



Proposition Paper: Prioritizing Ambazonian Diaspora Grassroots Mobilization as a Sustainable Foundation for the Struggle

In pursuit of self-determination, human rights, and cultural preservation.

Abstract

The Proposition Paper: Prioritizing Ambazonian Diaspora Grassroots Mobilization as a Sustainable Foundation for the Struggle provides a detailed argument for the necessity of a unified, grassroots movement within the Ambazonian diaspora. It outlines the need for establishing legal structures to protect migrant rights, building solidarity and resource partnerships, addressing the targeting of activists, preserving Ambazonian culture, creating awareness, and preparing for negotiations and coordinating affairs through a governing council.

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INTRODUCTION

The Ambazonian diaspora community faces numerous challenges in its pursuit of self-determination, human rights, and cultural preservation. Despite these challenges, the diaspora remains a critical component of the Ambazonian struggle. This position paper argues that prioritizing grassroots mobilization of the Ambazonian diaspora is essential for building a sustainable foundation for the struggle.

The Need for a Unified Approach

The Ambazonian diaspora is fragmented, with various groups and individuals working in isolation. This fragmentation undermines the community's ability to effectively advocate for its rights and interests. A unified approach is necessary to harness the collective energy and resources of the diaspora community.

Proposed Movement

To address the challenges facing the Ambazonian diaspora, we propose the establishment of a movement that prioritizes grassroots mobilization. Possible names for the movement include:

- Ambazonian Diaspora Rights Coalition (ADRC)
- Southern Cameroons Solidarity Network (SCSN)
- Ambazonian Global Advocacy Alliance (AGAA)

Mission and Vision Statements

Mission Statement:

"To advocate for the rights and protection of Southern Cameroonian migrants in the diaspora, foster unity and collective action, and preserve the rich cultural heritage of Ambazonia. We aim to establish decentralized community structures that support self-determination and provide a foundation for the Ambazonian struggle."

Vision Statement:

"To create a unified and empowered Ambazonian diaspora that actively participates in the pursuit of self-determination, human rights, and cultural preservation, ensuring a sustainable and just future for all Southern Cameroonians."

Project Overview

The proposed movement will focus on the following key areas:

- 1. Establishing Legal Structures:** The movement will set up legal entities across various diaspora communities to fight for the protection of Southern Cameroonian migrant rights. These structures will work to secure proper immigration status for displaced individuals, enabling them to study, work, and support their families. By referencing reports from organizations like the Norwegian Refugee Council and the UN, the movement will build a humanitarian case for the protection of Southern Cameroonian migrants.
- 2. Building Solidarity and Resource Partnerships:** The movement will seek solidarity and resources from migrant rights organizations and other supportive entities. By forming alliances with these organizations, the Ambazonian communities will be better positioned to advocate for their rights and needs.
- 3. Addressing Systemic Targeting of Activists:** The movement will articulate the need for legal structures that can serve as safety nets for activists and advocates who face targeting and persecution. These structures will provide legal support and advocacy for those who fall victim to such targeting, ensuring their protection and freedom.
- 4. Preserving Ambazonian Culture:** The movement will focus on protecting and preserving the rich cultural heritage of Ambazonia. This includes promoting cultural events, educational programs, and initiatives that celebrate and sustain Ambazonian traditions and values.
- 5. Coordinating Affairs through a Governing Council:** The movement will allow existing groups to establish a governing council for policy and affairs coordination, supported by a body and secretariat of mobilized community coordinators. This council will coordinate affairs in a transparent manner, with monitoring and evaluation benchmarks set for all activities. This structure will ensure accountability and effective governance within the movement. The leadership of the governing council will be elected by members of the council, with only existing groups having the possibility to nominate members for council leadership positions. Every position in the council will have a clear mandate with terms of reference and a term of office, ensuring that leadership becomes rotational among group leaders over time.

Potential Impact

If properly developed and implemented, this movement could become a foundational element for sustaining the Ambazonian struggle. It would provide a unified platform for advocacy, support, and cultural preservation, empowering the diaspora to actively participate in the pursuit of self-determination. By addressing the immediate needs of Southern Cameroonian migrants and building a strong, cohesive community, the movement would lay the groundwork for sustained progress and justice for Ambazonia.

Recommendations

We recommend that the Ambazonian diaspora community prioritize grassroots mobilization and establish a unified movement to advocate for its rights and interests. We also recommend that the movement focus on building solidarity and resource partnerships, addressing systemic targeting of activists, preserving Ambazonian culture, and coordinating affairs through a governing council.

Some comrades from **the Ambazonia Grassroots Mobilization Think Tank (AGMTT)**

Volunteers will remain on standby as a community mobilization support task force, always ready to assist any community volunteers willing to mobilize their community with:

- Conducting a reality SWOT analysis for the particular location to develop a fact-based strategy on mobilization and structure setting.
- Developing organizational templates and sharing them with community mobilizers to ensure all structures respect local laws by following similar roles across the board, ensuring synchronicity in activities and presentation globally.
- Advising communities on best practices and how to sustain their roles to create sustainable structures.
- Sharing global strategies and advising on local implementation.
- Preparing educational material, providing training, and supporting community leaders to empower all coordinators.

By prioritizing grassroots mobilization and establishing a unified movement, the Ambazonian diaspora community can build a sustainable foundation for the struggle and ensure a just and equitable future for all Southern Cameroonians.

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