



CIRCULAR No. 001 /CPDM/NP OF 8 JUL 2021 ON THE RENEWAL
OF THE EXECUTIVES OF CPDM BASIC ORGANS AND SPECIALISED
ORGANISATIONS.

**THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT
TO**

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

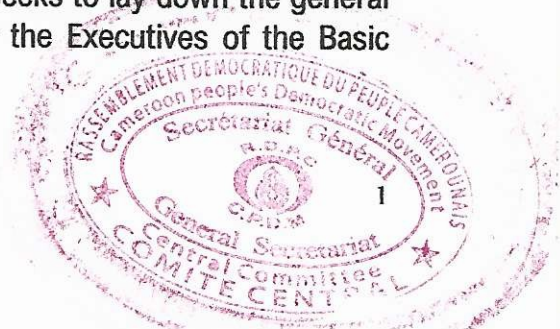
The just-ended operations to validate the basic structures of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement has enabled us to come up with an updated cartography of our Party. In accordance with the provisions of the Party's Constitution, the time has come to carry out elections in view of renewing the Executives of the Party's Basic Organs, to equip them with officials whose legitimacy shall thus be renewed and greater efficiency guaranteed.

Today, more than ever before, especially against the backdrop of the transformations observed in the national political landscape, steering and managing the Basic Organs of our Party require that militants demonstrate open-mindedness, spurred by the passion to make the CPDM meet up with the current challenges imposed on it by its evermore consolidated status as the leading Party in power while at the same time supporting, and efficiently so, the ongoing dynamics geared towards further strengthening and improving the Party, with necessary adjustments to adapt to the realities of Cameroon and of an ever-changing world.

Members of Basic Organ Executives shall, therefore, be chosen from among our comrades who are the most convinced and convincing, loyal and faithful, disciplined and competent, humble and experienced, striving with dedication, generosity and self-sacrifice, without boastfulness or opportunism. Rather, their sole ambition should be to ensure the ultimate triumph of the noble causes of the CPDM in all battles that our country is, notwithstanding obstacles and adversities, waging with unwavering determination, in order to secure its emergence, independence and ensure the uninterrupted enhancement of national living together and the well-being of our compatriots.

The main objective of the renewal of the Executives of Basic Organs shall be to set up teams made up of local officials who, fully aware of current commitments of the CPDM and its projections for the future, shall be able to provide the Party with the qualitative leap forward, necessary for its optimal functioning and the attainment of its objectives in the coming years.

This Circular, which convenes the electorate of militants, seeks to lay down the general framework to govern the conduct of the elections to renew the Executives of the Basic Organs.



A Note from the Secretary General of the Central Committee shall specify the terms and conditions of its application.

I- ELECTORAL STRUCTURES

A- THE CENTRAL SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Established at the Party headquarters and placed under the authority of the Secretary General of the Central Committee, the Central Supervisory Committee shall be responsible for the overall supervision of the electoral process to renew the Executives of the Basic Organs across the national territory and abroad.

The Central Supervisory Committee shall comprise a President, Vice Presidents, Members and Rapporteurs appointed by the Secretary General of the Central Committee. It shall be composed of operational Sub-Committees set up by the Secretary General of the Central Committee.

B- THE REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Established at the headquarters of the Regional Permanent Delegation of the Central Committee, the Regional Coordination Committee shall ensure the coordination of the operations to renew the Executives of Basic Organs in the Region.

C- THE DIVISIONAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Established at the headquarters of the Divisional Permanent Delegation of the Central Committee, the Divisional Control Committee shall ensure the proper conduct of the operations to renew the Executives of the Basic Organs in the Division.

D- THE SECTION ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

Established at the headquarters of the CPDM Section, the Section Electoral Committee shall ensure the smooth conduct of the operations to renew the Executives of Basic Organs in the Section. It shall particularly conduct the elections of Members of Sub-section and Section Executives.

E- THE LOCAL RENEWAL COMMITTEE

Established at the headquarters of the CPDM Sub-Section, the Local Renewal Committee shall ensure the conduct of the operations to renew the Executives of Branches and Cells.

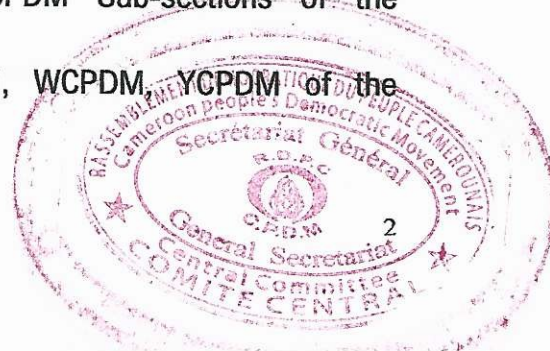
F- THE EXTERNAL RENEWAL COMMITTEE

Established at the headquarters of each CPDM External Section, the External Renewal Committee shall conduct the operations to renew the Executives of Basic Organs abroad (Cells, Sub-Sections and Sections).

The External Renewal Committee shall comprise a President and a Chargé de Mission appointed by the Secretary General of the Central Committee.



- Regional Coordination Committees, Divisional Control Committees, Section Electoral Committees shall comprise of a President, Vice-Presidents, Members and Chargés de Missions appointed by the Secretary General of the Central Committee.
- The Local Renewal Committee shall comprise:
 - **President:** President of the CPDM Section of the Constituency;
 - **Vice-Presidents:** Presidents of WCPDM and YCPDM Sub-sections of the Constituency;
 - **Members:** Members of Executives of the CPDM, WCPDM, YCPDM of the Constituency;



- **Chargés de Mission:** Secretaries of the Executives of the CPDM, WCPDM, YCPDM Sub-Sections of the Constituency.



II- ELECTION MODALITIES

A- VOTERS AND ELECTORAL LISTS

- 1- To be a voter, the militant shall fulfill the following conditions:
 - Be a member of the CPDM or of one of its Specialised Organisations;
 - Be registered on an electoral list following the operations to validate the basic organ structures conducted in March-April 2021. The electoral lists shall be published at the headquarters of each Basic Organ 72 hours before the election. Complaints for omission or wrongful transcription of names on the electoral lists shall be lodged with the competent Electoral Committees.
- 2- A Note from the Secretary General of the Central Committee shall set the deadline for payment of contribution fees in view of the elections.

B- ELECTORAL COLLEGES

Members of the Executives of Basic Organs shall be elected by electoral colleges comprising of militants registered on the electoral lists from the various basic organ structures.

C- THE VOTING SYSTEM

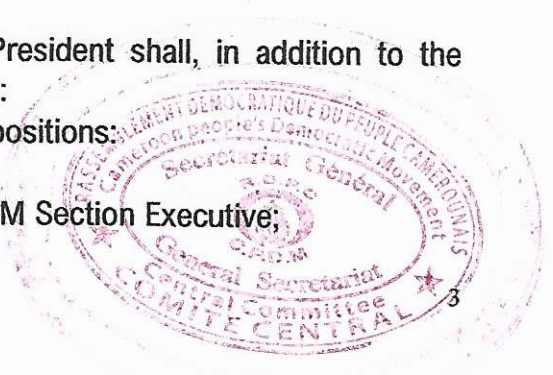
- 1- The elections of Members of the Executives of Basic Organs shall be conducted on the basis of a one-round list election (Art. 15-1; 20-1; 26-1; 32-1 By-laws)
- 2- The list having obtained the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- 3- In the event of a tie, the list with the highest average age of the candidates shall be declared elected.



III- CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

A- ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1- In accordance with the Party's statutory provisions, candidates for the various positions of responsibility within the Basic Organs shall individually meet the following criteria:
 - membership fees;
 - residence;
 - militancy and commitment;
 - loyalty and fidelity;
 - dedication and selflessness;
 - discipline and morality;
 - knowledge of the options and mastery of the Party's functioning;
 - prior electoral experience and performance;
 - services rendered to the Party.
- 2- Candidates for the position of CPDM Section President shall, in addition to the above, also fulfill the following specific conditions:
 - have previously held one of the following positions:
 - Member of CPDM Section Executive;
 - President/Vice-President of WCPDM/YCPDM Section Executive;



- President of CPDM Sub-Section Executive;
- except for members of the Central Committee, Members of WCPDM and YCPDM National Bureaus, Senators, MPs, Mayors and Deputy Mayors, Bureau Members of Regional Councils;
- have the capability and resources for the smooth functioning of the Party locally;
- be available and act as a rallying figure;
- not be facing any disciplinary sanction;
- not be under any legal proceedings;
- having led the CPDM to victory during the last municipal elections of 9 February 2020 in their respective Sections, for incumbent Presidents of CPDM Section Executives.

3- Any false statement shall automatically disqualify the aspirant.

B- INCOMPATIBILITIES

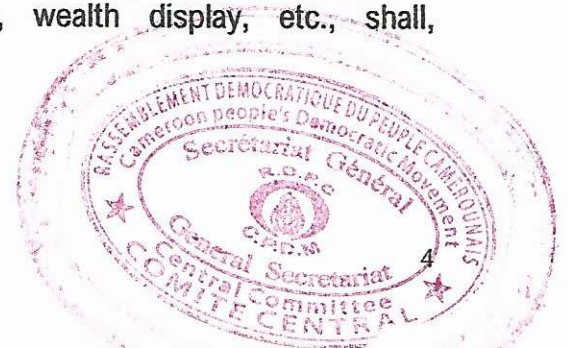
- 1- The functions of President of the CPDM Section Executive shall be incompatible with those of Member of the Secretariat General of the Central Committee, Member of the Regional and Divisional Permanent Delegations of the Central Committee and, abroad, Head of Diplomatic or Consular Mission.
- 2- As ex-officio members of the Executives of Basic Organs, militants of the Party who are 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Chiefs, may not be candidates for any position.

C- CANDIDATE LISTS

- 1- The constitution of the lists of candidates shall comply with the following requirements:
 - sharing;
 - strengthening national integration;
 - representativeness and sociological balance;
 - inclusion of women, youth, minorities and people with disabilities;
 - rejection of all forms of influence peddling and corruption;
 - capability to convince, mobilise and unite;
 - capability to support the efficient functioning of the party locally.
- 2- The submission of a candidate list shall be subject to the payment of a deposit whose amount shall be fixed by a Note of the Secretary General of the Central Committee. In the event of rejection or defeat, the deposit shall not be refunded.

IV- ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN

- 1- Elections of Members of the Executives of Basic Organs shall be the ideal platform for the reinforcement of internal democracy and the demonstration of the political maturity of militants. Consequently, the electoral campaign shall be conducted with dignity, mutual respect and comradeship.
- 2- Any action based on verbal abuse, insult, defamation, slander, intolerance, tribalism, exclusion, stigmatisation, sectarianism, corruption, wealth display, etc., shall, therefore, be prohibited.



V- POLLING STATIONS

- 1- The election of Cell Executive shall be held at the headquarters of the Cell;
- 2- the elections of Branch Executives shall be held at the headquarters of the Branch and for each organ (CPDM, WCPDM, and YCPDM).
- 3- Elections of Sub-Section Executives shall be held at the headquarters of the Sub-Section and for each organ (CPDM, WCPDM, and YCPDM).
- 4- Elections of Section Executives shall be held at the headquarters of the Section and for each organ (CPDM, WCPDM, YCPDM).
- 5- The electorate for the election of the CPDM Cell Executive, CPDM Branch, CPDM Sub-Section and CPDM Section shall comprise all CPDM, WCPDM and YCPDM militants registered on the electoral lists of the organs concerned.



VI- ELECTION SCHEDULE

- 1- Elections to renew the Executives of the Basic Organs shall take place following a schedule drawn up by the Secretary General of the Central Committee.



VII- MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 1- By virtue of Article 39 (1) of the Party By-Laws, no militant shall occupy more than one duty post within the basic executive organs of the Party or its Specialised Organisations.
- 2- No one may be the Chairperson of a Section Electoral Committee within his or her home constituency.
- 3- No one may be a member of an Electoral Committee if they are a candidate for a position of Bureau Member in a Basic Organ of the same level.
- 4- No one may stand for election in a higher organ if they have been defeated in an election in a lower organ.
- 5- Militants subject to a disciplinary sanction in accordance with Decision No. 01 of the National President of 9 September 2020 to approve and enforce the conclusions of the ad hoc Disciplinary Commission of the Central Committee shall neither be eligible nor voters.
- 6- Cases of indiscipline noticed during electoral operations shall be subject to sanctions by the competent Local Electoral Committees.

I hereby strongly recommend the scrupulous observance of the provisions of this Circular. The Secretary General of the Central Committee shall particularly be responsible for its execution.

Yaoundé, 8 JUL 2021

