



REPORT

on the **Cameroon GeoAg Press Conference**
held Online on the **22nd of Jan 2021.**

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1) Preparations for the Conference

➤ Micro-farm

After our training in November 2020, we planted 3 kinds of crops which are Beans, Soy Beans and Groundnuts. We closely monitored the growth rates by watering regularly and measuring the heights of the crops weekly. In the 1st Week of Jan 2021, we added the farm size by planting new crops such as tomatoes, pepper and Garden egg.

Mr Richard asked us to prepare a video of our work from the picking of rock, splitting and setting up of the farm in our local Language, we choose the pidgin English which is understood by all in the English-speaking regions of Cameroon. The Video was done in the Pidgin English explaining the whole process from where we collected rocks till the farm is established. We also explained our research finding from our first crops in which, beans did better than soybeans and Groundnut. It germinated at 5days while soybeans germinated at 7days while Groundnuts took 12days to germinate. At one month of planting, the beans were pinned to avoid them falling with respect to gravitational pull which can lead to breakage of the storms. At the point of the interview, the beans had visible bean and soybean pods producing thus, proving that crops are able to grow on our rocks even though their nutritional contents have not been tested yet.

➤ Visit to the Delegation of Agriculture

The GeoAg team together with the CEO paid a visit to the delegation of Agriculture in Bamenda. We were fortunate to meet and talk with the Delegate of Agriculture, we presented the GeoAg idea to him, explaining what we have done so far and told him of the forth coming Cameroon GeoAg Press-conference and his role in the conference. We also invited him to pay a visit to our micro-farm in preparation for the press conference. He gave us a keen listening ear and later gave his own point of view towards GeoAg. Initially, he saw it as a ‘whiteman’s thing’ and that it couldn’t work in Cameroon as of now. However, he promised he was going to pay a visit to the GeoAg micro-farm but didn’t finally show up due to his very busy schedule. He was reminded severally of the Press-Conference and the key role he was expected to play in this Conference.

➤ **Administrators from the University of Bamenda**

Letters were sent to the Administrators in UBa headed by Dr. Ndamsa Dickson inviting them to the Press conference. The program was sent to them and their role in the conference.

➤ **Invitation to Media House:**

Invitations were sent to several media houses to cover the press conference.

2) The Conference Event

The Conference started at 2pm on the 22nd of Jan 2021. It was attended by all African GeoAg practioners and European GeoAg Partners, cheered by Mr Richard Campbell (Founder of GeoAg). At the Conference, the CEO of RADA gave a brief introduction on how he met Mr Richard and how GeoAg was birth. This was closely followed by the presentation of a short GeoAg video by the GeoAg students, explain what they have been doing and their observations with respect to their GeoAg micro-farm in Pidgin English (Their local Language). They explain their experiences and observations regarding the various crops in the micro-farm. Our audience were in impressed with the progress of GeoAg in Cameroon. The floor was later given to the administrators from the University of Bamenda but just one was present in the person of Dr. Ndamsa Dickson. He spoke on behalf of the University. The delegate of agriculture in Bamenda didn't also show up in the conference, thus creating a loophole. The absence of the delegate and other administrators distorted the program and also left our Cheer Mr. Richard Campbell discouraged. Amongst the several Journalists that were invited from Bamenda, just one showed up at the online conference.

However, the Conference was a Success and was attended by over 50 persons across Africa and Europe.

Conclusion

After all the presentations and talks from Cameroon, other African countries presented their works on Geological Agriculture. Cameroon was encouraged to plant different kinds of crops, study their rocks and write a Cameroon GeoAg book as well as sign MoUs with at least 3 Universities. See links and pictures below.

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Fig 1: RADA GeoAg Micro-farm



Fig 2: Watering Process



Fig 3: Visit of Micro-farm by UBa Administrators



Fig 4: Monitoring and Evaluating

RADA, University of Bamenda &
Morgan State University
Host

2-PART PRESS CONFERENCE
GEOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE
RESEARCH
Africa & United States
Friday January 22, 2021
3 pm to 7 pm WAT GMT+1

Part 1: 3p – 5p: Africa
University of Bamenda in Cameroon

1. Partnership with RADA and Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD for GeoAg Research
2. Research Students Test Rocks from Cameroon

GeoAg Africa Country Presentations
Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania, Mali, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya and Guinea-Conakry

Part 2: 5p – 7p: United States
Morgan State University GeoAg Research

1. USDA Grant for MSU GeoAg Conference
2. New GeoAg Patents Created at MSU
3. GeoAg Research Underway at MSU

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Fig 5: Press-Conference Advert and