



Note No. 001/CPDM/CC/SG of 19 January 2023 on the application of Circular No. 001/CPDM/NP of 18 January 2023 on the nomination of CPDM candidates at the Senatorial election of 12 March 2023.

This Note is signed in application of the provisions of the above-mentioned Circular of the National President, which clearly states that CPDM objectives on the occasion of the senatorial elections shall be to obtain a resounding victory in order to increase its majority in the Senate.

To this end, following the esteemed guidelines of the National President, it shall be appropriate to grant **nomination to deserving, convinced and convincing militants, capable of representing the CPDM in the Senate, meeting both individual and collective internal conditions and obeying the criteria defined by the law.**

Hence the imperative need to conduct the nomination process in strict compliance with the provisions of the Circular of the National President, as specified and complemented by this Application Note.

I- APPLICATIONS

Each militant shall be free to seek the Party's nomination for the senatorial elections. However, he or she must fulfil the conditions defined by the Electoral Code and comply with the rules and regulations of the Party. The above mentioned conditions and rules shall apply both to individual candidates and to the lists.

A- Applicants Profile

1) Pursuant to the Electoral Code applicant shall:

- be reached the age of 40 (forty) by the date of election: **this implies the applicant shall be born not later than 11 March 1983 .**
- be able to read and write French or English: **this implies being literate;**
- enjoy his/her civic rights: **this implies not being under a final sentence;**
- be registered on a voting list: **this implies providing evidence in this regard in the application file;**
- be morally uprights: **this implies behaviour in line with respect for good morals, the public good, and the values of rigour and moralisation.**

2) According to the Party, applicant shall be:

- an active militant of the CPDM or of one of its Specialised Organisations.

Active militancy shall be understood as:

- ***the effective and permanent contribution to the animation and life of the Party***
- ***the promotion and defence of the ideals of the Party***
- ***show support for the functioning of the Party's Basic Organ he or she belongs to.***
- be up to date with his or her membership fees, having regularly paid them since the last election of Senators;
 - in this respect, ***preference shall be granted to militants who are primarily concerned with the interests of the Party and not only with their personal political careers.***
- meet the required discipline conditions.
 - in this regard, ***priority shall be given to comrades who show a constant concern to comply with the rules and regulations of the Party.***

B- Profile of the lists

Each list, of regional scope and made up of personalities fulfilling the individual conditions, shall comprise seven (7) substantive candidates and seven (07) alternate candidates. It shall be formed on the basis of the following overriding considerations

- ***gender:*** 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 different sociological components and minorities of the Region;
- ***equity and sharing:*** the list shall take into account the distribution of positions of responsibility between and within the different political units of the Region in order to avoid the concentration of elective positions and administrative responsibilities within the same family, village, ethnic group, Sub-Division or Division ;
- ***emergence of new figures:*** the list shall reflect the requirements for the renewal of the political personnel within the party;
- ***compliance with the criteria established by the law:*** the list shall be constituted in strict application of the provisions of the Electoral Code concerning the senatorial election.

I- APPLICATION FILES

Regarding the application files:

1- It should be ensured that:

- the files validated by the Regional Reception and Analysis Committee are complete;
- the documents required by the Law are classified pursuant to the order provided for by the Electoral Code;
- the documents were issued by the competent institutions and signed by the duly authorised authorities;
- originals, rather than photocopies or scanned copies of the required documents are presented;
- the required documents are in good number;
- all required evidence and supporting documents are presented;
- the documents provided do not bear any markings (omissions, overwriting, etc.) that might cast doubt on their authenticity;
- candidates' signatures do not vary from one document to another.

2- It should be noted that:

- arrears of membership fee as well as application fee shall either be paid to the treasury of the Secretariat General of the Central Committee or to the Chargé de Mission of the Regional Reception and Analysis Committee, designated for this purpose.

II- NOMINATION

In accordance with the provisions of the National President's Circular, the nomination process shall be conducted according to a schedule.

A- THE NOMINATION PROCESS

1- The first stage of the process shall be carried out within the **Regional Reception and Analysis Committee as follows:**

a) Reception of candidates' lists and application files:

- No list shall be rejected at this stage;
- all lists, submitted, shall be registered on a registration form indicating the documents provided, in the presence of a representative of the list, who will countersign the deposit form. A copy of the registration form shall be issued to the depositor.

b) examination of the admissibility of lists:

- it shall be the responsibility of the entire Committee;
- the purpose is to ensure that all the candidates on each list should present the required documents.
- at this stage, three possible decisions shall be expected:
 - rejection with justified reasons,
 - possibility of completing the files, within specific time limits,
 - admissibility of the list for the rest of the procedure.

c) Analysis:

- it shall involve the substantive examination of various lists, application files and the various documents provided;
- later, the validation and classification of the various lists;
- thus giving rise to two documents:
 - **a draft report** which shall focus on data that can promptly inform the Central Nominating Committee. The draft report shall be five pages long at most, including the cover page and accompanied by recommendations. It shall be sent to the Central Nominating Committee together with selected files. If necessary, the President of the Regional Reception and Analysis Committee may have the draft report accompanied by a memo at his/her discretion, addressed to the President of the Central Nominating Committee.
 - **a final report** which shall give a comprehensive description of the Committee's activities. The report shall later be sent to the Secretary General of the Central Committee no later than 15 (fifteen) days after the end of the Committee's activities.

2- The second stage of the process shall be carried out by the **Central Nominating Committee** as follows:

- verifying conformity of candidates' files transmitted by the Regional Reception and Analysis Committee with the criteria defined by the circular of the National President;
- the final draft of Party candidate lists to be submitted to the National President.

B- WORK SCHEDULE

- 1- The Regional Reception and Analysis Committees shall operate **from 20 to 23 January 2023**. The transmission of files together with the draft reports must be done not later than **24 January 2023**
- 2- The Central Nominating Committee shall meet not later than **26 January 2023**.
- 3- The final reports of the Regional Committees' activities shall be sent to the Secretary General of the Central Committee not later than **31 January 2023**.
- 4- In order to ensure the timely completion of selection operations, the Regional Reception and Analysis Committee shall operate on a continuous basis. In the absence of the President of the Committee, the First Vice-President shall automatically and immediately take over the responsibilities, and so on.

The Presidents of the Regional Reception and Analysis Committees shall be responsible for, as far as they are concerned, the strict respect of the provisions of this Application Note.



Yaounde, 19th January 2023

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