

PRESENTATION OF AGGEM'S PROFILE



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- AGGEM Cameroon is legally registered not-for-profit social enterprise under the Cameroon Law of Associations with reference. No. 71/E.29/Vol.8/APPB

Vision

AGGEM Cameroon is a self-motivated group dedicated to influencing policies and actions at all levels aimed at safeguarding the environment and promoting sustainable development.

Mission

- AGGEM's seeks to engage with households, community groups and businesses and harnessing their potentials to build sustainable communities

Motto

One Team, Developing Skills and Creating a Sustainable Future

Approach

We focus on bottom-up, self-help, community driven interventions and participatory approaches

Our key target is youth and youth based organisations and initiatives

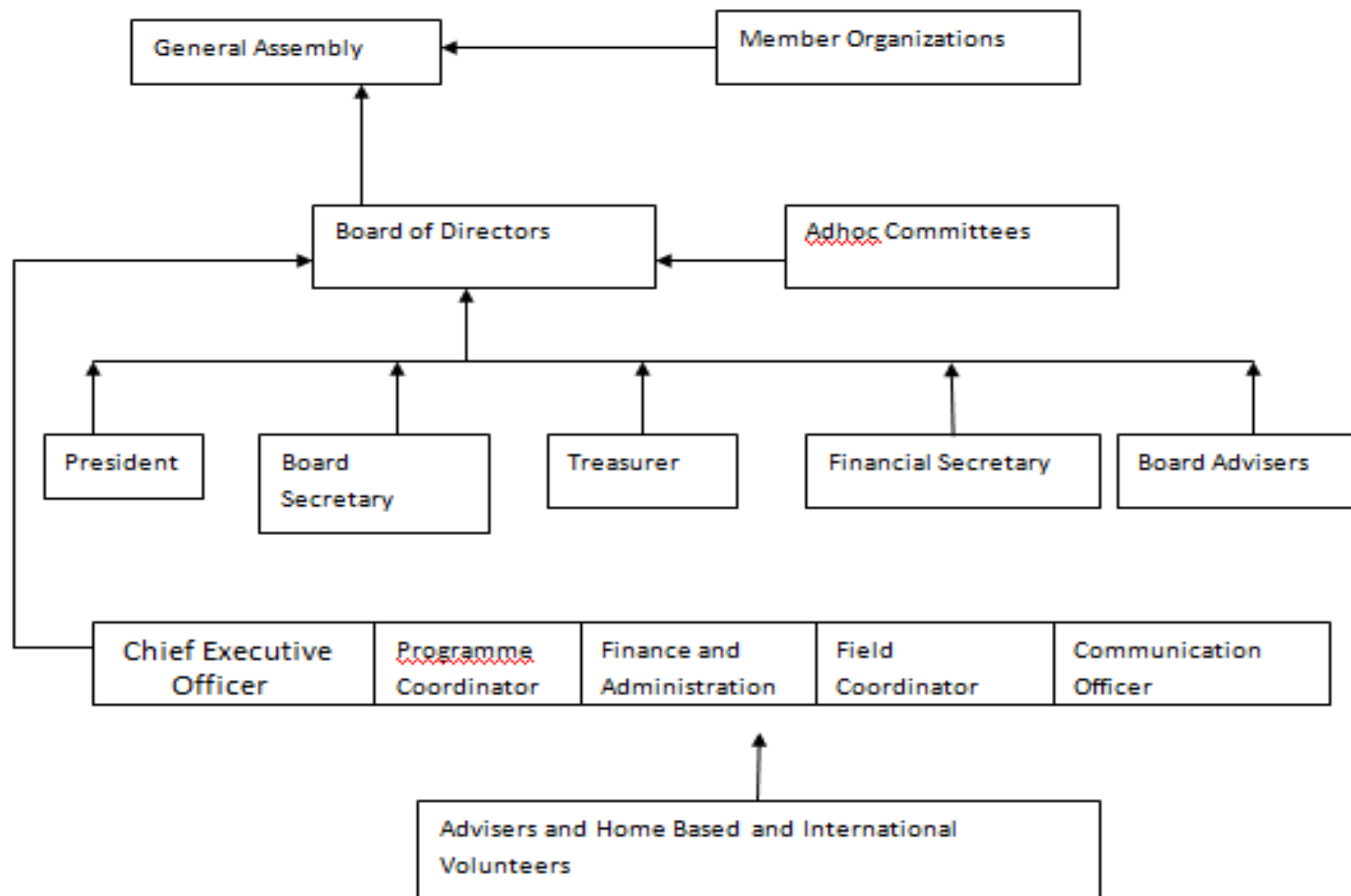
Objectives

- To enhance the role of households, groups, business, institutions and communities in safeguarding the environments.
- Strengthen respect for environmental policy through enhanced partnerships with other actors.
- Enhance youth leadership skills for environmental governance.
- Strengthen AGGEM's organisational capacity.

Values and operational principles

- AGGEM is a signatory to the Cameroon Code of Ethics for Civil Society Organisations.
- We adheres to the principles of integrity, transparency, accountability, competence, professionalism and respect.
- We value high ethical standards and believe in innovation and high productivity level
- We are highly committed to proactively discover, develop, shape and deliver innovative responses to current and emerging sustainable development issues.

AGGEM ORGANISATIONAL CHART



NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Board Member (Advisory role), North West Cameroon Association of Development Organisations.
- Member, National Civil Society Platform (PLANOSCAM)
- Member, Africa Community of Practice – Managing for Development Results (AFCoP)
- Member of AfricaAdapt Network
- Member, International Society of Sustainability Professionals (ISSP)
- Member, AID GROUP Cameroon (Working on the Aid Effectiveness in Cameroon)
- Member NEPAD-Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness Community of Practice on SE4ALL
- Africa Sustainable Energy and Environment Platform

Technical and financial partners

- Australia Awards Small Grant
- WasteAid UK
- Natural Resource Institute/Revenue Watch Institute

- Our major source of funding is members contribution and consultancy services we render
- Project proposal design

Resources

- We currently have two offices, one in Yaounde, covering the French Speaking part of Cameroon and one in Bamenda for the English speaking part of Cameroon and these offices have basic resources for operation.
- We are a team of 4 full time staff and 4 national(local) volunteers and 1 international volunteer (online based in Paris).
- Our strength is our membership made up of individuals and community based groups
- 2012-2017 Strategic plan and annual plans that guide our work.

PROJECTS

1. ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES FROM THE BOTTOM

Harnessing and valuing Local Indigenous Knowledge and Practices (LIKPs) on climate change mitigation and adaptation as a source of education and business for local communities in Cameroon, in collaboration with the Tanzania Meteorological Organisation (TMO) and the Zambia College of Agriculture (ZCO).

Note: Intergenerational exchange process to capture LIKPS



2. Giving Back to our Communities (GIBAC) Initiative

Focus on this initiatives is work with communities to identify some salient needs and together use locally available resources and means to address these challenges.

Hinged most of our actions around the sustainable development goals

Examples include: enhancing access to potable water, environmental protection, health and sanitation





3. Promoting youth involvement in Sustainable Development

We are now setting up the *Schools Sustainable Development Clubs (SSUDeC)*.

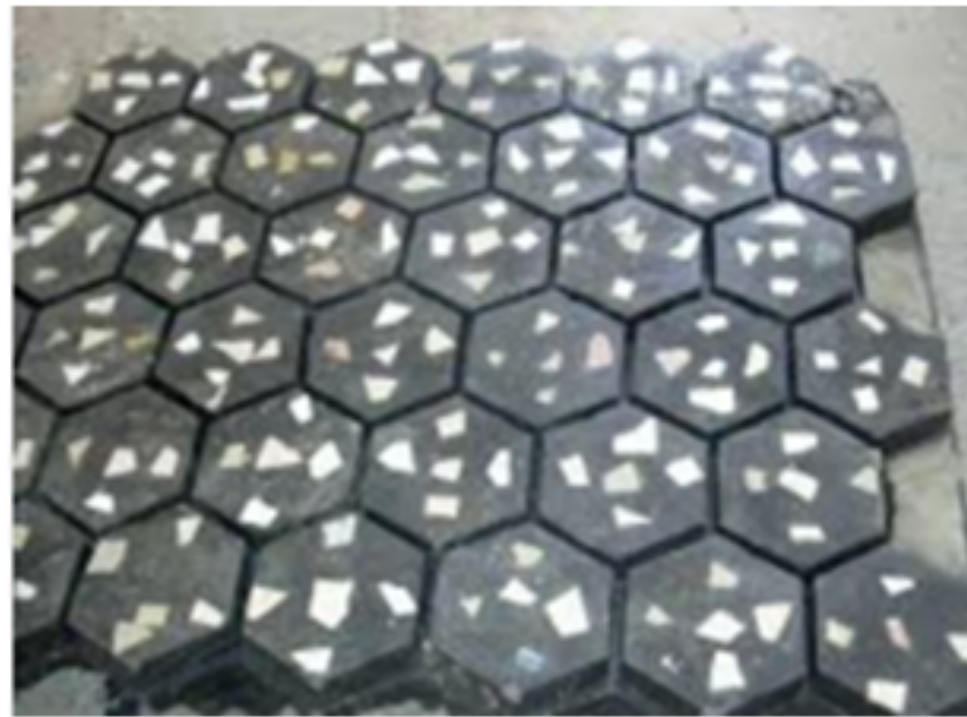
Approach

1. *Asking youths what they want to become in future is failing to orientate youths towards solving problems they see around them*
2. *Asking youths in schools and out of school to reflect on what problems they want to solve for humanity?*

Continuously mentor, orientate and advice them on how to get the skills and knowledge to be able to contribute to address these problems for humanity.

4. Promoting community health and sanitation through appropriate Waste Management





5. Promoting entrepreneurship

Using the innovative Lean Launchpad business model generation we are generating different business plans on the different initiatives including;

The “waste” to Resources Project

The AGGEM Farms Project (pineapples, chicken etc)



Research and publications

We have diverse publications on sustainability, climate change, governance, water, capacity development etc

- <http://www.gsdmagazine.org/mdgs-post-2015-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs-reflecting-environmental-sustainability-goal/>
- https://www.academia.edu/11825767/Simple_Manual_on_The_Legal_Framework_Creation_and_Management_Principles_of_Civil_Society_Organisations_in_Cameroon
- <http://jnrd.info/> DOI:10.5027/jnrd.v2i0.07
- ISBN 978-0-903850-51-3,
<https://books.thecommonwealth.org/governance-commonwealth-paperback>
- ISSN:2394-2606 <http://www.jabe.in>
- http://www.gsdmagazine.org/mdgs-post-2015-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs-reflecting-environmental-sustainability-goal

Ongoing research

1. Community-led solutions: identifying, harnessing and valuing traditional knowledge and cultural practices that contributes to sustainable community peace in Cameroon.

In response to call for papers from Call for Articles by Forced Migration Review with focus specifically on community protection strategies and capacities in the context of forced migration for publication in September issue.

2. Civil Society participation in peace building and conflict resolution efforts: imaginary or factual: A case study of civil society interventions in conflict prone communities in the North West region of Cameroon (full research proposal developed and applied to African Peace building Network Research Grants for support without success, however background data currently being collected)

International Empirical Frameworks on Structuring and Operation of Natural Resources Revenue Benefit Sharing Schemes and considerations in the Management of Natural resources in Cameroon

Challenges

- The process of getting youths to think strategically rather than looking at short gains.
- Mobilising appropriate financial to carryout the plans is a challenge.
- Getting international volunteers to work on some of the projects to bring in new insights and context based experiences

Opportunities

Volunteer placements opportunities exist for the following positions

- Resource Mobilisation
- Value Chain development and marketing for AGGEM Farms (social ventures)
- Financial Management
- Organisational Development
- Business planning

What AGGEM offers to volunteers



-Fully furnished accommodation at walking distance from the office and very safe and attractive neighbourhood with regular water flow and stable electricity supply

-- Shared office space with basic resources to facilitate work.

-Possibility of receiving 4 volunteers at a time.



THANK YOU