



**STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE  
"CAMEROON: GREEN, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES"  
PROGRAMME**

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On Thursday, January 23, 2025, the first session of the Steering Committee (COPIL) for the **"Cameroon: Green, Inclusive, and Sustainable Cities"** Program was held in the conference room of Ministerial Building No. 1, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Célestine KETCHA COURTÈS, Minister of Housing and Urban Development.

This session brought together Mr. Jérôme PONS, Head of Cooperation representing the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Cameroon, representatives from key government ministries (MINDDEVEL, MINT, MINEPAT, MINAT, MINEPDED, etc.), mayors from the beneficiary cities (Yaoundé, Douala, Maroua), and development partners.

One year after the Program's launch, this first Steering Committee meeting aimed to evaluate the progress made, address operational and technical constraints, and strengthen coordination among stakeholders.

**Key Progress Achieved**

The session highlighted significant progress in the implementation of the Program. Notably, the following milestones were achieved under the urban governance strengthening component, led by the Cameroon Urban Platform project:

- The effective initiation of the review of the normative framework for urban development in Cameroon;
- The development of a participatory planning methodology for the Nouma Urban Hub in Okola Municipality, within the framework of the Yaoundé Bypass Project;
- The presentation of the "Collaborative Digital Platform for Urban Actors" at the 12th World Urban Forum in Cairo;
- The organization, in partnership with the National Program for Urban Management Training (PNFMV), of training sessions for municipal magistrates on critical urbanization issues, including urban planning,

infrastructure management, waste collection and recovery, and land management.

In Maroua, participants celebrated the completion of the city's first green space, the planting of over 30,000 trees since the project began, and the signing of an agreement to establish an intermunicipal platform between Maroua Urban Community and the municipalities of Maroua 1, 2, and 3.

### **Recommendations and Perspectives**

During the discussions, several recommendations were made to address the technical and operational challenges identified in the first year of the Program's implementation, including:

- Accelerating studies and operations related to the Move-Yaoundé project to prepare for the implementation of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which aims to transform the urban transport system in Yaoundé;
- Quickly launching the taxi registration campaign in the capital;
- Advanced, in 2025, the plastic waste management component of the Flood Management Program in Douala and Yaoundé (PLIDY) to effectively tackle plastic pollution in Douala.

### **Call to Action**

Closing the session, the Minister urged the mayors, as project managers, to ensure the effective execution of activities in their respective localities. She emphasized the importance of maintaining the participatory dimension at the heart of the Program's vision by involving all urban stakeholders. Without this inclusive approach, she insisted, it would be impossible to achieve the expected results in sustainable urban mobility, improved waste management, and climate resilience.

The Minister also stressed the need to coordinate the "Cameroon: Green, Inclusive, and Sustainable Cities" Program with other urban development projects financed by the State and Local Authorities, so that their combined impact would amplify the government's efforts to sustainably improve living conditions for the population. This approach aligns with the vision and High Directives of the HEAD OF STATE, H.E. Paul BIYA.

Done in Yaounde, on 23 January 2025

For the Steering Committee (COPT)



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*Courtes née Ketcha Célestine*