



ROUND TABLE

Theme: « *Contribution of tobacco control in the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals in Cameroon* »

FINAL DECLARATION

We, representatives of Government Ministries, International Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Religious and Traditional Authorities listed below;

- Ministry of Public Health (MINSANTE)
- Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT)
- Ministry of Trade (MINCOMMERCE)
- Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training (MINEFOP)
- Ministry of Basic Education (MINEDUB)
- Ministry Women Empowerment and the Protection of the Family (MINPROFF)
- Ministry of Secondary Education (MINESEC)
- Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization (MINATD)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- National Consumer's Council (CONACO)
- Cameroonian Coalition for Tobacco Control (C3T)
- Media Association for the Promotion of Health (AMPSA)
- African Network for the Promotion of Democracy and Human Rights (RAPPDH)
- 12 Million Consumers Association (ADMC)

Meeting in Yaoundé on 17 August 2017, in the framework of a round table on the "Contribution of Tobacco Control in the Attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals in Cameroon";

Congratulating the Government of the Republic of Cameroon for having ratified the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), that establishes a global tobacco control mechanism;

- ✓ Welcome with appreciation the substantial contribution of all tobacco control stakeholders
- ✓ Commit to contribute to the emergence of Cameroon by 2035 through the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals
- ✓ Regret that Cameroon loses at least 2700 citizens per year to tobacco consumption
- ✓ Express extreme concerned over the following considerations:
 - Tobacco is a vector of poverty for families and an obstacle to development

- The management of tobacco-related conditions is a major challenge and has a negative impact on the national health system
- Tobacco and tobacco products are accessible to vulnerable groups such as the youth and low-income individuals
- Taxation of tobacco and tobacco products is remarkably low
- Publicity on tobacco and tobacco products is not adequately regulated
- The tobacco industry justifies its presence by the fallacious argument of creating employment opportunities for young people
- Tobacco control is not adequately funded.

We declare that:

- Tobacco control has important development implications that decision-makers must take into account in order to boost the emergence of Cameroon and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Cameroon needs to put in place a legal arsenal, including a national tobacco law in line with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).

We are committed to working together to help achieve this goal. Therefore, we urge action for:

1. The adoption of a national tobacco control law in line with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).
2. An increase in the taxation of tobacco and its products.
3. The creation of smoke-free environments throughout the national territory.
4. The prohibition of all forms of advertising on tobacco and tobacco products.
5. The prohibition of the sale of cigarettes to minors and by minors.
6. The prohibition of all commercial and advertising activities on tobacco and tobacco products around educational and training establishments.
7. Greater involvement of government in tobacco control.
8. Increased surveillance to prevent interference in public health policies by the tobacco industry.
9. Increased mobilization and allocation of financial resources to tobacco control.
10. The inclusion of tobacco control in the Growth and Employment Strategy Paper (GESP).

We are certain that improving tobacco control will lead to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by improving economic performance and the health of the population, as well as by protecting the environment.

We reaffirm our strong commitment to a synergy of actions for effective tobacco control in Cameroon.

Done in Yaoundé on 17 August, 2017

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