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Reconciliation and Development Association

A REPORT

Of The PRELOY Activity In North West - Bamenda

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RADA was part of the upcoming pre LCOY Cameroon, Northwest Chapter activities which included a school visitation and a workshop. The first visit was done at GBHS Town Bamenda on Thursday 12 October 2023 at 1pm.

The Delegation was made up of Othniel Bungo of RADA Mitin Sandrine Yaah who is the NW regional coordinator for LCOY, Njuh louis of Consumer Welfare League (CWL) and Eto Anzah for Visionary Network. With the main purpose of creating awareness on climate change and how the students can take impactful actions. A talk was done on sustainable consumption and a practical session was done how to convert biodegradable paper into marketable beads. The visit ended at 2:30 pm with closing remarks and departure.



Still in line with the Pre LCOY activity, a workshop was held on the 14th of October 2023, and took place at the NEXINCH hall -2nd floor, Quifferou building located at Way-In Mobile Nkwen Bamenda. The aim of this workshop was to discuss on how climate change affects the youths of the North West region, what are the opportunities and challenges and how we can together take impactful climate actions.



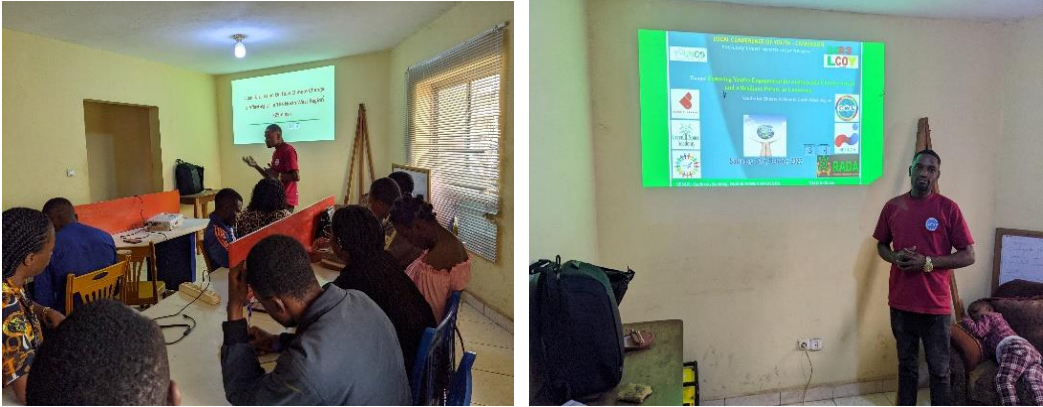
Few team members from RADA acted as guest speakers Othniel Bungo from the Agriculture and Environmental Protection department and Nange Hezelle from the Peacebuilding department coordinated major sessions pertinent to youths and climate change in Bamenda.





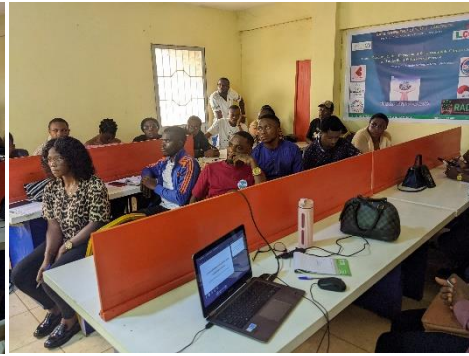
The workshop started at 9:45am with self-introduction during which 18 persons were present, closely followed by a welcome speech from the CEO of NEXINCH. Next was a brief overview on YOUNGO, COP28, LCOY and the position of young persons in climate action. Speaking on the opportunities available to young persons through this platform and how he or she can make their voices heard, the Regional Focal Point Mitin Sandrine, encouraged every participant to register and become a member of YOUNGO.

Mr Njuh Louis coordinate the first session focusing on the theme “**Fostering youth engagement for sustainable climate action and resilient future in Cameroon**”, the first official discussion was on how climate change affect us in the North West region of Cameroon. He spoke on some of the causes of climate change such as deforestation, urbanization, poor waste management just to name a few. He pointed out some real life situations on how we are been affected by climate change in our agricultural production which is the backbone of our economy. Other negative impacts include unpredictable seasonal changes, reoccurrence of landslides in some areas such as sissia quarter.



The next discussion focused on the legal framework governing climate Action in the world, with specific focus on the laws and policies governing climate action in Cameroon which was done by Nange Hezelle. The aim of this session was for participants to understand what is allowed and what is not allowed as far as climate change and action is concerned. Referencing the 1996 environmental laws in Cameroon article, the Paris agreement, principle 1, 6, 10 and 17 of the stockholm conference.





The last discussion was done by Othniel Bungo, the environmental activist, he focused on **How youth climate Activists in the North West region can work together to take actions that has impact**. During this session, participants were group into groups of three where participants were been tasked to brainstorm on ways in which we can take actions, the challenges limited us from taking actions. Recommendations on how we can take actions were;

creating of awareness in schools, TV/ radio talk, social media, cleanup campaign, planting of trees, advocating for environmental friendly policies, encouraging the use of public transport, organizing trainings on waste management, climate articles writing.



On the challenges we faced were;

- No/little policy implementation,
- very little support for government institutions,
- the population ignorance on climate change,
- Insecurity in the region,
- inadequate finance,
- Limited access to climate information.



Some of the recommended solutions included:

- The creation of a support scheme for youths in climate action,
- Collaboration with state holder at all levels and cooperation with local authorities,
- Investing the promotion of youth's climate initiative,
- The implementation of climate policies,
- Young persons should continuously advocate for all the above.



The Regional Focal Point did closing remarks with an agreement made to take action as a group. The workshop ended at 12:25 noon with pictures taking and snacks. The total number of persons who answered present was 27.