



CIRCULAR No 001 /CPDM/NP OF 18 JAN 2023
On the nomination process of CPDM candidates to the Senatorial Elections
on 12 MARS 2023

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

TO

- The Secretary General of the Central Committee;
- Ladies and Gentlemen Heads of the Regional and Divisional Permanent Delegations of the Central Committee;
- Ladies and Gentlemen Presidents of the CPDM, WCPDM, YCPDM Sections;
- All CPDM fellow militants.



Pursuant to the law, the Electoral College shall be convened in view of the Senatorial Elections. This election is a new episode in the process of consolidating our democratic system and another opportunity to demonstrate the maturity of our electoral model.

Beyond the global stakes relating to the strengthening of our institutions, national unity and peace, the major challenge of the forthcoming election of the members of the Upper Chamber of Parliament shall be the sustained and effective implementation of the decentralisation process, of which the Senate ensures the democratic echo at the heart of the Republic.

In December 2019, as you will doubtlessly recall, our country has adopted a General Code of Decentralisation, which is a unique, innovative, coherent and complete legal corpus. The impetus of the new Senate made up of women and men from the next elections shall be oriented towards the completion of the implementation of decentralisation in accordance with the set framework and its establishment as one of the fundamental components of the emergence of our country and of nation building.

As usual, the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement shall fully take part in the elections to ensure that, in pursuing the policy of rigour and moralisation, more than ever relevant, its ideals of unity, peace, progress, democracy and social justice are combined with local democracy, the development of terroirs and the efficient management of our local authorities. It is, therefore, necessary to strive for a resounding victory of the CPDM during these elections. In this perspective, the Party shall nominate deserving, committed and convincing militants, capable of truly representing the Party in the Senate, and who meet the individual and collective internal conditions as well as the criteria defined by the law.

This Circular shall lay down the terms and conditions for the nomination of Party candidates to the election of Senators. It shall be made more specific and supplemented by an Application Note of the Secretary General of the Central Committee.

I. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Individual conditions

Interested militants who wish to be nominated by the Party to the election of Senators must meet the following individual conditions:

a) according to the electoral law:

- be of Cameroonian nationality;
- be reached the age of 40 (forty) by the date of election;
- be able to read and write French or English;
- provide evidence of effective residence in the territory of the Region concerned;
- enjoy her/his civic rights;
- be registered on a voting list;
- be morally upright.

b) according to the Party:

- be an active member of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement or of one of its Specialised Organisations;
- be up to date with his or her membership fees, regularly paid since the last election of Senators;
- meet the required disciplinary conditions.

2. Collective conditions

The electoral constituency for the election is the Region. The Party shall nominate a list of candidates. Either list shall be made up of 7 (seven) substantive candidates and 7 (seven) alternate candidates. The lists shall comply with the following conditions:

- **gender representation:** the list shall be made up of, at least, 2 (two) women as substantive candidates and 2 (two) women as alternate candidates;
- **youth representation:** the list shall comprise, as far as possible, at least two (2) substantive candidates and 2 (two) alternate candidates between the age of 40 and 50, including one woman as substantive candidate and another one as alternate candidate;
- **national integration:** the list shall take into account the representation of the different sociological components and minorities;
- **equity and sharing:** the list shall take into consideration the distribution of positions of responsibility between and within the different political units of the Region;
- **emergence of new figures:** the list shall take into account the requirements for the renewal of the political personnel within the Party;
- **respect of the criteria established by the law:** the list shall ensure the strict application of the conditions prescribed by the law in this respect.

II. COMPOSITION OF NOMINATION FILES

Candidate files nominated by the Party to the election of Senators shall include, for each list and both substantive and alternate candidate, the following documents presented separately:

a) Documents required by law:

- 5 (five) copies of the nomination paper bearing the legalized signature of candidates;
- a copy of the birth certificate, not more than 3 (three) months old;
- a certificate of nationality;
- a criminal record (Bulletin N° 3), not more than 3 (three) months old;
- a declaration by which the candidate testifies, on his honour, that his or her name appears only on that list and that he or she is not the object of any of the disqualifications provided for by the law;
- a tax certificate or a tax exemption certificate;
- an attestation of registration on electoral registers;

- an attestation of abode or residence in the region concerned, issued by a competent administrative authority;
- a certificate of payment of **1,000,000 (one million) CFA Francs** deposit, issued by the treasury services;

a) Documents required by the Party:

- a collective candidate form;
- an individual nomination request;
- a photocopy of party membership card;
- proof of membership fees, for the last five years;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a statement of services rendered to the Party;
- a certificate of good conduct issued by the President of the CPDM Section;
- proof of payment of a candidate fees of 100,000 (one hundred thousand) CFA francs to the treasury of the Secretariat General of the Central Committee, paid jointly by the substantive and alternate candidate.

I. NOMINATING BODIES

The bodies responsible for the nomination of party candidates are:

- the Central Nominating Committee;
- the Regional Reception and Analysis Committee.

1. The Central Nominating Committee

Established in the Secretariat General of the Central Committee, the Central Nominating Committee shall be responsible for:

- verifying candidate files with respect to the criteria defined by this circular;
- ensuring final draft of Party candidate lists to be submitted to the National President.

The Central Nominating Committee shall comprise of a President, Vice-Presidents, Members and Rapporteurs, appointed by the National President.

The Central Nominating Committee shall consist of a Technical Secretariat and Sub-Commissions, the organisation and composition of which shall be the subject of a note from the Secretary General of the Central Committee.

2. The Regional Reception and Analysis Committee

Established at the Permanent Regional Delegation of the Central Committee, the Regional Reception and Analysis Committee shall be responsible for:

- receiving applications;
- ensuring the initial analysis and evaluation of the candidacies;
- selecting 2 (two) reasoned lists, ranked in order of preference, without splitting and transmitting the two lists to the Central Nominating Committee, as well as the other lists validated by the Regional Committee.

The Regional Reception and Analysis Committee shall be made up of a President, Vice-Presidents, Members and Chargés de mission, appointed by the Secretary General of the Central Committee.

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination process shall be the subject of a note from the General Secretary of the Central Committee.

III. MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

- All documents presented by the candidates shall be attached to the Regional Reception and Analysis Committees' reports.
- No member of a nominating body shall be a candidate.

- The office of Member of Government or of persons ranking as such, Member of Parliament (substantive or alternate), Member of Economic and Social Council, Member of the Regional Council and of Member of the Municipal Council, shall be incompatible with the nomination of the Party.
- Any resignations from the above-mentioned positions for the purpose of nomination, upon publication of this circular, shall not be taken in consideration.
- Any false declaration shall lead to the disqualification of the list.
- Militants sanctioned with respect to Decision No. 01/RDPC/PN of 9 September 2002 are not eligible for nomination.
- Local leaders who did not lead the Party to victory in their various constituencies during the February 2020 Municipal elections are not eligible for nomination.
- No one shall be a candidate or alternate candidate on two lists at the same time.



The members of the nominating bodies are hereby instructed to exercise rigour, spiritual maturity, objectivity, integrity, political maturity, discretion and patriotism, to ensure the proper nomination of trustworthy Party candidates, capable of guaranteeing a brilliant victory for the CPDM.

The Secretary General of the Central Committee shall be responsible for the strict implementation of the provisions of this Circular. /-

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