruption elected officials;

- build popular support for the fight against corruption so that Cameroon reaches a critical mass of positive actors engaged against the ill.

The main targets were: Cameroonian population of voting age, media men and women, political party leaders, militants of various parties, traditional leaders and members of civil society (NGOs, associations).

In effect, the choice to reach out to the population using a proximity approach followed the convening of the electorate for the election of Members of Parliament to the National Assembly and municipal councillors by the President of the Republic on November 10, 2019. At least two elections could therefore be held in 2020, notably the dual elections of February 9, 2020 to elect Members of Parliament and municipal councillors and, possibly, regional elections.

Those voted at the end of these elections will be responsible for managing the daily ac-

tivities of the Cameroonian people for a five-year period. The outcome of these elections is thus crucial for the development of Cameroon. In effect, the one of the resolutions of the Major National Dialogue calls for further decentralization. This implies the transfer of more competences and resources to decentralised local authorities. The level of probity and integrity of those to be elected will therefore determine the quality of the management of public assets placed at their disposal.

Generally, leaders who resort to fraud and corruption to be elected are reluctant to commit themselves to the fight against corruption. The key to the fight against corruption in Cameroon in the years ahead therefore lies in the conduct of the forth coming elections. Voters will have the heavy responsibility to choose leaders of Integrity who are honest, morally upright and willing to work for the public good.

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DIS « NON » A LA CORRUPTION, CHAQUE « NON » COMPTE

“WE DREAM OF A COUNTRY WHERE INTEGRITY WILL BE THE WATCHWORD FOR EVERY CITIZEN”

Rev. Dr. Diudonné MASSI GAMS explains the importance of the CONAC “Road Show”.

What is a “Road Show”?

Well, a « Road Show », as the name implies, is a mobile caravan that drives through various roads of a country with an objective to reach out to the population of the hinterland. Generally, the team stops in towns, villages and strong points of convergence to educate and sensitize the population on an issue at stake. For the “CONAC Road Show”, the Institution has decided to focus on fighting electoral fraud, following the convening of the electorate for the election of Members of Parliament to the National Assembly and Municipal Councilors on February 09, 2020. Placed under the theme: “Credible and law abiding Elected representatives working for the common good and for a prosperous Cameroon, the CONAC “Road Show” seeks to:

- raise public awareness on the evils of electoral corruption and the role of voters in the selection of honest, law abiding officials.
- Build popular support for the fight against corruption so that Cameroon reaches a mass of the actors engaged against the ill.

In effect, the activity actually ties with one of the main missions of CONAC which is to conduct public education and awareness raising against corruption.

The CONAC “Road Show” was launched by the Chairman of the Institution on July 11th, 2019, during the celebration of the African Anti-Corruption Day. Teams from CONAC are currently on the field and are sensitizing the population along the major roads. It will end on November 30th, 2019.

Why did CONAC decide to launch this project now, when this is not the first election in the country in recent times?

Well, you know, corruption is a complex phenomenon. One strategy cannot actually curb the ill. It is therefore normal that new strategies be introduced to render the fight dynamic.

In the case of CONAC, it's our first “Road Show” and it comes to add to the other strategies used to combat corruption. We've got the classic investigation and sanctions. We also have prevention through system

changes to make it difficult for corruption to take place. There is also the sensitization and education of the population to adopt attitudes that will enable them break the corruption chain. It is the first “Road Show”, but not the first activity organized to curb election fraud.

In the case of electoral fraud, CONAC has over the years reached out to the population through conferences (2013), and putting in place of Election Watch Units; in the 2018 Presidential elections, for example.

This time, CONAC has decided to go a step further to reach out to more people by organizing a “Road Show” to combat electoral fraud, which we can define as all illegal interferences with the election process.

- This can be by the manipulation of electoral rules;
- manipulation of voters through vote buying; or
- manipulation of voting (personification, ballot box stuffing).

As for the timing, we decided that the activity should take place now following the convening of the electorate by the Head of State, for the election of Members of Parliament to the National Assembly and Municipal Councilors, on February 09th, 2020.

As you know, those voted at the end of these elections will be responsible for managing the daily activities of the Cameroonian people for the next five years.

The outcome of these elections is all the more crucial as one of the major proposals of the Major National Dialogue that recently held in Cameroon calls for further decentralization.

This implies the transfer of more competences and resources to decentralized local authorities. The level of probity and integrity of those to be elected will therefore determine the quality of the management of public assets and funds placed at their disposal. Through the “Road Show” CONAC is out to ensure that people of integrity are voted. Generally, it is believed that leaders who resort to fraud and corruption to be elected are generally reluctant to commit themselves to the fight against corruption. The key of the fight against corruption in Cameroon

in the years ahead therefore lies in the conduct of the forthcoming elections. Voters will thus have the heavy responsibility to choose leaders of Integrity who are honest, morally upright and willing to work for the public good. It is easy for the population to choose such persons as the forthcoming elections are “elections of proximity”. Voters personally know those whom they will be voting. They know their level of Integrity.

By educating and sensitizing the population on electoral corruption, our goal is to stop greedy, selfish and incompetent people from being elected.

We are telling voters that if they decide to elect corrupt politicians, impostors or thieves and traitors to our National Assembly and Councils, they should not consider themselves as victims when these same greedy individuals will start siphoning resources meant for the common good. They will be accomplices. The time to bar the way and sanction such corrupt politicians is now. They have the power to select persons of integrity, who will serve the people and their communities selflessly during the twin elections of February 09, 2020.

Who are the targeted population?

Generally, we are targeting Cameroonians of voting age and most especially those who have their names on the voters' register. They are those who will have the delicate responsibility to select our Members of Parliament and Councilors.

More specifically, we target political party leaders and their militants, as they have to know the importance of selecting people of Integrity to stand for elections. We also tell political leaders that those who will be found guilty of election offenses will be punished following section 122 and 123 of the Penal Code. We hope members of civil society organizations will be able to continue the present campaign at their respective levels.

Above all we count on the press, media men and women, whom we thank for being our relay. Remember that we cannot reach out to everyone face to face during the “Road Show”. So, we count on the media to relay our message to the popula-

tion; a message that only people of integrity should be voted in the forthcoming elections.

The media will continue to sensitize voters to make informed choices by voting only persons of Integrity; their parties or political learning notwithstanding.

May I also use this opportunity to stress on the fact that the fight against corruption is actually a collective endeavor and needs the input of each and every one of us. We should therefore be the change we want to see in the management of our councils and in our National Assembly by voting only people of integrity who will reject corruption and work for the common good and development of their localities and the nation as a whole.

What expectation at the end of the process?

Generally, we expect the population to be more committed to the fight against corruption. They should break the corruption chain by being the weak knot in the chain by denouncing acts of corruption and adopting integrity as a way of life. This will enable Cameroon to attain its mass of positive critical actors ready to say no to corruption.

Specifically, we expect the population to understand the harm that electoral fraud and corruption causes to our nation. In effect, electoral fraud can be considered one of the worst forms of corruption as it facilitates the election of leaders who will not be committed to fight against corruption. Such leaders can also be easily corrupted. We therefore expect voters to throw their weight behind persons of Integrity, who are honest, law abiding and ready to fight against corruption.

Any last word to the population?

We thank the media for accompanying CONAC in its noble mission to sensitize the population on the dangers of corruption. Corruption is an evil that has done a lot of ill to Cameroon and we all should join forces to combat the cancer worm. We dream of a country where integrity will be the watchword for every citizen. It is our role to work for this at our respective levels. We should be the change we want to see in the fight against corruption.

**«UN CAMEROUN SANS CORRUPTION COMMENCE PAR MOI»
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La Commission Nationale Anti-Corruption (CONAC), en vue d'assurer l'élection des leaders intègres...

- **INVITE**, tous les acteurs engagés dans le processus électoral, à **OBSERVER ET RESPECTER SCRUPULEUSEMENT** les lois de la République et les prescriptions contenues dans le **Code électoral** en vigueur au Cameroun.
- **PRESCRIT**, le respect de la loi et des principes de la démocratie électorale, la transparence, l'intégrité, la responsabilité individuelle et le respect de l'éthique par tous les acteurs engagés.
- **RAPPELLE** que, **LA LOI (A TRAVERS LE CODE PENAL) PUNIT DE MANIERE SPECIFIQUE LES DELITS ELECTORAUX qui sont des atteintes à la Constitution du Cameroun**, principalement dans ses articles suivants:
 - **article 122** du Code pénal relatif **aux fraudes électorales** ;
 - **article 123** du Code pénal relatif à la **corruption et aux violences en matière électorale** ;
 - **article 123-1** (al. 1 et 2 du Code pénal) en rapport avec **l'interdiction du port d'arme en période électorale** ;
 - **l'article 123-2** (al. 1 et 2 du Code pénal) concernant **toute activité ou manifestation à caractère politique en période électorale** ;
 - **article 123-3** du Code pénal relatif au **détournement de fonds en matière électorale** (car il faut rappeler ici que les fonds provenant des financements publics sont des deniers publics cf. **article 276 alinéa 2 du Code électoral** du 19 avril 2012).

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VOTEZ DES LEADERS INTEGRES !!! SANCTIONNEZ LES CANDIDATS CORROMPUS !!!
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The National Anti-Corruption Commission of Cameroon (CONAC), in a bid to ensure the election of leaders of integrity...

- **INVITES**, all actors in the electoral process, that is, candidates, political parties and their militants, **civil servants whose duties are linked with election organisation**, officials of the body in charge of organising elections (ELECAM), media persons and voters, to **SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECT** the laws of the Republic and the provisions of the **Electoral Code** of Cameroon.
- **RECOMMENDS**, strict respect of the law and principles of electoral democracy, transparency, integrity, personal responsibility and ethics by all actors involved.
- **RECALLS** that **BY VIRTUE OF THE ELECTORAL CODE, THE LAW SPECIFICALLY SANCTIONS ELECTION OFFENCES** which constitute a breach to the Constitution of Cameroon, especially in:
 - **section 122** of the Penal Code relating to **electoral fraud**;
 - **section 123** of the Penal Code concerning **corruption and violence**;
 - **section 123(1)** of the Penal Code relating to **weapons during elections** ;
 - **section 123(2)** of the Penal Code concerning **political demonstrations during the electoral period** ;
 - **section 123(3)** of the Penal Code relating to **misappropriation of public funds in election matters** (funds derived from public funding are public funds: Section 276(2) of the Electoral Code of 19 April 2012).

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