

**CIRCULAR No. 001/CPDM/NP
OF 27TH JULY 2015 RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF THE
EXECUTIVES OF CPDM BASIC ORGANS AND SPECIALIZED
ORGANIZATIONS**

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

TO

**The Secretary-General of the Central Committee;
All Party militants**

Subject: Renewal of the Executives of Party Basic Organs

It is now time to conduct elections for the renewal of the executives of Party Basic Organs and Specialized Organizations in order to provide our political party with officials who enjoy renewed or strengthened legitimacy. In fact, today more than ever before, the Party needs faithful and loyal men, women and youths of conviction who are selflessly committed to its service in the interest of the nation, officials capable of upholding and fostering the new impetus given at the Third Ordinary Congress.

As a party of the masses or, better still, the majority ruling party, the CPDM has continued to undergo transformation, to adjust and adapt to the realities of the surrounding world. The upcoming elections will constitute another milestone in the promotion of internal democracy, as they will be conducted in accordance with the Resolutions of the Third Ordinary Congress of the Party which extend the electorate to all party militants.

We will, therefore, pay close attention to the upcoming operations for the renewal of the executives of basic organs, since they are expected to strengthen militants' ownership of democracy and provide basic party structures with the new and innovative energies required for the indispensable optimization of their functioning.

In that connection, I urge you to take into account, throughout the election operations, the following social and political requirements which form the basis of our vision, our options and our commitments:

- enhancement of national integration;
- empowerment of women and youths;
- mainstreaming of minority groups;
- rejection of all forms of influence peddling and reliance on money;
- knowledge and mastery of Party options and functioning;
- loyalty, fidelity and availability;
- exemplary behaviour, morals and discipline;
- seniority and service to the Party;
- experience in basic structure supervision;
- capacity to convince, mobilize and rally.

This Circular, which convenes the electorate, outlines the general framework for the conduct of operations for the renewal of the executives of basic organs.

A memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee shall lay down conditions for its implementation on the field.

**I- ELECTORAL BODIES
SUPERVISION OF RENEWAL OPERATIONS**

CENTRAL SUPERVISION COMMITTEE (CSC)

Established at the Party headquarters under the authority of the Secretary-General of the Central Committee, the Central Supervision Committee shall be responsible for the overall supervision of Basic Organ Executive Renewal Operations in the country and abroad. Comprising a president, vice-presidents, rapporteurs and chargés de mission, it shall be made up of Operational Sub-committees set up by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee.

CONDUCT OF RENEWAL OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD

B1- WITHIN THE COUNTRY

REGIONAL MONITORING COMMITTEE (RMC)

Established at the headquarters of the Regional Delegation of the Central Committee, the Regional Monitoring Committee shall ensure the proper conduct of operations for the renewal of the executives of Basic Organs in the Region.

DIVISIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE (DCC)

Established at the headquarters of the Divisional Delegation of the Central Committee, the Divisional Coordination Committee shall ensure the proper conduct of operations for the renewal of the executives of Basic Organs in the Division.

SECTION ELECTORAL COMMITTEE (SEC)

Established at the Section headquarters, the Section Electoral Committee shall ensure the proper conduct of operations for the renewal of the executives of Basic Organs in the Section.

THE LOCAL RENEWAL COMMITTEE (LRC)

Established at the Sub-section headquarters, the Local Renewal Committee shall conduct operations for the renewal of the executives of Basic Organs in the Branches and Cells.

B2- ABROAD

The Party is operating abroad within a special context marked by the absence of specialized organizations (WCPDM and YCPDM) and a specific structure (absence of Branches). Pursuant to Article 27(1) of the Basic Texts, the conditions for organizing the campaign for the Renewal of the Executives of Basic Organs abroad shall be adapted to the above-mentioned specificities.

COMPOSITION OF BASIC ORGAN EXECUTIVES

Basic organ executives shall not comprise the position of "Specialized Organizations Officer".

RENEWAL BODY:

FOREIGN RENEWAL COMMITTEE (FRC)

Established in each Foreign Section, the Foreign Renewal Committee shall conduct Cell, Sub-section and Section Executive Renewal Operations. It shall comprise a president, a member and a chargé de mission.

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Regional Monitoring Committees, Divisional Coordination Committees, Section Electoral Committees and Local Renewal Committees shall comprise a president, vice-presidents, members and chargés de mission.

II- PRE-ELECTORAL OPERATIONS

They shall consist in reconstituting the political directory and establishing voter rolls.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORY

In every Section, the political directory shows all the basic organs - cells, branches, sub-sections - all Party organs and their territorial boundaries. Before the start of the electoral process, the political directory shall be validated by the Local Renewal Committee (for Cells), the Section Electoral Committee (for Branches), and the Divisional Coordination Committee (for Sub-Sections).

In Foreign Sections, the political directory shall be validated by the Foreign Renewal Committee.

ESTABLISHMENT OF VOTER ROLLS

Voter lists shall be established at the level of the Cell and by organ (CPDM, WCPDM, YCPDM). Voter registration shall be suspended four days before the election.

III- ELECTION CONDITIONS

VOTER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

To be a voter, the following conditions must be met:

- be a member of the CPDM or one of its specialized organizations ;
- be up-to-date with his or her contribution;
- be registered on a voter list.

The contributions must be paid up latest four days to the election.

On election day, every voter shall produce his/her National Identity Card, Membership Card and Contribution Card.

VOTING SYSTEM

Elections for the renewal of basic organs executives shall be conducted through the single round list system. The list with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the list with the highest average age of candidates shall be declared elected.

ELECTORAL COLLEGES

The executives of Basic Organs shall be elected by electoral colleges comprising all male and female militants who are up-to-date in their contributions, in accordance with Articles 15, 20, 26 and 32 of the By-Laws.

IV- ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates for various duty posts within the Basic Organs of the Party must meet the requirements of domicile, militancy, commitment, efficiency, competence, morality, patriotism, experience, seniority, civic responsibility and discipline as defined under the Basic Texts.

Under Article 39 (1) of the By-Laws, no militant shall hold more than one duty post within the executives of the Basic Organs and Specialized Organizations of the Party.

A candidate for the position of Section President must have previously held the position of member of a Section executive or of president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer of a Sub-Section of the Party, with the exception of members of the Central Committee, members of WCPDM and YCPDM National Executives, Parliamentarians and Mayors.

As ex officio members of the executives of Basic Organs, militants of the Party who are 1st and 2nd Class Traditional Rulers may not run for any position whatsoever.

Any misrepresentation shall lead to the immediate disqualification of the candidature.

LISTS OF CANDIDATES

Beyond the eligibility criteria, the establishment of lists of candidates shall reflect requirements of efficiency, national integration, representativeness and socio-political balance, as well as the inclusion of minorities in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic.

Lists of candidates shall be published two days before the polling day, latest

V- ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The renewal of the executives of Basic Organs is an ideal platform for the expression of our option of appeased democracy to demonstrate the political maturity of our militants. It is therefore important for the election campaign to be conducted while ensuring respect for competition, dignity, transparency and camaraderie.

Consequently, the use of violence and influence peddling by way of tribalism, intolerance, bigotry, corruption, slander and display of wealth, is prohibited.

VI- CALENDAR OF RENEWAL OPERATIONS

In Cameroon and abroad, the elections shall be held during the period from 1 August to 10 December 2015.

The elections shall be organized in every CPDM Section at the end of pre-electoral operations, following a schedule drawn up by the Regional Monitoring Committee, in conjunction with the Divisional Coordination Committee, within Cameroon, and the Foreign Renewal Committee, for external sections.

VII- MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Members of the Central Supervision Committee, Regional Monitoring Committees and Foreign Renewal Committees shall be designated by the National President.

Members of Divisional Coordination Committees and of Section Electoral Committees shall be designated by the Secretary-General of the Central Committee.

Members of the Local Renewal Committees shall be designated by the Section Electoral Committee.

To ensure transparency and freedom of choice for militants, no one may be chairperson of an Electoral Commission in his or her home constituency.

No one may be a member of an electoral commission if he or she is a candidate for a position in a basic organ.

The Central Supervision Committee shall examine all election disputes. However, difficulties arising during the renewal operations shall be referred to the next higher electoral body.

I attach the utmost importance to strict compliance with the guidelines set forth in this Circular, whose application shall devolve on the Secretary-General of the Central Committee.

Yaounde, July 27, 2015

PAUL BIYA
National President