**#NAYDSDGs PROGRESS REPORT 2017**

Kindly answer the following questions. Kindly give more details when necessary to explain the details. Add additional lines where necessary.

COUNTRY: Cameroon

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1. Give a report on the progress and challenges of the country teams since its formation

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| The Cameroon team for the Network of African Youths for Development – NAYD) has so far* Identified and established a working partnership with over 20 developmental organizations that are interested in working on the SDGs with rural communities in Cameroon. Invitations are still open, with more interested organizations.
* Established an Executive body to coordinate affairs for the Team, with defined functions
* Divided the national territory (with ten Regions) into four working zones to ease work. These zones each have two coordinators. They are however still to be accorded their respective programs of action.
* Created and adopted a ***Plan of Action***.
* Has begun soliciting partnership with governmental institutions to support and to work with the team on the SDG strategies of implementation.

The Team so far faces some challenges such as* Inability to galvanize sufficient finance for the execution of its plan of action
* Luke-warmness demonstrated by some government institutions in providing support or adequate participation.
* Difficulty reaching some remote areas given that there is no finance available for the displacement, roads are inaccessible and internet is not reachable in such areas.
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1. Has the country drafted a country plan? If yes, have you been able to implement any activities? Please give details. Also include pictures.

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| Yes, the country has a Plan of Action.So far, as per the action plan, the team has been able to * Carry out sensitization and inclusion of CSOs and associations working in rural areas; and the second phase of this process is ongoing. This has mainly been through social media, electronic mail correspondences and word of mouth.
* On the 16th of June 2016 (International Day of the African Child – DAC), the team partnered with Actions for Change Cameroon (ACC) and the University of Buea History Students Union to organize an event on the University of Buea Campus, commemorating the DAC, and educating the audience on the SDGs and the mandate of the NAYD and NAYD CMR
* The team did a national online consultation of SDGs and the position of youth, which ran through the month of October.
* So far we have contacted other Organisations, ministries, UN Agencies and other stakeholders and are waiting to hear from them while others have asked for more documents to be furnished
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1. What communication tool are you using to communicate with team members? What communication challenges are you facing? (Especially with team members as well as other youth led organisations). How can it be resolved?

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|  The main communication tools used by the team are Social media (Facebook), e-mails, letters, text messages, phone calls and word of mouth. The main communication challenge faced is* Getting every person (both Team members and youth led organisations) informed and involved in planned activities, whether meetings, deliberations, etc, since some people and institutions do not keep themselves up to date with information that has been disseminated.

 This issue can be resolved by making individuals and institutions feel more involved and concerned in the steps towards realising the SDGs. Enhancing efforts at publicity, creating more awareness and sharing responsibilities to make them feel valuable and be accountable for something. |

1. Has the country involved any stakeholders such as UN Agencies, other CSOs/NGOs, other youth led organisations e.t.c in the implementation of activities or for any other reasons

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| Yes We have contacted other Organisations with whom to work and are in the process of meeting some ministers of ministries and UN agencies for partnership. This we hope to do before the workshop. Also we sent out request to ministries and other organisations including some UN agencies and are to do a follow up. However, the follow up process has been greatly hindered by the 90 days internet blackout which left the team disconnected from the secretariat and programme management team.  |
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5. Any other issue/comments/documents/progress

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| We think that most members are inactive not because they really want to but because they have little or no capacity to participate easily. As a result we anticipate a capacity building training to upgrade skills and understanding about the SDGs, implementation and the monitoring processes.Another problem we have is making information reach some remote areas which have neither internet connection nor access to roads.  |