

# POSTFACE

Following the launch of the National Development Strategy 2020-2030 (NDS30) by the state of Cameroon, universities must reorient their activities to catalyze the attainment of this vision. It is in this light that the LOREXP-2021 Conference was organized, which had as main objective to report on the transformation of our local resources in the various laboratories of state universities and encourage certified young people, entrepreneurs and industrialists to participate in industrializing Cameroon.

The impact of this Conference is already noticeable through the support of decentralized local communities and traditional authorities of the Adamawa Region in the deployment of local resource development activities. LOREXP-2021 has made it possible to give a better showcase of our skills at the national and international level. The effective participation of the various establishments of the University of Ngaoundere and other state Universities is part of the communication process, and will serve to sell the brand image of the University of Ngaoundere in particular and that of all State Universities, which are now aware of the need for professionalization of training in their respective structures.

LOREXP-2021 permitted young lecturers/researchers to review their teaching techniques, which will henceforth be anchored on the practical aspects as well as on the importance and potential of these lessons to promote economic development while highlighting the Made in Cameroon. They are now determined to create an environment that promotes the development of good projects through their courses. They are determined to ignite in the mind of students the idea of starting a business. We can already note, at the level of the University Institute of Technology (IUT) and the National High School of Agro-Industrial Sciences (ENSAI) of the University of Ngaoundere, that several end-of-course internship topics are oriented towards setting up projects or structures for the transformation of soil resources. These young teachers and students, who constitute the future, were put forward at LOREXP-2021, where they were strongly involved in the organization of this International Conference, conducting activities from the initial stages right through to the day of the presentations.

LOREXP-2021 has made it possible to generate more initiatives among civil society, economic operators and administrators, in terms of enhancing the exploitation of local resources. Young students, the youngest of whom was 20 years old, came to defend their project so as to benefit of the support offered by LOREXP to help them participate in achieving the government's objectives. Industrialists were present to benefit from insights to help them better operate and manage their enterprises. Economic operators took this opportunity to present their offers to interested stakeholders. The Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts (MINPMEESA) took the floor to recall the policy of the Cameroonian government in terms of supporting young aspiring entrepreneurs.



LOREXP-2021 marked the beginning of answers to questions ranging from improving the self-employability of young people from our training courses, to the transformation of local resources from various sources including mangoes from Ngaoundere, cashew from Garoua, laterite from Meiganga and Ouagadougou, kaolin from Mayouom, Cacao from Yabassi and Bafia, above ground tank fish farming from Yabassi, cereals and legumes from Ngaoundere, raphia sese oil from Congo Brazzaville, etc. LOREXP assessed the potential of these resources to provide a competitive advantage in order to promote the economic development of our populations and therefore of Africa as a whole.

It is important to recall that the LOREXP-2021 International Conference focused on five major sub-themes for the economic development of African countries. Many works exist in the valuation of soil resources, but much is still to be done in the field of valuation of subsoil resources. Also, apart from business projects, the research work presented does not sufficiently exploit multidisciplinary skills in the execution of the LOREXP themes. The next editions will surely put an emphasis on these components in order to bring each citizen to join multidisciplinary value chains and get involved in the process of economic development of Cameroon and Africa at large.

In my capacity as Rector of the University of Ngaoundere and Sponsor of this Conference, I join the Organizing Committee in thanking all those who participated either in-person or online. Your presence truly enhanced and gave value to this event. Pending the next edition in 2023, fruitful discussions will continue by email, at the address: [info@lorexp.org](mailto:info@lorexp.org) as well as on the LOREXP website ([www.lorexp.org](http://www.lorexp.org)) where entrepreneurs can consult accompanying books for business creation and examples of pilot units for transformation of local resources.

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