



EDEN Newspaper Launched!



EDEN Publisher, Mr. Zachee Nzoh-Ngandembou presenting his Launching Speech

The EDEN MEDIA Group Limbe officially launched its weekly newspaper, EDEN, during a colourful ceremony organised on Saturday 25th February 2006 at the prestigious FINI Hotel. Among the guests present were Senior Citizens, Diplomats, Bankers, Traditional Chiefs, Mayors, Media Practitioners etc. Mr. Eneme Andrew and Mr John Ndeh, respectively from SOWEDA and MIDENO, chaired the ceremony. Mr. Zachee Nzoh-Ngandembou, Publisher of EDEN Newspaper, in his speech, presented the EDEN Newspaper as a

publication aimed at promoting Sustainable Development in Cameroon. He called on Companies and institutions to support the press through adverts so that information can be made available to the public. The Master of Ceremony, Barrister Nico Halle beckoned the public not to corrupt, bribe or mislead the press. He said that the credibility of the EDEN Newspaper accounted for the large number of guests who attended the event.

The guest launchers were invited to launch the Newspaper by donating freely. This was followed by a sumptuous meal.

By George Mbella

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We thank our readers for indicating, through mails, their interest in this publication and our organisation, whose goals, with regards to promoting good governance and fighting corruption, are now understood as requirements for development.

Netherlands Ambassador receives GNGG Delegation

The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Holland to Cameroon, H.E. Norbert Braakhuis granted a one-hour audience to Messrs Mukete Tahle Itoe and George Mbella on Tuesday 7th February 2006 at the Royal Dutch Embassy at Bastos Yaounde.

The Ambassador patiently exchanged with his guests on issues pertaining to GNGG's activities and obstacles to its efforts towards promoting good governance and fight against corruption in Cameroon. He used the opportunity to appraise GNGG's various publications (The Parrot, GNGG News Glance, and The Good Governance Observer.) At the end of the fruitful discussions, the H.E. Norbert Braakhuis promised to assist GNGG to enable it meet its challenging task of sensitising Cameroonians against the dangers of corruption.

By David Nkeng

GNGG ZAMBIA Opens Office

Several citizens of The Republic of Zambia have come together to open the GNGG Office to promote best practices in the management of public affairs.

GNGG Zambia has already received an authorisation from the Zambian Government to start operating. Members of the Executive Board have already been elected to steer the organisation in different action areas. They are: Leonard Kachungu (Elections and Corruption), Banda M. (Board Secretary and Women Coordinator), Joyce Mapulanga (Administration and Finance), Lukwesa Aston (Human Rights), Ellis Simukonda (General Secretary), Max Mandu (Youth and Development), Abraham Sakamba (Trustee), Chulu Kelvin (Good Governance).



Board Members of GNGG Zambia

Like every other country, Zambia is plagued with the ills of poor governance and corruption. Recently ex-President Frederick Chiluba was in court for charges of corruption and embezzlement. Respect for human rights still remains an issue. GNGG Zambia is expected to contribute solutions to problems linked to the socio-political and economic growth of the country.

By Ellis Sumukonda

MAMFE hosts Seminar on Women and Youth Participation in the Democratic Process

The Pan-African Institute For Development-West Africa (PAID-WA) organised a Seminar on *Promoting Women and Youth Participation in the Democratic Process Elections* at the Women Empowerment Centre in Mamfe on Saturday 25th February 2006. Over 30 participants representing women and youth groups around Manyu were lectured on the democratic process in Cameroon in view of enhancing their massive participation. GNGG's Secretary General presented two papers titled: *Organising Elections in Cameroon and Citizen Participation in the Electoral Process*.

Considering the growing voter apathy especially amongst youths and women in Cameroon, it is timely for such seminars to be organised to educate the masses on the need for every citizen to participate in the electoral process.

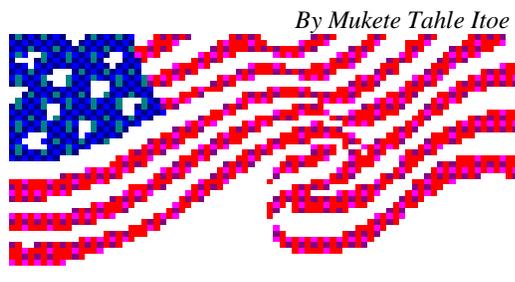
EU Representative in Cameroon as Guest Speaker to US Peace Corps Round Table

The 4th edition of the US Peace Corps Round Table was organised at Espresso Café Bastos, Yaounde. The Guest Speaker was the European Union Representative to Cameroon, Mr. Javier Puyol.

The EU representative presented the European Union to the participants, highlighting the action areas guiding cooperation with the Republic of Cameroon and the CEMAC sib-region as well as sources of funding.

He disclosed that the European Union has been very active in the construction and rehabilitation of the road transport infrastructure; observation of forest management; budget support to Government; strengthening of the Justice institutions like the Audit Bench of the Supreme Court; Improvement of detention and legal conditions in prisons etc.

Mr. Puyol regretted that investors who prefer to go to Asia have forgotten Africa. He admitted that Africa, through effective regional economic integration and less corruption could make bigger markets. The US Peace Corps Round Table, the Moderator explained, is a monthly opportunity for organisations to meet,



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OSIWA funds Human Rights and Governance Project

By Grace Jato

The Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) has recently awarded a accountable grant to a joint project on Human Rights and Governance in the South West province to be executed by FIDA-Cameroon, GNGG, HELP OUT and MUDEC Group.

Besides seminars, round tables and conferences with target groups the four organisations shall jointly publish a monthly Newsletter under the editorial leadership of GNGG.

MUDEC will publish a Civic Education Manual that will be distributed to schools and other target groups around the country.

Through these series of fundings by OSIWA, the Civil Society in the South West Province is being strengthened financially to empower the population with skills, knowledge and equipment that will enable them improve on their lives.



Heads of Organisations at the first meeting with OSIWA

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Canadian Cooperation Funds GNGG's Human Rights Training Programme For Colleges in Limbe

By Raymond Wung



The Canadian Cooperation Support based in Yaounde has disbursed funds for a College to College Human Rights Training Programme to educate students in Limbe on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance.

The Protocol of Agreement (N° PO39/05-06) was signed on Tuesday 21 February 2006 by the Head of the Canadian Cooperation, Jean Pierre Mailhot and GNGG's Secretary General, Mukete Tahle Itoe. Part of the funds have already been made available to GNGG from the Governance and Civil Society Fund at the Canadian Cooperation Support Office.

GNGG will educate 10000 students in 25 colleges within the Limbe municipality on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance. Trainers shall hold sensitisation meetings with students and school authorities and organise contests and exhibitions for the different colleges involved.

The goal of the project is to improve the respect of human rights and adoption of best practices in Cameroon.

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