



LAUNCHING OF

**LAWYERS EXCHANGE AND
TRAINING PROGRAM (LETP)**

under the content:

**THE CAMEROONIAN LAWYER FACED WITH
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

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VENUE : SALLE LE COMBATTANT- DOUALA BONANJO

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION

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With the advent of globalisation and the consequent liberalization of the international economy, the movement of goods and services has increased considerably. As a result, direct and indirect cross-border investments have continued to multiply, thereby boosting the need for international legal support. Consequently, the international market for legal services is growing steadily. Multinationals, private companies and investors, as well as legal entities under public law, do not hesitate to call upon the services of international law firms, consultants or legal counsels to assist them in contractual negotiations. The same applies to the resolution of disputes, whether international or not, as the dispute may concern commercial, criminal or political issues.

Cameroon's membership of the Organisation for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (in its French acronym "OHADA") has accelerated this phenomenon insofar as the mastery of the law elaborated by this international organisation confers a regional competence. Legal counsel specialised in OHADA law have had their competence extended to seventeen countries, including Cameroon. Therefore, in addition to international competition, Cameroonian lawyers are in competition with regional experts.

Furthermore, the entry into force in 2025 of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement on the free movement of services is likely to increase the market share of foreign experts in the legal services market. Indeed, it is expected that the growth in the volume of investments in Cameroon will certainly whet the interest of international firms. In view of the supremacy of treaties over laws, the entry of foreign lawyers and law firms into the local market is a possible scenario, which could further reduce the market share of Cameroonian lawyers.

In view of the above, it is essential to carry out a prospective study in order to enable Cameroonian lawyers to face international competition on the one hand and to conquer foreign markets on the other hand. This is the challenge of ZANGUE & PARTNERS law firm for the launching of the **Lawyers Exchange and Training Programme (LETP)**, the ambition of the said programme being the setting up of exchange and experience sharing opportunities for the benefit of lawyers in general, and young lawyers in particular.





SCHEDULE

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM :

OPENING OF WORKING SESSIONS

- Presentation of the Lawyers Exchange and Training Program : **Barrister ZANGUE Serges Martin**, Managing Partner of Zangue&Partners
- The international market of legal services : **Barrister Joseph PAGOP NOUPOUE** ,Paris Bar and Cameroon Bar Association, Ersnt & Young Cameroun
- Prospects for the exercise of the legal profession in Cameroon: **President of the Bar MBAH Eric MBAH**

11:45 AM-1 :15 PM

ROUND TABLE 1

THE CAMEROONIAN LAWYER FACED WITH THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET OF LEGAL SERVICES

MODERATOR :
MAITRE MARIE ANDRÉE
NGWE



- The choice of a lawyer by multinationals: **Mrs Patience MAPOKO**, General counsel COTCO, Savannah Energy Subsidiary
- The International experience of a Cameroonian law firm: **Barrister Aurélie CHAZAI**, Paris Bar and Cameroon Bar Association, Managing Partner CHAZAI - WAMBA
- Form of practice of the legal profession and international competition: **Barrister Paul JING**, Cameroon Bar Association, Managing Partner of Jing & Partners
- The lawyer and the emergence of international consultants and financial experts: **Barrister NJOCK Luc Magloire**, Cameroon Bar Association

1 :15PM - 2 :00 PM:

COFFEA BREAK

2:00PM- 3 :30PM :

ROUND TABLE 2

**MODERATOR :
MAITRE CHARLES
TCHUENTE**

**ROUND TABLE 2: CAMEROONIAN LAWYERS
AT THE CONQUEST OF THE INTERNATIONAL
MARKET OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- The Cameroonian lawyer and new legal markets: case study on “compliance”:
Barrister Esther Sandrine NGOM,
Cameroon Bar Association



- The development of the Cameroonian lawyer in the OHADA region: **Barrister Johanna MONTHE**, Epena Law Firm, Solicitor England and Wales, Cameroon Bar Association.
- The international marketing of the Cameroonian lawyer confronted with deontological requirements: **Barrister Claude ASSIRA**, Paris Bar and Cameroon Bar Association
- The young Cameroonian lawyer in the era of cross-border legal services: **Barrister NKEA ALEAMBONG Emmanuel**, Cameroon Bar Association.

3:30 PM – 4:15PM :

SHARING OF EXPERIENCE FROM WEST AND EAST AFRICA – BARRISTER MICHEL BRIZOUA BI – PARTNER, BILE AKA BRIZOUA BI, IVORY COAST

4:15PM – 4:45PM :

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WORKING SESSIONS: DR. ACHILLE NGWANZA

5:00 PM- 7:00 PM :

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