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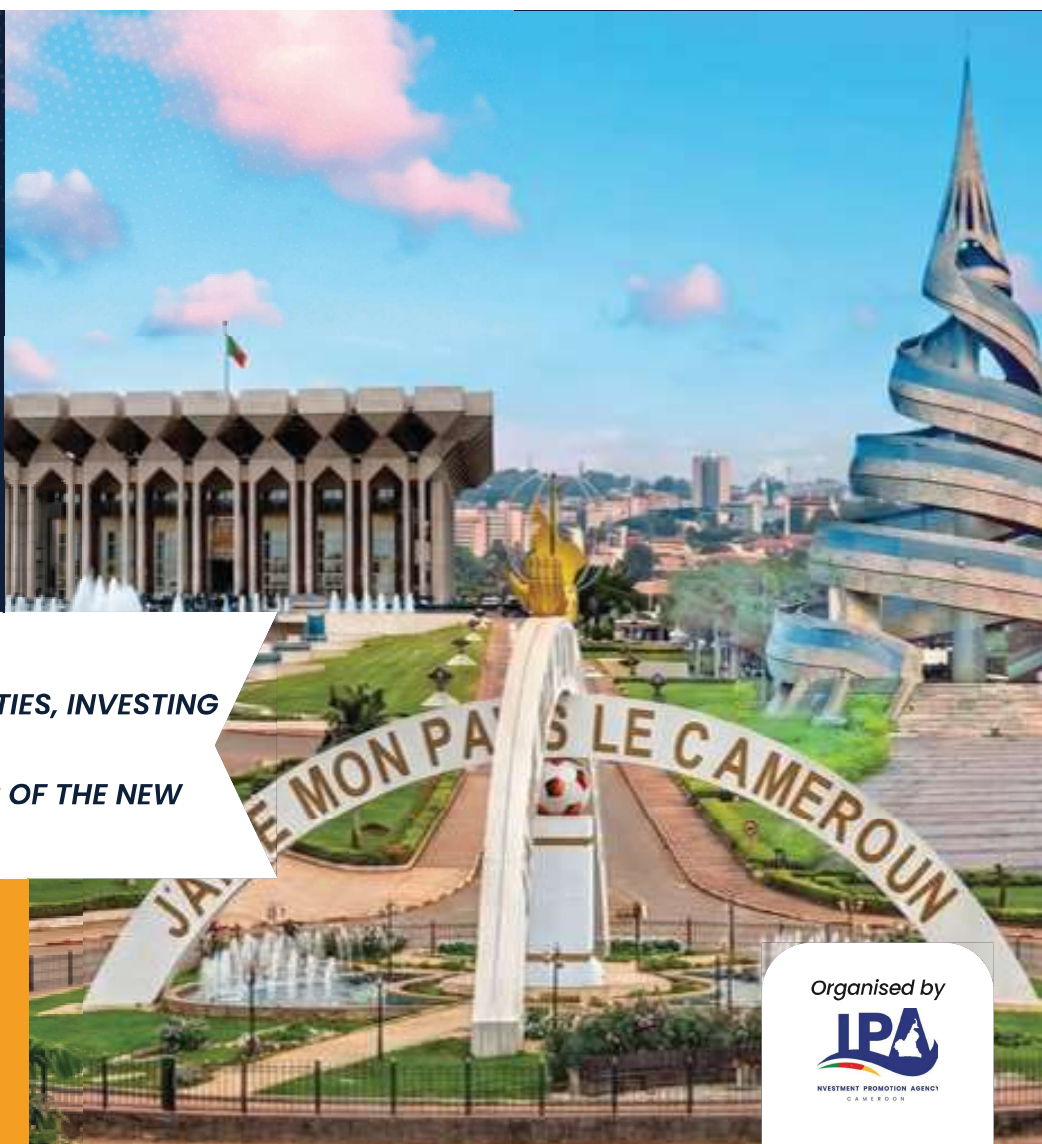
MAIN THEME:

*"UNLOCKING NEW OPPORTUNITIES, INVESTING
IN STABILITY AND GROWTH:
CAMEROON, A STRATEGIC HUB OF THE NEW
AFRICAN ECONOMY."*

 18th – 20th November 2026

 Yaounde Conference Centre

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1 500–2 000

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

500–800 Billion

FCFA IN INVESTMENT PLANS
TO BE RAISED

40+

FINANCABLE PROJECTS
TO BE REGISTERED

15+

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

5+

REFORM AND
ADVOCACY PROJECTS

“Cameroon is, above all,
determined to encourage
private investment”

H.E. PAUL BIYA

President of the Republic of Cameroon

EXCERPT FROM THE OPENING ADDRESS AT THE
YAOUNDE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE ON
THE 17TH OF MAY 2016



“Cameroon represents a very good investment opportunity for foreign investors”

H.E. JOSEPH DION NGUTE

Prime Minister, Head of Government

EXCERPT FROM HIS SPEECH AT THE “INVEST IN CAMEROON” EVENT OF THE AFRICA CEO FORUM, HELD ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025



FERDINAND NGOH NGOH

**Minister of State, Secretary General to the
President of the Republic**
Technical Supervisor of IPA



LOUIS PAUL MOTAZE
Minister of Finance
Financial Supervisor of IPA



A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IPA ABOUT THE 5th EDITION

At a time when global economic balances are being reshaped and Africa is establishing itself as one of the main drivers of global growth, Cameroon has opted for **an open, resilient economy that is firmly focused on productive investment.**

Thanks to its geostrategic position at the heart of Central Africa, its wealth of resources, its human capital and the reforms undertaken to continuously improve the business climate, our country now offers **a favourable environment for investors seeking sustainable opportunities.**

The **Cameroon Investment Forum (CIF) 2026** is fully in line with this momentum. More than just an event, it serves as the leading platform dedicated to promoting investment, fostering public-private dialogue and forging value-creating partnerships.

Under the theme **“Exploring new opportunities, investing in stability and growth: Cameroon, a strategic hub of the new African economy”**, this fifth edition reflects our ambition to establish Cameroon as a key destination for domestic and international investment in the long term.



Mr BOMA Donatus

ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INVESTMENT
PROMOTION AGENCY

For three days, investors, public decision-makers, financial institutions, and technical and financial partners will come together to turn opportunities into concrete investments.

On behalf of the Investment Promotion Agency, I invite you to take part in this year's event, which marks a new milestone in the promotion of investment in Cameroon.

“The CIF is much more than just a forum. It is a catalyst for partnerships, a growth accelerator and a transformational lever for Cameroon and for Africa.”

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#INVEST IN CAMEROON

■ A natural hub in Africa

Geostrategic position:

- Gateway to the sub-region (CEMAC and ECCAS)
- Key hub within the AfCFTA framework
- Robust potential market: over 300 million consumers
- Targeted positioning: 'the ideal destination' for establishing a presence in Central Africa or expanding operations across the continent.

■ Economic resilience

+4,3 %
projected
growth in 2026

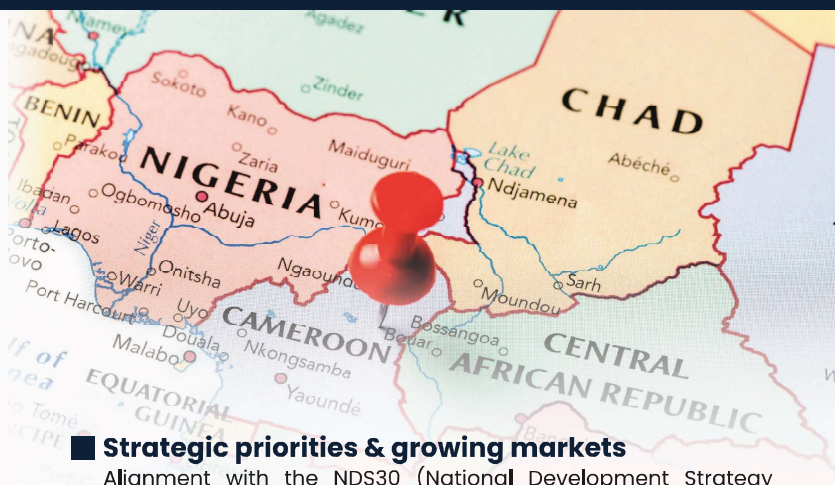
3 %
Inflation under
control

+14 %
Increase in public
investment

■ Initiated reforms

Ordinance N° 2025/002 of 18 July 2025 to lay investment incentives in the Republic of Cameroon.

- Incentive framework: tax exemptions, support for setting up businesses via the API
- Human development programmes (vocational training, youth entrepreneurship)
- One-stop shop



■ Strategic priorities & growing markets

Alignment with the NDS30 (National Development Strategy 2020–2030): local industry, economic diversification, regional integration

Key sectors with strong business potential:



AGRI-INDUSTRY & AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING
(cocoa, coffee, palm oil, rice cultivation, etc.) Supported by PIISAH (Agri-Food and Fisheries Import Substitution Plan)



MINING & INDUSTRY
(responsible mining, local processing of raw materials, industrial estates)



DIGITAL ECONOMY & ICT
(growing telecoms sector, fintechs, start-ups, digital transformation)



ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE
(oil, gas, hydroelectric projects, new dams, electricity grids, roads, ports)



TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS
(road networks, port and rail logistics linking the CEMAC hinterland)



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CAMEROON**

*Land of
attractiveness*

WHY JOIN CIF 2026?

■ A project and partnership accelerator

Objective: to turn investment plans into concrete projects



+40

shortlisted financeable projects presented at the Investment Market.



Deal Rooms

Immediate negotiations with the support of experts and financial institutions

■ VIP networking and access to decision-makers



Participation of several nationally and internationally renowned figures



+300

Companies and organisations represented



Exhibition

expertise, products and services



Networking opportunities:

Networking sessions and structured B2B/B2G sessions by appointment

■ Exclusive content and international expertise

- Ministerial panels, thematic sessions, practical workshops, case studies, experience-sharing sessions
- Masterclasses led by international experts
- A balance between visionary plenary sessions (official ceremonies, major conferences) and practical sessions (technical sector-specific exhibitions, interactive workshops)

■ The CIF experience — The full track record

● **CIF 2017 (Douala) :**

- Launch of the 1st Investment Market
- 21 projects presented, representing over 1,300 billion CFA francs in potential investment
- 9 projects immediately attracted the interest of financial partners → concrete collaborations

● **CIF 2019 (Douala) :**

- +250 companies in attendance
- 77 official B2B meetings
- 15 partnership proposals + 4 agreements signed on the spot

● **CIF 2023 (Douala) :**

- Focus on priority agri-food sectors
- 1,000+ participants
- 60 B2B meetings → international collaborations
- 22 projects presented at the Investment Market
- 244 projects in total in the API database (cumulative total)
- Agreements with strategic partners (industrial estates, Port of Kribi, etc.)

PROGRAM

Tuesday 17 November 2026

- Reception for international delegations,
- Distribution of badges
- Welcome dinner

Wednesday 18 November 2026

- Opening ceremony & Ministerial panel
- Official tour of the Expo
- Cameroon CEO Roundtable
- Networking sessions
- Thematic sessions
- Country spotlight
- Business meetings

Thursday 19 November 2026

- Opening of the Agri Invest & Expo Forum
- Concurrent sector-specific trade fairs (key sectors)
- Masterclass sessions (business training) for entrepreneurs
- Launch of the Business Hackathon (Day 1)
- 5th Investment Market Session (Day 1)
- Business meetings

Friday 20 November 2026

- 5th Investment Market Session (Day 2)
- Hackathon Final (presentations & award ceremony for the winners)
- Closing ceremony (announcement of partnerships & Main Report)
- Investors' Dinner & Cameroon Business Awards
- Business meetings

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COMPONENTS OF THE FORUM

A number of groundbreaking innovations have been incorporated into the programme to enhance the Forum's reach and added value for all participants.

01. Cameroon CEO Roundtable



- Exclusive round-table discussion, featuring around 50 CEOs, managing directors and high-level investors from Cameroon and abroad
- Strategic closed-door dialogue on the necessary reforms and major projects to be accelerated
- Statements from the CEOs

BENEFITS

- Drafting of a "CEO Declaration"
- Sharing of a pipeline of priority projects and business opportunities.

02. Agri Invest & Expo



- Area dedicated to investment in the agro-pastoral and fishery sectors
- Exhibitions
- Technology demonstrations (irrigation, agri-tech)
- Conference dedicated to the agro-pastoral and fisheries sectors

- BENEFITS**
- Discover the key opportunities offered by the agro sector in Cameroon
 - Meet associations and SMEs in the sector
 - Access a catalogue of over 50 selected agricultural projects and financing opportunities.

04. Business Hackathon



- 48-hour open innovation competition
- Teams of young Cameroonian innovators (students, start-ups)
- Challenges set by companies or public institutions
- The top three winning teams will be awarded prizes at the closing ceremony

- BENEFITS**
- Discover Cameroon's talent
 - Early access to innovative solutions
 - Networking with award-winning entrepreneurs and partners or technology suppliers)

03. 5th Investment Market Session (MI2026) & Deal Rooms



- Maturity of high-impact projects (not just volume)
- +40 projects pre-qualified at an early stage by sector and presented in dedicated deal rooms
- Presence of technical and financial partners (banks, investment funds and donors)

- BENEFITS**
- Exclusive access to a diverse portfolio of concrete projects ready for funding, with the opportunity to initiate discussions directly within a confidential environment conducive to deal-making.

05. Business Masterclass



A series of 4 intensive training sessions, led by international experts

BENEFITS

Access to practical knowledge delivered by internationally renowned specialists.

06. TOPIC-BASED PANELS & SECTOR-SPECIFIC TRADE FAIRS



- Plenary sessions/thematic workshops
- Sectors covered: Industry & Mining, Energy & Environment, Agriculture & Agri-food Processing, Digital Economy & Innovation, Transport & Logistics, Finance & PPPs, etc.
- Bringing together sectoral ministers, leading companies and experts

BENEFITS

A 360° overview of growth sectors, identifying relevant trends and projects

07. Country Spotlight



5 "partner countries" in the spotlight, with a section dedicated to bilateral economic cooperation.

BENEFITS

Present the potential of your country, international contacts, and joint regional co-investment opportunities

08. Investors' Dinner & Cameroon Business Awards



- Investors' Dinner, Act III — by invitation only, 200 VIPs
- Brings the forum to a close by honouring the leading players in Cameroon's economy (major companies, innovative SMEs, investors)

BENEFITS

A unique opportunity for high-level networking, in a setting that combines formality with a friendly atmosphere, whilst witnessing the recognition of the country's leading companies

USEFUL INFORMATION



TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION



Airlines flying to Yaoundé

Ethiopian Airlines, Asky Airlines, Air Côte d'Ivoire, RwandAir, Air France, Brussels Airlines, Turkish Airlines, and other major airlines from Europe, Africa and the Middle East (daily flights)

International flights have variable fares depending on the point of departure.

**Book your flights early to get the best fares*



International Airports

1- Douala International Airport

Douala–Yaoundé route

- 45-minute flight with CamairCo
- 5-hour drive

2- Garoua International Airport

TGaroua–Yaoundé route: a 1 hour 15 minute flight with CamairCo

3- Nsimalen International Airport

Approximately 30 minutes from Yaounde town center



Accommodation

- 3–5-star hotels are available in the city for around \$80–\$1,500 per night, breakfast included.
- Furnished flats are available for short stays.



Shuttles

A reception desk available at the airport and at partner hotels to arrange transportation between the airport, hotels and the Forum venue.



Other Shuttle Services

City taxis and private hire services available on request.



VISAS & FORMALITIES



E-visas are available to most nationalities via evisacam.cm

Recommended deadline	1–2 weeks before departure
Standard processing time	~72 hours
Cost of a standard short-stay visa	~100 000 FCFA (valid for 6 months, multiple entries; ~170 \$)
Express option (24 hours)	150 000 FCFA
Visa-free entry for certain CEMAC/ECOWAS countries	Gabon, Chad, Central African Republic, Congo, Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea
Passport validity	At least 6 months to go



An official invitation letter is available on request. Up-to-date health guidelines (yellow card) and customs formalities provided to foreign travellers.



A yellow fever vaccination certificate is compulsory for entry into Cameroon.



EXPLORE YAOUNDÉ & SURROUNDINGS

Known as “**the city of seven hills**”, Yaoundé is the political capital of Cameroon. Situated at an altitude of over 700m in the heart of the Central Region, it is home to the country's ministries, government departments, embassies and a large part of its institutional life.



WEATHER IN NOVEMBER

A tropical climate, tempered by the altitude, which remains generally **drier and sunnier in November**. Temperatures are around **24–33°C during the day** and **19–21°C at night**. **Light clothing** is recommended **for the mornings**, and **light jumpers or thin jackets for the cooler evenings**. It is strongly recommended that you **consider taking appropriate anti-malarial medication** and protect yourself against mosquito bites.

✎ SPOKEN LANGUAGES

Cameroon is officially **bilingual in French and English**, and in Yaoundé, the **traditional language** of the indigenous **Beti-Fang people** is **Ewondo**. We also commonly come across **Pidgin and Camfranglais** (a hybrid urban dialect mixing French, English and local expressions).



VISIT...

- *National Museum of Cameroon*
- *Ethnographic Museum of the Forest Peoples*
- *Reunification Monument*
- *Mount Fébé and its monastery*
- *Yaoundé Municipal Lake*
- *Sainte-Anastasie Woods Park · The Ecopark*
- *Ebogo Village (Mbalmayo)*
- *Sanaga Camping Beach (Nkoteng)*



RELIGIONS & GATHERING DAYS

- **Christianity:** Catholic, Protestant and Evangelical/Pentecostal movements. These groups meet regularly on Sunday mornings.
- **Islam:** several mosques, including the Central Mosque. Worshippers gather for the main weekly prayer on Fridays in the early afternoon.
- **Traditional/animist beliefs:** these persist, sometimes alongside Christian or Muslim practices.



CULINARY ARTS



Cameroonian cuisine is based on starchy foods and pulses (plantains, cassava, macabo/taro, maize, beans, groundnuts/peanuts, yams), sauces made from green leaves, and a variety of protein sources (fresh or smoked fish, beef, chicken).

A few iconic dishes

- Puff puff, cornmeal porridge/pap and beans (breakfast)
- Ikok (Bassa okok) · Ndolé · Ndomba · Eru · Ekwang
- Mbongo tchobi · Achu and yellow soup · Grilled/Roasted fish/chicken
- Fresh tropical fruits and many more

For a vegetarian option, some recommended local dishes are: Okok · Sanga · Kpwem

For halal diets: street food stalls and some restaurants offer suitable options.

Cameroon: Spices: Center of Africa

The level of spice in the dishes is generally moderate, with hot pepper usually served on the side as a sauce, allowing everyone to adjust the intensity to their tastes.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Yaoundé Central Hospital

Located in the city centre (behind CENAME)

☎ (+237) 243 680 324

Yaoundé General Hospital

Located in the Ngoussou neighbourhood

☎ (+237) 677 787 777

Yaoundé Emergency and Intensive Care Centre (CURY)

Next to the central hospital

☎ (+237) 222 222 525

Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Paediatrics Hospital

Ngoussou, before the General Hospital

☎ (+237) 681 034 780

Fire brigade

☎ 118

CNPS Hospital

Located in the Essos neighborhood

☎ (+237) 222 230 225

Military Hospital

Next to the Ministry of Defence

☎ (+237) 677 606 877

Jamot Hospital

Mballa II neighbourhood, near CRTV

☎ (+237) 222 204 390

SAMU (Emergency Medical Assistance Service)

☎ 119

Police (rapid intervention)

☎ 117

National Gendarmerie

☎ 113

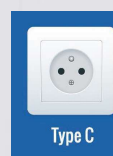


POWER SUPPLY AND ELECTRICAL SOCKETS



Voltage/Frequency: 220 volts/50 Hz

Types of sockets:



Type C



Type E



Type F

**An adapter is required for any other type of plug.*

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