



## Charter for Coalition Members

Membership of the Coalition for Dialogue and Negotiations (CDN) is by invitation from the Steering Committee or by approval of application by the Steering Committee. Membership is open to Southern Cameroonians only.

The Coalition is founded on three major principles and these guides all its work

### Underlining principles:

CDN is founded under the principles that:

- As a people Southern Cameroonians have the right to self-determination
- As a people Southern Cameroonians have the right to self-defense, and
- The conflict in the Southern Cameroons can only be solved when the root cause(s) have been fully addressed through dialogue and negotiations

### Mission:

To facilitate dialogue, negotiations, and a return of lasting peace in the Southern Cameroons

### Goals:

CDN was created with two (2) main goals:

1. Seek complete resolution of the conflict in the Southern Cameroons through dialogue and negotiations.
2. Restore lasting peace through Justice, Reconciliation and Reconstruction.

### 1) Membership Details:

- a) As a Member of the CDN you will be expected to:
  - i) Provide general expertise, strategic advice and support to assist in achieving the two stated goals.
  - ii) As may be necessary and after mutual agreement, be called upon from time to time to lead specific projects, initiatives or endeavors on behalf of the CDN
  - iii) May be called upon to provide technical expertise, participation and/or leadership in specific committees, Working Groups or Task Forces as need arises
  - iv) To assist the CDN in conducting activities in the most professional manner. Members are expected to pay an annual membership of \$1,000. Additional contributions are welcomed. Members in low income countries have an annual membership of \$250. It is worth noting that CDN membership is not about the ability to pay but on the potential contribution(s) from individual members towards attaining the stated objectives. That notwithstanding, the CDN has made a conscious decision to invite or accept only Southern Cameroonians who can listen to others, are grounded, non-disruptive and value the opinion of others.



## 2) Expected Service

Members serve in a consultative and/or expert capacity with the Coalition, helping to bring about an end to the escalating war and building lasting peace in the Southern Cameroons. Members limit their activities to issues that directly concern CDNs programs and advocacy efforts. We fully expect all members to provide frank advice and recommendations that advance the Coalition's work. However, advice and recommendations provided by members shall not be interpreted as a mandate to the CDN or its constituent organs.

The Coalition, in making the decision to invite or approve potential members looks for:

- Southern Cameroonians with impeccable integrity, diverse skill set and experiences;
- Individuals with a track record and ability to provide frank, objective advice and recommendations that appeals to the vast majority of Southern Cameroonians and not a faction or specific group in the current phase of the struggle for self-determination.
- Individuals who will put their skills, knowledge and resources towards specific projects and activities to help bring about a durable and negotiated end to the war.

All conversations and deliberations within the Coalition, except for public events and activities, are held under strict Chatham house rules.

## 3) Organizational Structure

The Steering Committee is the decision-making body of the Coalition working closely with the Advisory Board of Eminent Leaders. Coalition members provide expertise in various organs, such as, the Secretariat, Working Groups or Task Forces as well as the Steering Committee. The Executive Director, the Secretariat and the Steering Committee are officially responsible for communicating on behalf of the Coalition. Coalition members may be delegated to attend meetings and speak on behalf of CDN.

## 4) Severing Ties

Any member of the Coalition reserves the right to leave the Coalition at any time. The CDN recommends the member duly notifies the Secretariat or Steering Committee in writing. If, on the other hand, a CDN member is found to act in a way that is morally reckless or unbecoming of an upstanding member of the community, the CDN reserves the right to sever ties and duly notify the individual in writing. Pro-rated membership will be refunded upon request.

By signing this charter, you agree to the principles, mission, goals and membership expectations stated in this charter.

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Full Name

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Signature

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Date