



In Partnership and with the Support:



TRAINING OF 23 LOCAL ACTORS, MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS ON «LOCAL GOVERNANCE»

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Within the framework of the Strategic Partnership between United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) and the National Capacity Building Programme for Cities Management (PNFMV) on the one hand, and the implementation of the College of Local Governance of the African Local Governments Academy (ALGA), the city of Yaounde hosted, **from 16 to 20 September 2019**, the first Training Session on the theme of: "**Local Governance**".

This Training Session aims to raise awareness and strengthen the capacities of local actors on the issues and challenges of Local Governance, in a context of challenges and opportunities for African Local Governments.

The opening ceremony of this Session was marked by three speeches, namely, the welcome of the Vice-President of the United Councils and Cities of Cameroon (CVUC), the intervention of the representative of UCLG Africa - ALGA and the opening speech of the personal representative of the Minister of Housing and Urban Development (MINHDU).

In his welcome address, **Mr. Albert Anicet AKOA, Vice-President of CVUC**, praised the partnership between UCLG Africa - ALGA and the PNFMV in these terms: "I would like to magnify the excellence of the partnership between UCLG-Africa through its Academy and the PNFMV, for the development of the capacities and the skills of the Human Resources of African Local Governments, one of the weak links of the processes of decentralization in Africa. One of the result of which is the holding of this training session on the Local Governance, following the 1st International Training Session on Decentralized Cooperation organized in July 2019".

The Vice-President did not fail to make the link between the theme and SDG 11 to show the importance of this training in the eyes of local elected officials of Cameroon.

In his speech, **Mr. Joachim HUNLEDE, representing the Director of ALGA of UCLG Africa**, reminded the noble mission entrusted to ALGA by the local elected officials of the Continent, namely "to support and accompany the Members and the UCLG-Africa networks in their quest for visibility, autonomy, good governance, professionalism and performance", which cannot succeed or be fruitful without the involvement and commitment of all stakeholders concerned by this dynamic, namely the State Representatives, Local Governments and their Associations, Training Institutes and Anchoring Institutes of ALGA, the Community of Experts and Trainers as well as the Financial and Technical Partners.

He further emphasized the importance of the theme of the session, which is one of the nine principles of the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Decentralization, Local Governance and Local Development, adopted by the Heads of State and Government on June 27, 2014 at the Malabo Summit in Equatorial Guinea. He also reminded the participants that local governance calls for great vigilance whose mechanisms can only be acquired through capacity building sessions, as proposed by ALGA and PNFMV.

In her opening address, **Mrs. Hermine NNA EKONO, Personal Representative of Her Excellency the Minister of Housing and Urban Development**, indicated that the topic of training is an important subject of debate and even controversy. According to Ms. NNA EKONO : "more than a concept, Local Governance is above all a process of daily and collective learning of rules and principles around which human societies agree to manage the common good, to regulate the relationship between society , individual and the group or between social groups cohabiting on the same territorial spaces "but also"

a global issue in the light of the crises that are shaking all the societies of the world including the Western ones who are also questioning, as we do, the strength of their models in a rapidly changing global context ". Finally, Mrs. NNA EKONO pointed out that governance is a process of permanent learning, a patient and concerted construction, but also a dynamic process enriched by the evolutions and socio-political conjunctures both at local, national and international level.



In addition to the practical exercises, the Training Session was based on the following five (5) Modules:

Introductory Module: Presentation of the Principles and Values of Local Governance through the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Decentralization, Local Governance and Local Development;

Module 1: Conceptual Approaches to Local Governance;

Module 2: Local Governance: Why? For what reasons? For what purpose?

- The production of territorial development;

- The mutation of the law of decentralization and its repercussions;

- The development of a Local Governance Profile based on normative sources;

Module 3: Local Governance, What are the issues? What challenges? Local Governance through the prism of international commitments;

Module 4: Approach to building a Local Governance that promotes development.

This Session, housed at the headquarters of the United Councils and Cities of Cameroon (CVUC) of Yaounde **has benefited 23 local actors, municipal elected officials and administrative officer of the municipal technical and financial partners.**

For more information on this Session, we invite you to visit the ALGA Website: www.uclgafrica-alga.org.

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