

# The University of Dschang and her National and International Cooperation from 1972 to 2016

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**Abstract—** This Article deals with some cooperation between The University of Dschang in Cameroon from and to the outside World. It describes the ways these has help established and enhanced Cooperation and how it has equally shared glaring benefits to each collaborating partner. But, before the above, this piece of work also seeks to explain in brief how the University of Dschang came into existence, that is the reasons for creation, her creation and different stages of growth, hence her evolutionary mutation from 1972 to 2016. The last but not the least, this article will explain the different Conventions and Accords established during Cooperation agreements, couple with the result advantages or importance in embracing some countries. Hence, the above axis marked and surrounds the elaboration of this research work.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In the West Region of Cameroon, in the Menoua Division, the Town of Dschang is found the University of Dschang. The University of Dschang is the center of affairs in Dschang, it has brought people from all over the country and the world that converged in one purpose or the other to study (gain) and to give. Due to these enormous opportunities the University of Dschang has gain grounds within the immediate community and external world.<sup>1</sup> The imaged known today worldwide is as a result of the hard work put in by some administrators from 1972-1916, and the students from then to till date made up this institution. What should be known here is that the President, His Excellency, President Ahmadou Ahidjo inaugurated and promulgated the opening of institution in 1972 as purely an Agricultural School. It should be noted that this University

has open up, developed National and International cooperation that has been beneficial to the community and Dschang.<sup>2</sup> Our question that need an answer is to know what are the different accords and conventions signed by the University of Dschang nationally and internationally and how vital has these been to the community. To better answer this question we shall dual on the following axis; The Creation Processes for the University of Dschang, The National and International Cooperation, From 1972-2016, Other National and International Cooperation of the University of Dschang, Importance of National and International Cooperation of the University of Dschang. These points will be elaborated below.

### I-The Creation Processes for the University of Dschang

#### A-Reasons and creation Processes of the University of Dschang

Agriculture was the backbone of the Cameroonian economy at the time in the 1970s. H.E. President Ahmadou Ahidjo deems it necessary to open a

<sup>1</sup> Martin Thierry Foutem, « L'aide Internationale Au Développement Dans La Menoua : De La Coopération Interétatique A La Coopération Décentralisée (1960-2007). » Theses Master en Histoire, Université de Dschang, 2016. pp, 63-86.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

University centers at Dschang that will be able to develop the skills and techniques of some Cameroonians. Also, the Centre will train technicians that could help to educate farmers in the country. Furthermore, experts were to come from Yaoundé and abroad for this training as such Dschang was the place ripe for this because of her good climatic condition, conducive to stay. Additionally, Dschang has good fertile soil that some food and cash – crops were doing well.<sup>3</sup> The most important was the fact that, the people of the west, that is the Bamilekes are hardworking, intelligent and Focus, they could best organized the Agricultural sector in the west and Cameroon as a whole. It was with these that the Head of State decided to create an Agricultural school in Dschang that in Later period 1993 became an all-round University and presently in 2015-2016 academic year, the best in Cameroon, CEMAC zone with good position in Africa and the World.

The background of many third world countries depends on their economy such as agriculture. This sector needs organizational orientation as well and at least annually to better modify to yield greater advantages to support and feed her growing population and for exploitation. About 70 (%) percent of Cameroonians by 1972 drew or obtain their revenue from Agriculture as explain (Jean Ongla, p.262).<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, due to some facilities such as the old German structures in Dschang as infrastructures erected between 1910-1913, by 1972 became important for this purpose. In May 20<sup>th</sup> 1972, the existing National Higher School of Agronomy was closed. In 1975, a High School of Engineer specialized in Agriculture came into existence. This was specifically in the field of animal production, vegetable production, economic resource and social studies. By 1977 further amendment were put in place.<sup>5</sup> According to decree No77/108 of April 20, 1977, the head of State proceeded in the actual creation of the university center of Dschang attached or an extension of Nkolbisson in Yaounde. The retrospective view that the creation of the high school of agronomy study, or learning in Cameroon was highly

presented and adopted by some authority leaders or personalities at that time to develop the human resources to better have a strong distribution in the entire Cameroonian economy. In addition, this intension or goal could not come from elsewhere but only within and amongst Cameroonians. Only the Cameroon people at this time knew their near or close potentials and where actually they can excel best. It was with this note that came the creation of Cameroon national School of Agriculture known as (ENCA). Hence a training of two years was proposed at it starts after having obtained a high school diploma or Baccalaureate.<sup>6</sup>

Furthermore, history has truly reveal that the Agricultural Schools (ENCA) had form the International Cooperation to correctly develop the learning of (higher) agronomy on the administrative and pedagogic level, hence diverse changes might take place at the political mutations thus Cameroon became an examine theater of program management and formation geared principally installing the system to face the current evolutionary course to join the world.<sup>7</sup>

Before 1972 (ENCA) became a federal University in Cameroon which diploma were issued at the end of studies at the general studies of Agronomy known as the Scientific diploma for General Agronomical Study (DESGA), a two years' study and a continuity for further two years in the third and fourth years was foster at Nkolbisson, opened at the center that issue a diploma for Agronomy Engineers. From 1972 to 1977 when Cameroon became a United States,<sup>8</sup> on the month of May 1972, after the event of Cameroon becoming a Unitary State, (ENCA) became (EFCA) that is from Higher National School of Agronomy in Cameroon to Higher Federal School of Agronomy from (EFSA) to (ENSA) that is from Higher Federal School of Agronomy to National Higher School of Agronomy.<sup>9</sup>

By 1975 the time period of training was extended to five years which two great fields of studies was created which mark the beginning of specialization. In effect, the diploma of Agricultural Engineer was delivered in the water, forest and hunting (chasses) in the forestry department of Agronomy Engineer in the department of agronomic in the three options: Animals production,

<sup>3</sup>The Green Revolution was also one aspect for the creation of the agricultural school to help boost development plan.

<sup>4</sup>Jean Ongla, "L'institution de l'enseignement supérieur agronomique au Cameroun de 1960 à nos jours" in cinquanteans De l'indépendance et de la Réunification du Cameroun, Bilan, Enjeux et perspectives, Actes du colloque de Dschang 10 du 12 Mai 2010, presses universitaires De Dschang (PUS), 2013, p.262.

<sup>5</sup> . Tchinda Jean Marie, "Grandeur, Décadence et Renaissance D'une ville Camerounaise : Dschang 1903-2007, University of Dschang, 2009, p.113

<sup>6</sup> . Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Jean Ongla, "L'institution de l'enseignement supérieur agronomique au Cameroun de 1960 à nos jours" in cinquanteans De l'indépendance et de la Réunification du Cameroun...p.263.

<sup>8</sup> . Ibid.p.264.

<sup>9</sup> . Ibid.

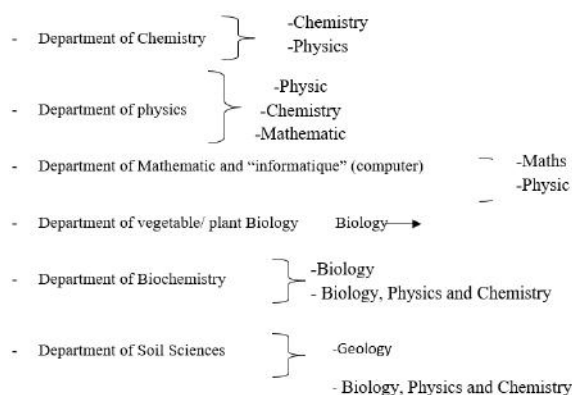
vegetable production and economic and rural sociology.<sup>10</sup> Finally, the University of Dschang was created under the decree N° 77/108 of 20<sup>th</sup> May 1977, by the Head of State. He proceeds in the pronouncement of the creation of the University Center that gave chance or gap for that of Dschang from that of Nkolbisson (ENSA) at Yaounde that became an attachment to the University Center of Dschang. In September 1978 an Agricultural Technique Institute (ITA) was created in Dschang in the ex-structure of National Agriculture College (CAN) that trained technicians under the ministry of Agriculture, attached to Dschang University center (CUDs) as second school, ITA had the following gold:

- Trained Engineers on Agricultural works in three options; Animal productions, vegetable "Plant" productions and Administrative and cooperation.
- Recover and continue the Training of Agricultural Technicians (BEPC 3 years) to support and assured the old CAN.

The transfer of ENSA from Nkolbisson in Yaounde with Russian cooperation got the structures found in Campus A.<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, in 1988 was the creation of the National Institute of Rural Development (NADER) that took a very long process that started with the implication of American Cooperation and concentrating the fusion of programmes between ENSA and ITA singularly: a program base on Training Agriculture Technicians Engineers in four years after Baccalaureate in the following options as follows; Forestry, Animal production, vegetable production, economic and rural sociology and rural genius. It should be noted that (INADER) "Institute Nationale Agricol de Développement Rural" replaced the Agriculture Technicians Cycle in Dschang.<sup>12</sup>

## B- The Creation of Additional Faculties in the University of Dschang before 2013.

### 1-Faculty of Science (07)



<sup>10</sup> . Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> . Ibid.p.265.

<sup>12</sup> . Ibid. P, 265-266.

### 2- Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences

- Department of geography
- Department of African studies
- Department of history
- Department of Applied Foreign Languages
- Department of Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy.

#### \*Professionalization within the faculty

- Professional bachelor in cartography (teledetection and geography information systems)
- Professional Bachelor in Interpretation guides of Tourism.
- Professional Bachelor in Documentation, Archivistique and Library.

#### \*Master professional: Professional Research

- International Migration, Mondialization and Local Development.
- Territorial and Environmental Development (TDE)

### 3- Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

- Department of public law and political science
- Department of private law and criminal sciences (procedure)
- Department of common law.

#### • Higher Levels under the Law Faculty

Master ⇒ Community law compares CEMAC

Ph. D ⇒ Community law and compared to CEMAC

#### Professional Master II

- Human right, international penal law and international humanity law and partnership with the University of EVRYVAL in Essonne France.
- Law and Financial Technique and (domaniaux) (Droits et Techniques Foncières et Domaniaux)

Master ⇒ International trade and investment law in Africa.

⇒ Droit des Affaires et de l'Entreprise (Law affaires and Enterprise)

⇒ Droit et Carrières judiciaires (Law and Judicial carriers)

⇒ Public Law (Droit Public)

Master ⇒ Political science

### 4- Faculty of Economic and administrative Sciences (The following Fields are studied in this Faculty)

Licence I ⇒ Biology, Chemistry, Accountancy, Commerce, Economic, Mathematic, Physics.

Master ⇒ Master cycle ⇒ Master Research

- Administrative sciences
- Economic sciences

#### Professional Master (MP)

- Finance Accountancy (MPI)
- Marketing (MP I)
- Fiscality Accountancy (MP II)
- Administrative Affairs (MP I et MP II)
- Scholarship insurance Banks (MP II) (Banque-Assurance-Bourse)

#### The Cycle, Doctorat/PhD Administrative science

- Finance
- Control Accountancy and Human Ressources
- Marketing

#### 5- Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences Department (FASA)

- Animal production
- Agriculture
- Vegetable production
- Soil Sciences
- Rural Engineers (Genie Rurale)
- Vulgarization Agriculture and Rural Society
- Forestry

**Source**-Anaclet Fomethé Kouosseu Jules et *el*, *Guide Pratique A L'usage de L'étudiant de L'université de Dschang*, Septembre, 2012.

#### 1. Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences (FASA)

From an Agricultural Institution to an all round academic University was due to University reform of 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1993 under Decree No 93/026 hence the ministry of Higher Education (MINESUP, 2003) this led to the disappearance of the INADER and The University Center which within is born a constitution of one Faculty.<sup>13</sup> At the same time other six Universities Faculties created are as follows; Faculty of Law and Political Science (FSJP), Faculty of Letters and Social Sciences (FLSH), Faculty of Sciences (FS), The University of Technologies Fotso Victor at Bandjoun (IUT-FV) and the Institute of Fine Art at Fommban (IBAF).<sup>14</sup>

It should be noted that, the faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences (FASA) function at this time with the six other faculties. It had seven departments: Agriculture, Animal production, vegetable production, Agricultural Vulgarization and Rural Sociology. Rural Engineer, soil sciences and Forestry. Hence, the diploma is obtained after five years of studies. FASA had grown in Master and Doctorate/Ph D as progress in the faculty. FASA had got some Regional Branches in Cameroon such as Bambui in the North West, Maroua in the Extreme North a Scientific center of environmental and

Development Studies in Cameroon (CEDC), Belabo in the East, Ebolowa in the South that has water, wood and environment in FASA, Yaoundé (Centre) at Nkobilsson that shelter the Regional Center of specialized Agricultural Teaching. (CRESA) on forest wood.<sup>15</sup>

#### ii. The different Administrators of the University of Dschang since 1972.

##### ❖ Names of Rectors (Vice Chancellors) Directors

- Dr. BOL Alima	
- M. René OWONA	Directors
- Pr. Jean MFOULOU	
- Samuel M. ENO BELINGA	Jan – Oct 1993
- Samuel NDONGANG	Oct 1993 - 1996
- Maurice TCHUENTE	Feb 1996 Oct 1998
- Beban Sammy CHUMBOU	Oct 1998 – Mai 2000
- Rémy Sylvestre BOUELET	Mai 2000 – Sept 2003
- Jean-Louis DONGMO	Sept 2003- Sept 2005
- Anaclet FOMETHE	Sept 2005 – Sept 2015
- Roger TSAFACK NANFOSSO	Sept 2015

#### a. The Directors

According to the interview granted in DUC Magazine, to Mr. Simo Samuel who took over service after his recruitment at Nkolbisson the old ENSA on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1975, due to the creation of the University Centre in 1977 ENSA was transfer to Dschang and it was only in 1978 that the first Director General Dr. Bol Alima was installed at Dschang which the interviewer was recruited in 1979. It was recruited by Dr. Joseph Djoukam who was the Head of Department of Zootechnic. After the creation of the University Center (CU) he was promoted as Assistant Director to ENSA. After some few months he was nominated Director of (ITA)<sup>16</sup> base at Dschang; On his arrival at Dschang in 1979, he was by Dr. Djoukam to the direction of ITA. In 1981, Dr. Djoukam was promoted to General Director as assistant to the University Centre. Together with him he became the General Director. They

<sup>13</sup> Faculté d'Agronomie et des Sciences Agricoles (FASA).

<sup>14</sup> Ibid. 266

<sup>15</sup> It now offers Professional Masters Training in the Department, such as participative administration on forestry Resources, industrial Valorization of wood, and the impact on environmental studies.

<sup>16</sup> L'Institut des techniques agricoles



work together uphill; 1993 a date that the University of Dschang was created.<sup>17</sup>

In 1993, Mr. Simo Samuel became close to the Vice Rector, Pr. Njifoutie Njikam for some few months only. Pr. Samuel Ndongang took him in his cabinet in 1994 where he stayed uphill this moment of interview in 2014. Mr. Simo Samuel worked with all the Director General Dr. Bol Alima, Mr. René Owona and Pr. Jean Mfoulou. He serves all the Rectors who were made Rectors of the University of Dschang, such as Prof. Eno Belinga to Anaclet Fomethé.<sup>18</sup> Let us examine the different Rectors that controlled or administer The University of Dschang from 1993-2016.

#### **b. The Vice Chancellors (Rectors), Heads of Administrative Council**

The first Vice Chancellor (Rector) of the University of Dschang was Professor Samuel M. Eno Bellinga nominated in 1993. He was short live from January to October 1993. He is a qualitative historic Rector with much responsibility. He brought out the logo, colour-symbols of the grassfields culture. It is also in his era that the slogan "*scholar thesaurus Dschang en sis Ibi cordum*" that entered into the University as an artist and *Latinophile*. He paid the debt of "Salaria" after long difficulties. He was very peaceful. He fixed things for the future Rectors that gave him, credibility.<sup>19</sup>

The second Vice Chancellor (Rector) of the University of Dschang was Prof. Samuel Ndongang from October 1993 to February 1996; he launches the programmes and carried out recruitment. Teaching or lectures started effectively during his academic responsibility. In the four faculties. Letters and Social Sciences, Economic and administration, law and Political Sciences and Sciences. Closely opened as the old (under) that became FASA, he also opens the Fotso Victor Institute. He brought in part time lecturers after the administrative seatings in September 1993. He recruited the permanent lecturers of the university during the first seatings. In the second of March 1994, he took 12 Assistant lecturers which were, Ntonifor Helen Manka, Djomo Esaïe, Noula Arnand Gilbert, Simonet Marie-Antoinette, Nguihe Kante Pascal, Bilong Salomon, Nkot Pierre Fabien, Sietchoua Djuitchoko Celestin, Timtchueng Moïse, Nsangou Isofa, Kamgaing Théophile and Nkeng-Efouet Alango Pépin. They were already in service in the

Old University Centre. He gave or issue the first diploma before his mandate finished in February 1996.<sup>20</sup>

The Third Vice Chancellor (Rector) was Professor Maurice Tchente, 1996 in February. He was nominated in the crucial period of economic crises of the 1980s and 1990s. He came up when the problem of subvention blockage was on going which he was requested to pay six-month salary to workers. He instituted certain institutions and association such as cultural clubs of "work study programme". He instituted 100.000 frs as support of courses to be given to students by lecturers. He was lover of sport and hosted the first University Games in Dschang in 1998. What should be noted here is that, he greatly encouraged sports. He was very eloquent and dynamic. His era ended in 1998 when he was appointed in the University of Douala.<sup>21</sup>

The Fourth University Vice Chancellor (Rector) in Dschang was Beban Sammy Chumbow. He took over office in October 1998 when the economic crises was still going on, due to social tension he became very humble and search only to seek lasting solution to the enormous problems of lecturers and "personnel's d'appui". He was popularly known as "Pa Sammy". He enforced a University, more Bilingual with Francophone's and Anglophones. He left The University of Dschang to Ngaoundere in May 2000. He constructed the two Amphitheatres, 350 seats and 351 seats behind the University Restaurant in campus "A". He comes back to the University as President of the Administrative Council due to decree N° 2014/047 of 03 February 2014. So far he has control more than two session of The University Administrative Council.

The Fifth Vice Chancellor, (Rector) was Rémy Sylvestre Bouelet May 2000- September 2003. He left no document unsolved in the fastest pace. He works as from "O" clock to 12 "O" Clock and dose other public works; he was a musician and part-take in the activities of the University Choirs. In the Centre, he valorised the traditional culture of the grassfields such as the grass house at the entrance of the Rectorate and the Campus "A" of The University of Dschang.

Jean Louis Dongmo, a Professor from the University of Ngaoundéré nominated as Vice Chancellor (Rector) in Dschang from September 2003 to September 2005. He was very prompt as concern timing, and he constructed the new sport complex at campus "B" and the Olympique Football pitch. He renovated the sport complex at campus "A" and constructed 02 stands at the football

<sup>17</sup> Simo Samuel, « toute une vie au cabinet » in Uds magazine. P. 24 ;

<sup>18</sup> Ibid.

<sup>19</sup> Moïse Timtchuang « L'uds porte » in duc magazine, Numéro spécial ... P.22

<sup>20</sup> Ibid.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

pitch in campus B. He also constructed two Amphitheatre 350 seats campus "B" and two structures (classes) 650 seats and 150 seats. As a sport lover he hosted the University Games in 2005. He was a Geographer and has written some books on the history of the Grassfields, he also lectures while as Rector in Dschang. He Govern when the was crises in all the Universities in Cameroon. While in Dschang he was able, maintain calmness and bring an atmosphere of peace with the student and calm down the strike on campus. He was a man with much success as far as internal development was concern.

The Father of all Generation and a Vice Chancellor (Rector) of the new era Governance Fomethe Anaclet, Vice Chancellor, very effective and charismatic left no stone unturned. He had the longest mandate September 2005-September 2015. Sign many accords with some International Universities. He established Cooperation with some Private and Professional Institution (IPES). He instituted masters' programmes and School of PhD in Biomedical, forestry water and environmental Sciences in Dschang and Ebolowa. Also, in the Institute of Fine Art, with the Slogan "Jeux de la catapult vers L'Emergence and the effectiveness and decentralisation of the Administrations. He was best at development. Under his era, he renovated the Campus "A" buildings and reforming it to be or have first and second floor. He painted the University Campus several times giving it a nice look. He constructed the Olympique stand and give additional ground stand at the football pitch in Campus "A". Furthermore, he constructed a fence or Barrier at the entrances of the University. It brought in effect "Navet" for the Transportation of students within Campus. Also, he was able, Tar some roads linking into, within and out of the campus. A quality "C" parking was also constructed that now needed renovations. Amphitheatre 1000 was constructed. He has left much projects still going on like some classes behind the stadium in campus "A", two structures close to "Centre Climatique" reserve for sciences and a new structure toward the Salle Espanol. He gave to The University the new LMD which is still going on presently, he finally drops out of office in 2015, but still play an active part in politics as Senator in education. He constructed the new building beside the department of Forestry in Campus "A" a computer Centre for medicine.<sup>22</sup>

His successor Roger Tsafack Nanfosso, from September 2015 left no document untreated. He allows no Theses in office as he asked for quick defence. He opens a website that he communicated with the lecturers and students' problems which he fastly solves. He attended and participated in the conference of Investors in advent of

2016 in Yaounde headed by the Head of State H. E. Paul Biya, his reign still continues.

Francis Nkwain, head of the Administrative Council UDS, nominated not by the Rector on the 10 September 2005/345 under decision, decree N°2005/345 of 10 September 2005 instituting a new Governance of The University. This actually marked the end of the occupation of two post, or functions. He occupied this post for 08 years with it ordinary sessions of the Council<sup>23</sup>. With his experiences acquired as man of the government, he put in order much and gave the successes archived by Anaclet Fomethe. He use usually hours in each session which details is obtained. He played a great role and allows his phone for calls from Dschang at any time in need. He became a Senator of The Republic of Cameroon under the (CPDM) Cameroon People Democratic Party, under the President of The Republic. He was incompatible under decree of 03 February 2014 but he did not have the occasion to precise the 29 Session of the administrative counsel but at the site of Find Art at Fouban (IBAF) which he address the University Community. Before this, Francis Nkwain occupied several state posts as see follows.<sup>24</sup> Francis Nkwain, a career diplomat since 1964, he served at the Cameroon permanent Mission to the United State in New work, the Cameroon embassy in Lagos, London, Moscow, and Washington. In Yaounde, a Deputy Director of Protocol in The Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was a member of parliament of the funding Sub Divisions, Menchum Division, Minister Delegate at the Presidency of the Republic In charge of Relations. Before his dead, he was a Substance Member and Conflict Resolution Officer of the Central committee of The Ruling CPDM; as well as before passing away from this world in the evening of Monday 19 of October 2014. He is also one of the great figures in The University of Dschang from council administrator to a Senator. May his soul rest in perfect peace.<sup>25</sup>

Photo 1: Current Vice Chancellor Roger Tsafack Nanfosso

<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

<sup>24</sup> At Bambui, government teacher training college kumba, the institute of education of the university college of Ghana, and the university of Ghana, department of sociology, specializing in social welfare and administration. Among the many Christian, political and traditional titles to his credit, hon. Francis, W Nkwain was a Boclong Akuu, the highest title of Cameroon order of valour. Hon Bochong Francis Nkwain was married, a father of seven, and lives with hin carring mother in their natives Njinikom, cited Uds magazine numero special ... P. 24.

<sup>25</sup> Francis, W Nkwain, *Cameroon, high ground for national unity and peace*. Maryland printer, B'de, 2008, p. x

<sup>22</sup> Ibid: p. 23.



Photo 2: Former Vice Chancellor Anaclet Fome the



Photo 3: Former Head of the Administrative Council, Francis Nkwain(Late)



Photo 4: Vice Chancellor Samuel Ndomgang

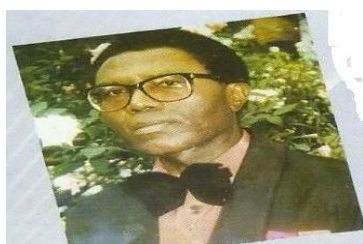


Photo 5: Vice Chancellor Remy Sylvestre Bouelet



Photo 6: Vice Chancellor Maurice Tchuenta

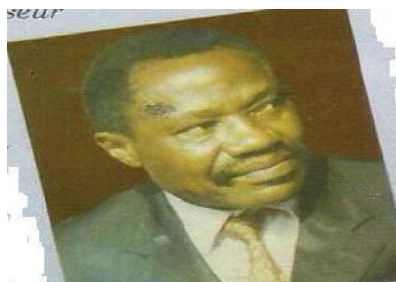


Photo 7: Vice Chancellor Jean-Louis Dongmo (late)



Photo 8: Vice Chancellor Beban Sammy Chumbow (Present Head of the Administrative Council UDs)



Source: D U C Magazine, Numero Special, University of Dschang, 2015.pp,22,23 and 24.(All the Vice Chancellors and Head of The Administrative Council)

Photo 9: Vice Chancellor Samuel M. Eno Belinga



Photo 10: The Cooperation University of Dschang and University of Cologn Germany





(From Left to Right: Madame Sonkin Rachel Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor, ....., The Secretary General, Madame Prof. Marthe Isabelle Edande Abolo, M Philomain Nguemo, Prof. Konrad Broctmeire, (At Center, Vice Chancellor) Prof. Roger Tsafack Nanfosso, (Behind the Rector) Technical Adviser to the Rector: Prof. Carl Ebobisse Mr Jonas Hans Joachim Wieseneckere, (Professional Technological Informational Communicational Learning VR-EPTIC), Prof. Mpoame Mbida (From Left to Right), (Dean Of FLSH) Prof. Maurice Tseleack,

*Photo 11: Some Personalities of the University of Dschang, National and International Partners.*



**Source:** D U C Magazine, Numero Special, University of Dschang, 2015.pp, 7 and 15.

## II. THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, FROM 1972-2016

The University of Dschang had Develop and had multi-lateral relations of cooperation with the outside world. Her relations are more than the other Universities of the country. History reveals that the notion started after The Independence of Cameroon which it was localized in Yaounde and finally in progress became realistic in West Region at Dschang precisely. Therefore, her relation with the world can be divided into two phases. From 1972-1993<sup>26</sup> and 1994-2016.<sup>27</sup>

### A. From 1972-1993

The organization of food and Agriculture with complicity with France gave teachers and some important personnel. Under the supervision of Russian aids the technical Assistance (CAN) constructed and equipped the

Campus A. They also gave assistant technicians. France also played a glaring role in the construction of some structures for equipment and recruitment of some important personals. The Belgians came in with aid in the soil sciences and in the Radio agronomy. They were able to construct laboratory and send in some teachers. Holland cannot be left out in this development. The Dutch became interested in Rural Education and to this regard contributed or donated in equipment. The teachers and the training of homologues or (equipments). The Americans on their part supported in Rural Economy by the construction of lecturers' lodge in the Nkobilsson Campus, supply office equipments and logging, send some lecturers and offers scholarship to the training of trainers. From the period 1985-1993, another project was launch under the (US Aid). The United States University of Florida contributed in the construction processes of the Dschang Institution in what is called "Land Grant" with equipment recruitment of lecturers and the training of trainers in 1984.<sup>28</sup> The campus B that will involve the amphitheater 600, the story building (Block) of the faculty of sciences, economy and management and the central library. The campus "C" that is made up of two stories (buildings) known as the student hostels were also constructed by the Americans and Americans Aids or support. The road mapping was also done by the Americans to reach the summit of campus "B" and "C".<sup>29</sup> **See photos.**

As time went on the Belgians took another action by protecting the production of vegetable and animal, through equipments, teachers and training of trainers. France has also shown greater interest on Agriculture and Rural Economy. The Francophony University (AUF) contributed through CRESA forestry-wood in the rehabilitation of the mother branch at Nkobilsson, Yaounde. Furthermore, the Canadians are not left behind in the University of Dschang cooperating with other countries worldwide. They have developed distance learning in FASA.<sup>30</sup> However, since 1993 France had launched several projects like in 2000, UNICAM on Agro-forestry and continues training. Also, in the domain of (AUF) French African Union and CRESA on forest-wood. Holland help in the creation of a school of environmental

<sup>28</sup> The design or Aerial plan view of the University of Dschang was formulated or drawn by the Americans found in the Rectorat in a Glass-Table-Tablet.

<sup>29</sup> It should be noted that the Americans did not complete their projects. The ongoing projects of constructions of the university are coming from states Grants, University games Grant and other related supports from NGOs and abroad. (The Chairs along the lane around Mat du Drapou was done by Students of Common Wealth Associations)

<sup>30</sup> Ibid, p.270

<sup>26</sup> Ibid. pp., 268-270.

<sup>27</sup> Ibid. Office of the Vice Chancellor in charge of Research Cooperation and Relations with Business World.



learning and of Developing Cameroon in Maroua, she gave, after construction, equipment, scholarships for training. Italy on her own part, trained some Italian teachers under training scholarship and the cooperation putting in place the department of biomedical sciences in the University of Dschang with intention of developing the research on medicinal plants with the collaboration of Italian University.

Additionally, the Korean Government had been providing to the University of Dschang under the (NIIED GKS-KGSP) Korean Government scholarship program which she usually gave to about 19 countries all over the world. This master's scholarship opportunity is granted in the following domains or area of studies; Master of Public Policy (MPP), Master of Development (MDP) and Master of Public Management (MPM). Some students has benefited from this scholarship program.<sup>31</sup> It has gone operational now for more than 20 years.<sup>32</sup> The Germans and Spanish are not left out.

### **B. From 1993-2008**

Within this period little is known but some conventions had been noted that shows the University of Dschang link within and to the outside world.

#### **1-Conventions and Partnership Accords or Co operations.**

Partnership contract with EDUCANET for tele education, Partnership contract with FIFA (cf micro-finance) for diverse transactions with an economic goal. Partnership contract between the University of Dschang AGRITECH France (Technological feeding innovation cf. feeding). Partnership contracts with UCCAO for the internship of the FASA/IUT students alternately. Partnership contract with PRESBOOK for book supply at affordable cost and donation of books. Partnership contract with a French ONG school for the supply of text books at affordable cost, donations of books and computers. Partnership contract with IRA. Partnership contract between UDS and GEMP (French Engineering group for Telecommunicating. Master Agreement of cooperation with finance (aid for the continues training of doctors for Telemedicine). Cooperation agreement between UDs and the Foreigners University of Prouse (Italy). Cooperation agreement between the University of Dschang and AICA (Interactional agency of atomically energy). Convention of partnership between the University of Dschang and AUF (cf. CRESA-FOREST-Wood). Master convention between the University of Dschang and the University of Udine (Italy). Partnership agreement between the

University of Dschang Masuku of Gabon (FASA). Cooperation agreement between the University of Dschang and University Omar Bongo in Libreville, Gabon. Partnership contract between the university of Dschang and ACMR (cultural association of the recreation Mission of Dschang) fight against HIV/Aids and AGR. Convention of partnership between the University of Dschang and the University of Sienne (Italy). Convention of partnership with MINFOF/Ministry in charge of forestry and wild life and the Ministry of Higher education (MINESUP). Specific convention concerning the trainings in preparation to the professional master degree diploma between the university of Dschang and the Higher school of management (ESG) and the Higher institute of advance Technologies (ISTA) Douala. Specific convention concerning the trainings in preparation for the professional Master degree diploma between the University of Dschang and the higher institute of management (ISMA) Douala. Convention of provision allowance services between the university of Dschang and the consortium "HIGH TECH TECH TELE SOF relative to the project" "R-GOVERNMENT"

### **C. From 2008-2014.**

#### **1-Some Agreements and conventions of cooperation signed by the University of Dschang Institutions and national structures in the years 2009 to 2014.**

##### **a-The Year 2009**

Contract of allowance between the Dschang council (Cameroon) represented by its major Dr. Bernard Momo and the GIE –University of Dschang, represented by the president of the committee direction Prof Fomethé Anaclet. Master Agreement of partnership between the University of Dschang Bp 96 of the Higher Institute of Science and Technologies NANFAH (ISSTN) of Dschang. Agreement of enter University Cooperation between the University of Dschang and the University Omar Bongo (Gabon) cooperation in the field of research, publication and teaching (education). Specific convention concerning the training in preparation for the professional degree (professional Bachelor degree) between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Advance Technologies (ISTA) Douala. Specific convention concerning the training in preparation for the higher technician diploma (BTS) between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Advanced Technologies and Management (ISTAMA) of Douala. Specific convention concerning the trainings in preparation for the professional degree between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Tourism, Arts and Jobs (ISTAMA) of Douala. Specific convention relating to the trainings in preparation

<sup>31</sup> Ibid

<sup>32</sup> Students are eligible and came from any of the faculty of the University of Dschang.

for the professional degree between the University of Dschang and Siantou Higher Institute of Yaounde. Specific convention concerning the trainings in preparation for the professional degree between the University of Dschang and Higher school of management. Specific convention relating to the trainings in preparation for the professional degree between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Advanced Technologies (ISTA) Douala. Specific convention relating to the trainings in preparation for the professional degree between the University of Dschang and the Higher Reunis Institute (ISPR) of Douala.

#### **b. The year 2010**

Agreement in the framework of partnership between the University of Dschang and the Higher Professional Institute (ISP) Yaounde. Specific convention relating to the trainings in preparation for the Higher Technical Diploma (BTS) and for the Higher National Diploma (HND) between the University of Dschang and the Higher Professional University (ISP). Master agreement of partnership between the university of Dschang and National politech Bambui. Specific convention concerning the trainings in preparation for the Higher Technician Diploma and the Higher National Diploma between the university of Dschang and National Polytechnic Bambui. Convention of partnership between the university of Dschang Bp.36 represented by his Rector Professor Anaclet Fomethé and Maroon trainings represented by his director Mr. Feugeng Michel Aaron. Cooperation agreement between the university of Dschang (UDS) Bp.36 and Chantal Biya International Centre of reference (CIRCB). Cooperation agreement between the university of Dschang represented by his Rector Anaclet Fomethé and the university of Evry Val of ESONNE (FRANCE) named << UEVE >>. Convention service No 001/2010 between the providing university of Dschang and the beneficiary the MINTOF. Object of convention; study on the inventory and the Management plan of the ( PSITTACUS ERITHACUS) in Cameroon.

#### **c. The year 2011**

General agreement of cooperation between Jackson State University. Master partnership agreement between the university of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Health Sciences and Technology. Specific convention concerning the trainings in preparation for professional master degree between the university of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Technologies of industrial designs (ISTDI). Specific convention between the trainings in preparation for the professional degree between the University of Dschang and the Higher school of sciences and techniques (ESSET) Douala. Specific convention relating to the trainings in preparation to the professional

master diploma between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Affairs and Management (INSAM) Douala. Specific convention relating to the trainings in preparation for the professional degree between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Advanced technology and management (ISTAMA) Douala. Specific convention concerning the trainings in preparation to the professional Master between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of affairs and Management (ISAM) Douala.

#### **d-In the year 2012**

Specific convention concerning the trainings in preparation for the professional degree diploma (LP) between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Technology and commercial studies (ISTEC) Bangante. Visa of the master agreement and specific convention between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Technology and Management of Edea. Master partnership agreement between the University of Dschang and the Higher School of Engineers of Central Africa of Douala. Specific convention concerning the training in preparation for the BTS diploma and LP between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Economics and Accounting Technics (ISTEC) Douala. Convention of partnership between WIJMA Cameroon SA and the university of Dschang Cameroon. Master agreement between the university of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Economics and Accounting Technics of Douala.

#### **e-In the year 2013**

Master agreement between the University of Dschang and the university of Evangelical Institute of Cameroon. Master agreement of Partnership between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Technology and Commercial Studies (ISTEC) of Bangante. Specific convention concerning the trainings in preparation for the professional degree diploma (Professional Bachelor's Degree) between the University of Dschang and the University of Evangelical Institute of Cameroon. Agreement between the University of Dschang and the District Hospital of Dschang.

#### **f-In the year 2014**

Convention of grants between the Ministry of Forestry and wild life and the university of Dschang (empowerment and monitoring of Cameroon Forests). Contract of school fees payment through MTN Mobile Money of Dschang. Contract of provision between Express Exchange and the University of Dschang. Convention of partnership between the Cameroon Students mutual solidarity (the mutual of Cameroon student's solidarity) and the University of Dschang.

## **2-Different agreement and convention of cooperation signed by the University of Dschang and the Institution in Africa and Extra- Africans between 2009**

Cooperation Agreement between BICOCCA University of Milan and University of Dschang. Agreement between the University of FERRARA (Italy) and the University of Dschang (Cameroon). Inter university cooperation agreement between the university of Dschang Cameroon and the UMAR Bongo Gabon. Partnership agreement between important institutional programmes and the development of Human resources (PAI-DRH) of the University of sciences and Techniques of Masuku National Higher Institute of Agronomy and the Biotechnology in Gabon and the University of Dschang with the Faculty of Agronomy and of agricultural sciences. Framework agreement of cultural and scientific cooperation between University of Rome "SAPIENZA" Italy and the University of Dschang Cameroon.<sup>33</sup> Memorandum of understanding between the University of Dschang, Cameroon and the University of Bayreuth, Germany. Memorandum of understanding between the university of Dschang Cameroon, the Chancellor, Masters and scholars of the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom and the Zoological society of London, United Kingdom in view of Research and conservation of Bats in Cameroon. Collaboration convention between the university of Dschang, Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural sciences, Cameroon and the University of Science and Techniques MASUKU (National Higher Institution of Agronomy and of Biotechnology Franceville, Gabon). CRESA convention "wood forest" university Agency of the Francophonie (AUF) and the University of Dschang. Convention on the supervision of Theses between the University of Camerino in Italy and the University of Dschang. The convention on striking institutional programme and of Human Resources Development (PAI-DRH). A Framework Agreement between University of Laval (Quebec, Canada) and the University of Dschang (Forestry Sciences, the Sciences of Geomatique).<sup>34</sup>

### **a-The year 2010**

Convention between Postanstrift University Bayreuth and the Faculty of letters and Social Sciences of the University of Dschang. Convention of International Co-guardianship of These between University of Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne and University of Dschang. Convention of Co-guardianship of Theses between University of Poitiers in France and the University of

Dschang in Cameroon. Framework agreement of cooperation between the University of Brescia (Cetawb), I.P.C Institution "C. Golgi", I.T. I Institute, "G. Galilei" and University of Dschang, L'ADA Onlus and la Radice Society. MINADER Convention and Economic interest group of University of Dschang (working group in charge of special funds control to relaunch and defend Agro-pastoral production.

### **b-The year 2012**

Memorandum of understanding between Freie University Berlin Germany and University of Dschang Cameroon. Convention of guardianship of these between the University of Bourgogne and the University of Dschang. Convention of International Guardianship of Theses between The University of Pantheon-Sorbonne, and University of Dschang. University of Dschang Cameroon and International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) African Food Security Initiative Food Security through Rural Development (Project No: CS1002-GUI). Memorandum of understanding between GIE University of Dschang and Founa and FLORA International Concerning Environmental Management and Biodiversity conservation in Cameroon and the Congo Basin region of central Africa. Convention for local's subventions of Deutsche Gesellschaft far international Zusammenarbeit (G12) Gmbh, Eschborn and the Economic interest group (GIE\_ University of Dschang.

### **c-The year 2013**

United Nations Environment Programme Small-scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) for Global Environment Facility Project Preparation Grant (pp G). Academic exchange agreement between Hankyong National University, Republic of Korea and the University of Dschang, Cameroon.

**TITLE** Hankyong National University-University of : Dschang.

**Date:** 2013.10.24

President Tae Beom-seok of Hankyong National University (government-approved organization for the formation of mechanized rice farming communities) and Rector Anaclét Fomethé of the University of Dschang (known for Cameroon's leading agricultural college) signed an MOU for exchange and cooperation between the two universities at the Second Korea-Cameroon, Agricultural Cooperation Workshop held at Hilton Yaounde on May 13th, 2013. The signing was attended by Mr. CHO June-Hyuck, Korean Ambassador to Cameroon; Mr. Lazare Essimi Menye, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development; and Mr. Robert Kpwang, Aide to

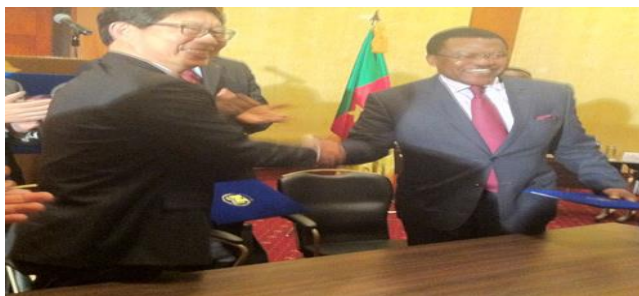
<sup>33</sup>Direction des Affaires Académiques et de la coopération. 24 Novembre 2014.

<sup>34</sup>. Ibid, p.1



the Minister of Higher Education.

**Picture:** Signing the Agricultural Cooperation



**Source:** Commemorative photograph after the signing.

### **3-List of Different Agreements and Conventions of Cooperation signed by the University of Dschang in the Course of the Last Three years.**

#### **a-The year 2010**

- Agreement of cooperation between the University of Dschang (Cameroon) and the University of EVRY D'ESSONNE "UEVE"
- Convention of Guardianship of THESE between the University of Dschang and the University of Poitiers situated along the road of litotel-Dieu at Poitiers.
- Interuniversity agreement between the University of ROME "TOR VERGATA" ITALIE, University of CAMERINO, Italie and University of Dschang Cameroon.
- Framework Agreement of Cooperation between the University of Dschang Cameroon and the International Reference Centre of Chantal Biya (CIRCB)
- Convention between the University of Poitiers-France and the University of Dschang.
- Convention of cooperation between the University of Dschang (UDS) and the l'Istituto Italians by Africa l'Oriente "ISIAO", via Ulise Aldrovandi 16-00197 Roma, Italie.
- Framework Agreement of Universal Cooperation between the Pierre University and Marie Carie Place Jussieu, 75252 Parie Cedex 05 and the Research Institute for Development and the University of Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar B.P 5005, Dakar. Fann, the University of Dschang, Bp 96 Dschang, the University of Yaounde I.
- Relative Convention for the Specified Preparatory Training to obtain the Certificate of Higher Technician (BTS) and the Higher National Diploma between Polytechnic Bambui.
- Convention of international guardianship of THESE between the University of Paris I Pantheon-Sorbone, and the University of Dschang.
- Convention on the relation Partnership put in place focus on the Training of Professional Master between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Affaires and Management (INSAM) of Douala.
- Specified Relative Convention that Prepared (arranged) the Training of Professional Bachelor between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Advanced Technology and the Management (ISTAMA) of Douala.
- Memorandum of University of Dschang and Fauna and Flora International concerning Environmental and Biodiversity conservation in Cameroon and the Congo Basin Region of Central Africa.
- Specified Relative Convention Preparing for the Training of Professional Bachelor between the University of Dschang and the Higher School of Sciences and Techniques (ESSET) of Douala.
- Specified Relative Convention Preparing the Training for the Diploma of Professional Master between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Affaires and the Management (INSAM) of Douala
- Framework Agreement of Partnership between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Advanced Technology and the Management of Douala.
- Specified Relative Convention preparing for the Training of Diploma for Professional Master between the University of Dschang and the Complex Higher School and of Administration (ESG) Higher Institute of Advanced Technology (ISTA) of Douala.
- Framed Agreement of Furnishing of Services and Materials between Soussignes Orange Cameroon S.A and the University of Dschang.
- Framework Agreement of partnership between the University of Dschang and the Higher Institute of Health and Higher Institute of Sciences and Technology.
- The No. 1 *Avenant* of the convention of *Prestation Services Appreciation* between the University of Dschang and the consortium "High Tech Talesoft" relative to the project "E-government.
- General Agreement of Cooperation between Jackson State University and University of Dschang.
- Agreement of Cooperation between Angers University (France) and the University of Dschang (Cameroon).
- Specified Relative Convention in The Training, Preparation for Professional Masters Diploma between the University of Dschang and the Higher Management University of Douala (ISMA).
- Framework Agreement on Academic Supervision between the University of Buea (UB) and Cameroon Christian University Complex (CCU), Bali.

#### **b-The year 2011**

- A Convention *Avenant* to Guardianship of Theses between the University of Dschang and the University of Poitiers, situated road 15 of the Dieu Hotel at Poitiers.
- The University of Dschang, Cameroon and International livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and Development Project Agreement African Food Security Initiative, Food Security through Rural Development (Project No CS100-GUI)

#### c-The year 2012

- Memorandum of Understanding between the University Of Wisconsin- Madison USA and the University of Dschang, Cameroon.
- Interuniversity Agreement between the University of Camerino, Italy University of Urbino, Italy and the University of Dschang Cameroon.
- Partnership statement between Makerere University (MU) and University of Dschang.
- Memorandum of Understanding between Freie University Berlin Germany and University of Dschang, Cameroon.

- *Picture 17: The Relations between The University of Dschang and Germany in 2014.*



Source: Authors Courtesy Photo

(From Left to Right: M. Mbah Jean Bernard, Professor Albert Gouaffo, (Center: His Excellency the German Ambassador to Cameroon, Dr Klausluwig Kefertein and Prof. Fomethe Anaclet), (Right to Left: Dr Magloire, Prof. Jomou, A German Lady as Lecturer in the German Training in UD).

#### 4-Conventions and Partnerships 2015-2016

On the 24 to the 28 of November 2015 in Libreville: a joint meeting of Economic Community of livestock and meat of the Halieutique Resources (CEBEVIRA) which is an execution Agency of CEMAC coming together by experts of African Union-inter African office of Animal Resources (UA.BIRA) with a delegation of UD constituted of Professor Celestin Chameni, Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Cooperation and Relations with World of enterprises, and of Felix Meuthieye, research Lecturer (genetician) in the Department of

Animal Production in the Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences that will serve as a future base for the practice of research and back-up for resource conservation on animal genetics of the sub region of Central Africa hence the poles for hosting the bank of the CEEAC Zone.

On November 2015: A meeting of consultation with the promoters of the higher Institute of private Learning (IPES) within the University of Dschang council. The Cardinal point of these meetings was the presentation of a new vision of partnership of UD and IPES<sup>35</sup>.

After the German service of University exchange of the German Acronomy DAAD that finance a German Lectorat and an academic exchange project (*Germanistische Institutspartnerschaft*) on the theme *mediatic aspects of the germanistique interculturelle*, with the Institute of Technology of *Kansrushe* on Applied Foreign Language Department in the (Faculty of Letters and Social Sciences) of the University of Dschang. It was the turn of the prestigious foundation of Alex Ander Von Humboldt to re enforce University Cooperation to a Cameroon-Germany. Professor Albert Gouaffo made available the sum of between a value of 55 000 Euros (36,025 000 Frs. CFA) with his partnership, Professor Stefanie Michels of the Institute of Historic Studies of the Dusseldorf University. The cooperation project is title *Topographies de la memoire germano-camerounaise, Transferts, mediations et formes d'appropriation* is a project pilot that envisage the clause study with doctorates and post *doctorates* of two Universities as traces of memories Germano-Cameroonais in the Grassfields Camerounais and in region of Rhein-Nextar in Germany<sup>36</sup>.

This project will end in three years (July 2015- July 2018) and articulated on three axes.

- 1- A seminar to take place in May-July with the student researcher, University of Dschang and of Dusseldorf at Dusseldorf, firstly at Dschang.
- 2- A seminar-workshop of result restitutions of research at Dusseldorf in 2017, finally.
- 3- A seminar workshop on the result restitution of at Dschang in 2018, fellow up the joint publication of all results<sup>37</sup>.

On February 2016, there was a gift reception through FASA from C2D-PSFE2 as related to evaluation of forest administration in Cameroon under the control or supervision of the Ministry of Forestry and Faune

<sup>35</sup> The Chief of cooperation on Extra-African Service

<sup>36</sup> Ibid.

<sup>37</sup> Ibid.

University to watch fullness and evaluation of Cameroon forest.

From the 11 to 13 June 2016, a workshop in finalization of the reflexion on the center of Excellence on the Green Economy in Central Africa (CECOVAC) in the University of Dschang and the application of technics on the Economic Community of Central African States (CEEAC), it has been recognized by some 50 participant experts representing the Ministers of Cameroon, represented the civil society and enterprise. The experts have formulated recommendation addressed to decision makers of CEEAC on the idea of concretizing CECOVAC in our institution.

On the 24 of June 2016, the University Community of Dschang got a symbolic excellence with the diaspora Cameroonians in Germany at the institutional campus of the University of Technology Fotso Victor of the University of Dschang at Bandjoun at the official inauguration on the field of *Mecationik* open in the Department of Mechanics and Productive Engineer.

The Diaspora report was determine to strengthened strategic partnership necessary as that with the Osfalia University of Applied Sciences of Wolfsburg in Germany. Wolfsburg is the seat Town of Volkswagen, European automobile leader. The Ostfalice University and the training development of her activities. July 2016, the German exchange service *Deutscher Academicsher Austauschdienst* (DAAD), represented the Applied Foreign Language Department in the (FLSH) by Madame Anna Zawacki, organize this month of July four days. This training finance by DDAD, had been in existence for the past years, organized by those who were there first before Madame Zawacki. The course in this year 2016 was titled; *Deutsch lernen auf neuen wegen!* (Leach German by exploring new aspects) in which a total of 15 students came from the University of Dschang<sup>38</sup>.

### III. OTHER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DSCHANG

As per say, no one can live alone. Since the existence of the University of Dschang, it has got some co-substantial partners in high maxim which can be imagine in the Division of Menoua. The Agricultural School became a Diversify Uni-institution. The diversification noted in the creation and opening of several departments has really gain grounds and link far and near. This interest had to day link the University to the partners; Koreans, the French, the Germans, the Italians, the Spanish, the Swedish, the Turk, the Australians, the Canadians the

Americans hence all the International Organisations are found in the cooperation with the University of Dschang orientated to work with the different faculties. These foreign partnerships had brought in, the means necessary to finance projects on pedagogy, research, infrastructure for the enforcement of students and lecturers capacities buildings. For example, the cooperation has essentially led to, international mobility of human resource in the University of Dschang. It has also guaranteed the veritable economic internal Budget hence measure in tens of others. This has led to the preservation principle of co-development condition essentially for the preservation of diversity guarantee equilibrium and harmony in the future world<sup>39</sup>. The University of Dschang had mutational dignity nationally and internationally with some institutions. At the national level one can site The Ministry of Higher Education Collaboration, which took place on the 21 and 25 of April a mission that links the Cameroon Universities with Belgium. A strong delegation of Members of 36 and 6 Rectors of Public Universities with plenipotentiaries of Private University hence that control certain grands schools. They discussed with their homologue Belgium, 04 Rectors of 06 Francophone Universities- Wallonnes with the representatives of Anglophones Universities-Flamandes (des enjeux et des défis) benefitted the two countries. The Cameroonian delegation had three principal point; excharpora in Belgium.

In the international domain, the 20 years of consolidation of the University of Dschang by the foreign partners. Prof. Fomethé Anaclet, under him created relations with the secretary General of Francophonie Madame Michdelle Jean which the University became part of the French committee of Orientation strategy (COS) of Sorbonne University. The first meeting of (COS) took place on the 06 and 07 October 2014. Beside her parentage; USA, Britain, Belgium, Canadian and the French, The Vice Chancellor told them that he wanted to represent Cameroon, Africa in thin important meeting for University development on The International Class or level.

It should also be noted that the University of Dschang had received several Peace Corps on campus between 2000 to 2015 from America not mentioning some researchers. Some Ambassadors from Italy, Spain, Germany others had visited the campus of The University of Dschang which they held talks in the Campus of University of Dschang with the Rector and Student in the Conference hall (Sale de Spectacle) to concretized usually, the Italian Student by name Giuliani Quartullo defended

<sup>38</sup> Office of the chief of cooperation on Extra-African service.

<sup>39</sup> ATD, « Dschang, une aura internationale » in DUC magazine, Numéro spécial, P. 15



his Theses after a three-year research in Ph.D. in the Department of History. Those who came for Research; a Cameroonian in Germany Mr Simene N. Also, a German born Miss Yegmuar Kariskis (Masters Students) came for research lead by University of Dschang. Furthermore, recently the Italian Prime Minister visited Cameroon to strengthen relations on investment and cooperation between Cameroon and Italy.<sup>40</sup>

More particularly, as sciences, politics and economic management had their international "Réseau" with the world so too is FASA. Some cooperation action had been adopted with 10 countries such as France, Sweden Holland, Germany, Belgium, Canada, Israel, UK, USA and others. Some ten are disposing of research in partnership with the University of Laval, Guelph, IRAD, CIRAD, IRD, IITA, UNU and others. Some strong Partnerships with Partners of Development and International Organization, IIRI-DECA, RIFFEAC, USAID, BDPA, BM, CTA, FAO, ACDI, CF, GIZ, CIFOR, OUA, PNUD, UNESCO, FIS, AIEA, AUF, WWF, LCRAF, WCS, UE, CARBAP, ACU and others. More than 100 annually missions, striking Scientific and Experts in the countries come from the South.<sup>41</sup>

The University of Dschang had also created good relationship with Ahas Institute University. ACHAS has some visiting Lecturers from Dschang and the Netherlands, senior experts Association such as (PUM) South African Education Experts and CV-Africa. Hilfe foundation (Cologne- Germany) Ahas exams are marked in Dschang University. This Institute of Tourism and Business Management, proudly mentored by the University of Dschang with Authorization N° E11/0525 MINESUP/SG/DDES of 05/October 2011, signing of partnership Agreement, between Ahas and University Dschang.<sup>42</sup> Ahas is found in Buca-Cameroon .Ahas demand the following Qualifications, HND, HPD, AND Bachelor Degree from a recognised Management, Hospitality Management, Eco Tourism Management, Adventure Tourism, Customer services, Transport and logistics and others. Under HPD it offers Human Resource Management Administration Which Admission is two "A" Levels, excluding religion.

<sup>40</sup> G. Quartullo PhD thèses titled « Art et Artisanat à Dschang du sacré à la profanation 1907-2012 »

<sup>41</sup> « Faculté d'agronomie et des sciences agricoles, pôle régionale de Formation agronomique » <http://www.unio-dschang.Org/Fasa>.

<sup>42</sup> Ahas safari magazine, Edition N°001, March June 2016.

#### IV. IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DSCHANG

##### A. A Diversified National Cooperation.

The University of Dschang had benefited in a wider scope, learning due to her conceiving cordial relation which had been greatly admired by others, new institutions, as such made efforts to have link with the University. Firstly, the Bilingual Nature of the University has boasted it morals as French and English languages is well learn and spoken giving her dynamism. Some optional languages are German, Spanish and Italian Languages well taught and spoken on Campus that also flows in to these new Councils. Some of these Private Institutions of learning is known as (IPES).<sup>43</sup> These Institutions involve; (ISMA)<sup>44</sup> Higher Institute of Management in Douala. (ISS)<sup>45</sup> Siantou Higher Institute in Yaounde. (IUG)<sup>46</sup> The University Institution at the Gulf of Guinea. (ESG)<sup>47</sup> Higher School of administration. (ISTA)<sup>48</sup> Higher Institute of Advanced Techniques. (ISA)<sup>49</sup> Higher Institute of Applied Sciences at Douala. (IUES)<sup>50</sup> University Institute of Strategy of the Estuary. (INSAM)<sup>51</sup> Higher Institute of Affairs and Management at Douala. (ESSET)<sup>52</sup> Higher School of Applied Sciences in Douala. FONAB, POLYTECHNIC,<sup>53</sup> in Bamenda. (ISTTAM)<sup>54</sup> Higher Institute of Tourism, Transport, Arts and Occupation at Douala. (IUC)<sup>55</sup> Coast University Institute. (ISTDI)<sup>56</sup> Higher Institute of Technology and Industrial design. (ICIA).<sup>57</sup> Institute of

<sup>43</sup> Institute prive d'enseignement supérieur are found in Cameroon

<sup>44</sup> Institute Supérieur de Management à Douala

<sup>45</sup> Institut Siantou Supérieur à Yaoundé

<sup>46</sup> Institute Universaire du Golfe de Guinée

<sup>47</sup>Ecole Supérieur de gestion (Under the Gulf Institute University)

<sup>48</sup> Institute supérieur des Techniques Avancée, (")

<sup>49</sup> Institute Supérieur des sciences Appliquées à Douala (")

<sup>50</sup>Institute Universitaire et stratégique de L'estuaire.

<sup>51</sup> Institute supérieur des Affaires et de management à Douala

<sup>52</sup> Ecole supérieure des sciences et techniques à Douala

<sup>53</sup> Technique FONAB a Bamenda

<sup>54</sup> Institute supérieure de Tourisme, de Transport, des Arts et Métiers à Douala

<sup>55</sup> Institut Universitaire de la cote (Under the costal university Institute)

<sup>56</sup> Institute supérieure des Technologies et du Design Industriel ; (")

<sup>57</sup> Institut de commerce t D'ingeniere D'Affaires ; (")

Commerce and The Affairs of Engineers. (IAC)<sup>58</sup> Engineer Institute of Central Africa at Douala. (ISST NANFAH)<sup>59</sup> Higher Institute of Sciences and Technology at Dschang. (NPB)<sup>60</sup> National Polytechnic Bambui in Bamenda. (ISP)<sup>61</sup> Professional Higher Institute at Yaounde. (ISTAMA)<sup>62</sup> Higher Institute of Advances Technology and Management in Douala. (ESIAC)<sup>63</sup> Higher School of Engineer of Central African at Douala. (ISTEC)<sup>64</sup> Higher Institute of Economic Techniques and Accountancy in Douala. (ISTEC)<sup>65</sup> Higher Institute of Technology and Commercial Study at Bangante. (ISTM)<sup>66</sup> Higher Institute of Technology and Management at Douala. (ISTG)<sup>67</sup> Higher Institute of Technology and Administration at Edea. (ISG)<sup>68</sup> Higher Institute of Administration at Douala, (BUST)<sup>69</sup> Bamenda University of Technology. The Evangelical University at Mbous Bandjoun<sup>70</sup>, The Mountains University at Bangante.<sup>71</sup> (ISMTA)<sup>72</sup> Higher Institute of Management and Applied Technology at Fommban, (ISTI)<sup>73</sup> Higher Institute of Translation and Interception at Yaounde. (ISET SMA) at Douala<sup>74</sup>, Acha University Institute at Buea<sup>75</sup> and many others.

The University of Dschang is a well structure institution that offers Higher National Training which has been planted largely in Cameroon. It is found in the 6<sup>th</sup> region out of 10<sup>th</sup> regions in Cameroon. This Institution has it Faculties; some other structural training of student at

the national Level and Private Higher National is accompanied. With the others a diversified natural cooperation has been created which entails some specified conventions and accords with about 25 (IPES) Higher Private Institutes.<sup>76</sup> This training is geared on obtaining the Bachelors Degrees, Level one and Master with some Faculties now having Ph.D. programmes. Due to the enormous programmes put in place to give a smooth running of the institutions IPES and the University of Dschang are working strategies which they met in the Rectorate Council hall to draw modalities for the proposals of text to be, that was send to MINESUP based on this effect.<sup>77</sup> Due to the acceptance of the different Private Institutions and Professional Studies, these Higher School of learning have help booster the value of the University of Dschang, and it's now the best University in Cameroon, in the (CEMAC) zone, Economic Community of Central African States. This University had also obtained good positions in African and the World classification of Universities.<sup>78</sup>

In respect and in light of its achievements we can explain in few words that the University of Dschang has honorably accomplished its mission of teaching, research and out – reach. The University of Dschang has also singled out itself as a reference destination academic excellence. A new faculty has been added which is that of biomedical sciences. From its initial state in 1993, the number of student amounted 2.500 students registered during the academic year 1993-1994 which has gradually been rising and by 2013-2014 it amounted to an increase of 32.000 students. It is not only as a result of it natural growth but just simply it additional competence and duty consciousness of the staff bodies.<sup>79</sup> This we could say all constitute a conducive or an enabling environment for academic success. It should be noting in effect that some committed not only in studies but also in research. “Diplomas obtained and prestigious prizes won at the international level strongly testify of the intrinsic value of the human resources of this Higher Institution. “Research and others is peacefully, progressively and rapidly actualize in Dschang is a good place for all who are prepared to acquire knowledge.<sup>80</sup>

<sup>58</sup> Institut d'indénierie informatique d'Afrique central à Douala (“)

<sup>59</sup> Institut supérieur des sciences et technologies à Dschang

<sup>60</sup> Politiqué Nationale Bambui à Bamenda

<sup>61</sup> Institute supérieur professionnel à Yaoundé

<sup>62</sup> Institut supérieur de Technologie Avancée et de management à Douala

<sup>63</sup> Ecole supérieur d'ingénieur d'Afrique Centrale à Douala

<sup>64</sup> Institut supérieur des Techniques Economiques et comptables à Douala

<sup>65</sup> Institut supérieur de Technologie et commerciales de Bangante

<sup>66</sup> Institut supérieur de Technologie et de management a Douala

<sup>67</sup> Institut supérieur de Technologie et de Gestion a Douala

<sup>68</sup> Institut supérieur de Gestion à Douala

<sup>69</sup> Universitaire de sciences Technologie a Bemenda

<sup>70</sup> Universitaire Evangélique de Mbuolo Bandjoun

<sup>71</sup> Universitaire des montagnes a Bangante

<sup>72</sup> Institut supérieur de management et des technologies de Fommban.

<sup>73</sup> Institut supérieur de traduction et d'interprétariat de Yaoundé

<sup>74</sup> ISET SMA a Douala

<sup>75</sup> Universite Acha a Buea

<sup>76</sup> Chandini Mama, « Avec les Autres : une coopération Nationale diversifiées » In Duc Magazine, Numéro spécial, Direction de la publication, 2015 p. 16

<sup>77</sup> Editorial « Scolaire Thesauras Dschangensis 16 : Cordum » In Duc Magazine, Numéro spécial, direction de la publication, 2015, p.6

<sup>78</sup> Ibid.p.5.

<sup>79</sup> Ibid p.6

<sup>80</sup> Ibid p.17

## B- The Emergence of Great Figures from the University of Dschang

### 1- The Rubber Gun of the University of Dschang.

Due to Dschang University National and International Cooperation, some Great figures have gain post or statues of velour. They are noted as Great figures in the emergence or “Catapults” of The University of Dschang. They become nominated due to their brilliants, effective and devotion in one way or the other for progress and development of Cameroon. Their promotion is not only their success in their job side but some equally symbolism for cooperation. According to Moise Timtchueng, Madame Laure Pauline Fote from the department of Mathematics and Computer Science Study in the Faculty of Science University of Yaounde 1 came to Dschang in 2009 as Vice Rector, Incharge of Internal Affairs and Evaluation. A member of (RDPC).<sup>81</sup> She became an elected national deputy in Koungksi in September. After the end of his mandate in Dschang she is still under the control of the (National Assemble) *Une Matheuse au Palais des Verres*.<sup>82</sup>

Another important personality of the Great Value is Professor Francois Anoukaha a Jurist and the Dean of the faculty of law University of Dschang. His was appointed as the Vice Presidents of the National Commission of Anti-Corruption (CONAC). Initially, he was a permanent lecturer in Yaounde II before 1999. In 1999-2002, he became the third Dean in the law and Political Science Faculty in the University of Dschang. Today, he is still at his post of honour from the President of the Republic.

Another, personality that nourished the cooperation was Edward Tafah Edokat, the Historique Deputy Vice Chancellor of University of Bamenda. This was following the decree No 2011/319 of 30 September 2011 elevated him from Vice Rector in charge of Cooperation since 1998 when he was nominated as Dean of the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Administration before mounting his post of promotion in 2011.<sup>83</sup>

Professor Roger Nlep, left the University of Dschang and became the Interim “Rector” of the University of Douala in 29 April 2003. This was when Maurice Tchunte was nominated as minister of Higher Education. In 1993, he was the Secretary General and Dean of the

Faculty of Law and Political Sciences. After having worked in Douala in 1996 to 1997 he came to the University of Dschang as *Vice – Recteur incharge of “L’enseignement*. He went back to Douala 1999, had took his exaltant career in the University<sup>84</sup>.

Another glaring character is Prof. Joseph Kankeu a Lecturer and politician just like Prof. Laure Pauline Fotso as deputy (RDPC) in the legislative. He was recruited as Assistant lecturer in public law Dschang. Later due to September 2013 legislative, he enters Ngoa-Ekelle, in a few months later, he became an Associate Professor. As nation elected, he is still a lecturer in constitutional law in the University of Yaounde I.

Also, Gabriel Kuitche Fonkou recruited in University of Dschang. He became detached from Dschang University in 1994 after haven put in place the Department of African Studies in The Faculty of letters and Social Sciences. He was the Dean in 1999 up to 2003. In 2007, he was nominated as General Inspector of Teaching in the Ministry of Secondary Education, a post he occupied until his retirement in 2010. He is still active and offers courses in the Faculty of letters and Social Sciences, University of Dschang. Presently, he is Professor Emeritus<sup>85</sup>.

Doctor Maurice Doube, a research lecturer in the Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences. He was nominated as the Scientific Researcher Secretary in the Ministry of Scientific Research under decree No 2003/051 of 14 March holding the nomination of Secretary General to certain Ministries. He still benefits some advantages from the Head of State promotion mission of Local material (MINPROMALO) according to decree No 2010/025 of 28 January 2010.

The actual Secretary General in the Ministry of Secondary Education, Paul Gerald Pougue was “Vice Rector” in charge of Professionalization Study, and the information Technology and Communication of the University of Dschang. He was nominated in his post as (SG) in October, 2012. This Professor has served as Technical Adviser to the Rector from 1993 to 1996, also Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences from 1996-1999.<sup>86</sup>

### 2. Research lecturer known across the National frontiers

In the University of Dschang some research structure came into existence especially in the Laboratory

<sup>81</sup> Rassemblement Démocratique Du Peuple Camerounais.

<sup>82</sup> Moise Timtchueng “Catapultes de Université de Dschang” In *Duc magazine Numéros Spécial...*p, 25.

<sup>83</sup> Moise Timtchueng “Catapultes de Université de Dschang” In *Duc magazine Numéros Spécial...*p, 25.

<sup>84</sup> Ibid.

<sup>85</sup> Ibid.

<sup>86</sup> Ibid.



of the Faculty of Agronomy Agricultural Sciences FASA. Greater research came with the introduction of additional Professional Academic level like the masters and PhD Studies under the LMD. In 2006 the Rector signed a decision No. C10/0183/UDS/R/VRE/DAAC of 5 July creating a commission for research control of HDR Theses and student. The LMD decision No F3/02868/UDS/R/VREPTIC/VR-RECOME/DAAC of 02 September 2010. Following the above by 2012/2013 several Theses had been defended. Among these Theses is that Dr. Lowe Gnintedem was awarded with an honorable first prize of the best Theses presented at the Higher School of Magistracy (ERSUMA) of OHADA (Organization for the harmonization of African affairs in Law). These Law was appreciated by the defender. Another was that of Hypolite kamdem Wabo of Chemistry Department and he obtained an award.<sup>87</sup>

The University of Dschang (UDs) Shine at Fulbright Program, Dschang, in 23/09/16, a lecturer, Dr Divine TARLA 1<sup>st</sup> FASA Laureate in the FASA has among other University Lecturers propelled the university, is excellent ranking off the shores of the continent. He meritoriously backed a prestigious grant at the Fulbright program in the U.S.A for his excellent contribution in the fields of research. This program has provided approximately 325,000 participants, chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solution to shared international concerns. Dr TADA passed the competitive entrance examination into FAAS in 1998 and was awarded an Agricultural Engineering Diploma 2004, Master in Science 2008, PhD 2014 dual on pesticide. He has been to Nigeria, Thailand, South Africa, Ghana, Botswana, Israel and Togo. Today admitted at Fulbright program as his objectives. Out of these, he has received prizes from international toxicology Abuja, Nigeria, Bangkok, Thailand, Kumasi, Ghana, Galilee international institute, Yaounde Cameroon in forestry and environmental training Network of Central Africa. This grant will enhance other activities.<sup>88</sup>

<sup>87</sup>The Award came from the Kwame Nkrumah Young Scientist by the African Union Academy of Science for the Developed World.

<sup>88</sup> Dschang, SIC/UDs 23/09/2016. (The UK scholarship scheme through the British High Commission is offering a number of scholarships for the 2017/2018 academic years. The VC of the University of UD application of the commonwealth commission (CSC) in the United Kingdom is offering 24 scholarships under CS and fellowship plan in the UK tenable from October 2017.)

### 3-Other Matters on Education for Effective Nutrition in Africa (ENAF workshop)

The education for effective nutrition in Africa ENACT project in Francophone Africa kicked off a two consultative workshop from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 22 of September at UD. Presided over by the vice chancellor ably represented by the deputy V.C Prof. MPOUAME MBIDA had in alternative experts, in various ministries and institutions alongside participants. Objectives proposals were national strategy in educational nutrition by elaborating an action plan and road map in ameliorating proper nutritional practices with an integration of educational nutrition in the national programs and policies. General toward reinforcing the training of nutritional education, Sensitisation of participation, Present the ENAF cause program and the potentials and efficiency of the UD in running program, establishing lives with government and international organization and developing personal skills and motivation in adopting healthy eating practices, Participants inform on problems of food inadequacy and practices and provide possible situation, structure policies to ameliorate nutritional practices by policies to ameliorate nutritional education. As a part, Agricultural Institution UD was the place for ENAF Workshop.<sup>89</sup>

### 4-Participation at the First Pan African Crystallography Conference

The UD hosted the first Pan African Crystallography Conference for a Sustainable Development in African Universities autonomous in the study and research in Crystallography, blessed with faculties of this domain, the conference gathered over 200 participants from various countries worldwide was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. TSAFACK Roger Nanfosso. During the launching ceremony which took place at the Amphi Theatre 1000 of the University at 7.30 pm, the Mayor of the Dschang Council represented by the first Deputy Assistant, Prof. TEMGOUA Emile welcomed participants stating that the town of Dschang was privileged to host the conference. Prof. Emile added that the forum is aimed at regrouping researchers of different fields reinforce capacity building. He gave a brief history of the touristic town and encouraged the participants to avail themselves of the pleasure scenery during the 5 days stay in Dschang.<sup>90</sup>

The president of the organizing committee and chairman of the Cameroon crystallography Association

<sup>89</sup> DUC. Magazine (Education, Health, climate and Environment, Economic, Governance and conflict, water and Sanitation, food and nutrition; humanitarisation, Disaster and Emergencies.)<sup>89</sup>

<sup>90</sup> Dschang, SIC/UDs-06/10/2016.

Pro. Ignas TONLE KENFACK, in his address acclaimed that it was a big day for Cameroon Crystallography Association as Dschang will serve as a 5 day words capital for crystallography. He landed the support of Prof. Anaclet Fomethe contribution and the present vice Chancellor for their support in facilitating the hosting of the event. He equally appreciated members of the organizing committee, international bodies' sponsors and partners. Prof. Kenfack outlined that the 5 days Conference will be characterized by the project research sessions roundtables, poster presentations among other activities. The president of the Europeans crystallography all over the French, English and Latin community. She traced the initiative of the African Association and emphasized the need to implement strategies to promote the participation of the African Association and emphasized the need to implement strategies to promote the participation of young African student in crystallography. She started that the conference was a corner stone for the birth of a new association with Africa<sup>91</sup>.

The Vice chancellor also reiterated in his speech that, the shall be brighter future for Africa countries such as improving teaching in basic crystallography though successful concept of open lab increasing young student training promoting the vulgarization of crystallography in its emerging application fields such as fine arts, green industrial chemistry and bio technology, facilitate the implantation of active research centers in Africa, increasing scientific cooperation between African universities and the international crystallography community and promote links between practical crystallography and the industry. It is a science dedicated to the study of crystals those later extended to different scientific domains which engulf, Chemistry, Geology, Human Sciences and Fine Arts. In terms of contribution to sustainable development it can help in the analysis of natural resources; the characteristics of raw materials that can help in the production of plasma screens telephone sim card and others. Prof. TSAFACK envisaged the reinforcement in cooperation ties between the intercontinental associations of crystallography, the putting in place of the implantation of a center of research in the University of Dschang in crystallography.

At the end of the 5 days, resoluteness will cover the launching of the "African crystallography Association Agreement on the African light source" project, facilitation of procedures to equipment acquisition and the maintenance of sub-Sahara African Laboratories. The kick of ceremony end with an open lecture titled from molecule

crystal by Prof. Desiraju Gantham, participants were thrilled to an exquisite dinner at the Hotel de Malte<sup>92</sup>.

## V. CONCLUSION

In the nutshell, according to the above axis, The Creation Processes for the University of Dschang, The National and International Cooperation, from 1972-2016, Other National and International Cooperation of the University of Dschang, Importance of National and International Cooperation of the University of Dschang, the community of Dschang found in Menoua Division and in the West Region of the Republic of Cameroon, much has been achieved but much is still to be done. In terms of Infrastructure, development has been very slow. The University of Dschang had about 32.000 students by 2014 and as time keeps increasing in an alarming rate, lack of classes for studies brought collusion and quarrel among some student and lecturers. Normally that campus "A" stadium has been given the name Amphitheatre "B 12" which is an Overflow class. The University of Dschang needs good and tarred roads, paths and parking space for cars. The classes beauties do not have respect like that of an image it paints today. FASA that her objective is geared toward capacity building of natural resources in it different domains paid less attention in opening thousands of acres of land in which student could learn and show their individuals skills. These farms could lead to extensive Agricultural practices hence fulfilling its objective in the society; others could embrace this practice that will build Cameroon and the world. Just with the sum of five billion France, will change and give giant nature of the real University of Dschang if well applied. The question we need to ask here is what will be the plan of the successive administrators put in place and those to come in development cooperation to improve on the entire University of Dschang and branches (Antenna), society of Dschang and the World?

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