

# **PRESENTATION OF THE MAJOR NATIONAL DIALOGUE**

In his message to the Nation on 10 September 2019, the President of the Republic, Head of State, H.E. Paul BIYA, decided to convene a Major National Dialogue scheduled at the end of September 2019. This Dialogue is designed to, “in line with our Constitution, enable us to seek ways and means of meeting the high aspirations of the people of the North-West and South-West Regions, but also of all the other components of our Nation” in order to resolve the crisis affecting these two regions and having consequences for the whole country.

The Major National Dialogue will be held **from 30 September to 4 October 2019**, under the coordination of the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

## **Venue : Yaounde Conference Centre**

### **Purpose**

- Rally all well-thinking and constructive forces in our country and in the diaspora around values that are dear to us, namely: peace, security, national unity and progress.
- Meet the strong desire of the people of the North-West and South-West Regions to return to a normal life and be able once again to safely carry out their economic and social activities.

### **Themes**

- Bilingualism
- Cultural diversity and social cohesion
- Reconstruction and development of conflict-affected areas
- Return of refugees and displaced persons
- Education and judicial system
- Decentralization and local development
- Demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants
- Role of the diaspora in the country’s development...

### **Participants**

The Head of State wants the Major National Dialogue to be dialogue that will bring together, without exception, sons and daughters of Cameroon:

- parliamentarians,
- politicians,
- opinion leaders,
- intellectuals,
- economic operators,
- traditional authorities,
- religious authorities,
- members of the diaspora,
- representatives of the Defence and Security Forces,
- representatives of armed groups
- representatives of the victims.

*"The dialogue, which will be chaired by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, will bring together a wide range of personalities: parliamentarians, politicians, opinion leaders, intellectuals, economic operators, traditional authorities, religious authorities, members of the diaspora, etc. Representatives of the Defence and Security Forces, armed groups and victims will also be invited."*

*President Paul Biya, 10 September 2019*

## **Chief Dr Joseph Dion Ngute, Prime Minister, Head of Government, chairs the Major National Dialogue.**

Head of Government since 4 January 2019 after serving as Minister in Charge of Special Duties at the Presidency of the Republic (Decree of 2 March 2018), Dr Joseph Dion Ngute was Minister Delegate to the Minister of External Relations in charge of Cooperation with the Commonwealth from 7 December 1997 to 2 March 2018.

Before joining the Government, he represented Cameroon in the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, and equally in the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in Banjul, Gambia.

As a member of the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission for the implementation of the Greentree Agreement on the border dispute between the two countries, he actively participated in the process which led to the handover of the Bakassi Peninsula to Cameroon on 14 August 2008.

He also led the Cameroonian delegation in the negotiations for the creation of the African Union, which replaced the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

Before joining the Government, Prime Minister Joseph Dion Ngute served for ten years as Director General of the National School of Administration and Magistracy and, as such, was responsible for training senior officials of public administration and finance, as well as of the judiciary.

Dr. Dion Ngute holds a PhD in law from the University of Warwick in England and an LLM from the University of London, after his degree in law from the University of Yaoundé

The 65-year-old Chief Dr Joseph Dion Ngute, (born on 12 March 1954) who is married and a father, hails from Bongongo, Ekondo-Titi Sub-Division, Ndian Division, in the South-West Region.



## Background and Outlines

### I. Background

1. In his address to the Nation on 10 September 2019, the President of the Republic, Head of State, H.E. Paul BIYA, decided to convene, from the end of September 2019, a Major National Dialogue with the aim to, ***“in line with our Constitution, enable us to seek ways and means of meeting the high aspirations of the people of the North-West and South-West Regions, but also of all the other components of our Nation”***.
2. The convening of this great moment of exchange and sharing is the result of a process marked by deplorable events and significant progress. Indeed, for nearly three years now, the North-West and South-West regions have been affected by a crisis that is jeopardizing the safety and well-being of the people living there and shaking the very foundations of the Cameroonian nation.
3. It all started in October 2016, with corporatist claims of lawyers and teachers who were demanding the English translation of OHADA Uniform Acts and the preservation of the specificity of the judicial system and anglo-saxon educational system in the two regions.
4. Faithful to an option dear to him, President Paul BIYA instructed the establishment of a dialogue between the Government and trade union organisations in order to find answers to these demands. At the end of the consultations, the Government took measures that sometimes went well beyond the expectations of the social partners.
5. The said measures include:
  - The creation of a Common Law Section at the Supreme Court;
  - The creation of a Common Law Section at the National School of Administration and Magistracy;
  - A programme for the recruitment of English-speaking pupil judicial and legal officers and court registrars;
  - A special recruitment of bilingual teachers in secondary schools;
  - at the level of the judiciary, the stay of proceedings against some persons arrested in connection with the demands;
6. At the same time, the President of the Republic created a "National Commission for the Promotion of Bilingualism and Multiculturalism", responsible for proposing solutions to maintain peace, consolidate our national unity and strengthen our will and daily practice of living together.
7. Subsequently, decisions were taken to speed-up the decentralization process, with the creation of a dedicated Ministry as an added bonus.

8. Despite these efforts by the Government, extremists in the diaspora and their local proxies set themselves to recuperate and divert the corporatist demands, transforming them into a secessionist project. Through overbidding, manipulation and various pressures, they began by thwarting government dialogue initiatives. Subsequently, they created and maintained a climate of fear and tension in the North-West and South-West regions through misinformation, the dissemination of messages of hatred and incitement to violence on social media. They finally instigated and financed the creation of armed groups and launched terrorist attacks against the public authorities and civilian populations, in the vain hope of carrying out their illusory project of partitioning Cameroon.
9. The abuses and atrocities committed by these armed groups include: threats, intimidation, robberies, kidnappings, rackets, rapes, mutilations, beheadings, murders of members of the security forces, administrative authorities and defenceless civilians, the destruction of public infrastructure and buildings, the burning of schools and hospitals, the prohibition of going to school, etc.
10. The abuses committed by these armed groups have led thousands of our compatriots to take refuge in other parts of the country, some of them even fleeing to neighbouring countries where they live in precariousness.
11. In the face of these intolerable acts, the Defence and Security Forces took strong measures, often at the risk of their lives, to fulfil their duty to protect citizens and property. At present, these measures are beginning to bear fruit with the improvement of security and the gradual resumption of economic activities in the North-West and South-West regions.
12. In an effort to appease the situation, the President of the Republic, H.E. Paul BIYA, decided to stay the legal proceedings pending before the military courts against 289 people arrested for offences committed in connection with this crisis.
13. **The Head of State made an offer of peace to members of armed groups, inviting them to lay down their arms and benefit from a process of reintegration into society. He reiterated this offer of peace in his message of 10 September 2019.**
14. In line with this, a National Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Committee has been established. And to date, the Regional Disarmament Centres have welcomed many ex-fighters who have voluntarily agreed to lay down arms.
15. On the humanitarian front, President Paul BIYA decided to launch a vast Emergency Humanitarian Assistance Plan in the North-West and South-West regions worth CFAF 12.7 billion, financed by the State budget, national solidarity and international partners. He also established a Humanitarian Coordination Centre to implement the Plan.

## II. Outlines

16. **The Major National Dialogue convened by President Paul BIYA, from 30 September to 04 October 2019, will focus mainly on the situation in the North-West and South-West regions. But it will also delve into issues of national interest, such as national unity, national integration, living together.**
17. The Major National Dialogue will therefore aim to bring together, without exception, the sons and daughters of our country, Cameroon, around values that are dear to us: peace, security, national harmony and progress.
18. The Major National Dialogue will also focus on themes likely to address the concerns of the populations of the North-West and South-West, as well as those of the other regions of our country: bilingualism, cultural diversity and social cohesion, reconstruction and development of conflict-affected areas, the return of refugees and displaced persons, the education and judicial system, decentralization and local development, demobilization and reintegration of ex-fighters, the role of the diaspora in the country's development, etc.
19. Chaired by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, this Dialogue will bring together various personalities: parliamentarians, politicians, opinion leaders, intellectuals, economic operators, traditional authorities, religious authorities, members of the diaspora, etc. Representatives of the Defence and Security Forces, armed groups and victims will also be invited.
20. **Of course, not everyone will be able to participate effectively in this Dialogue, but everyone will have the opportunity to contribute.**
21. Prior to the effective holding of the Dialogue, the Prime Minister, Head of Government, will conduct broad based consultations to gather a wide range of views, which will serve as a source of inspiration for the conduct of the discussions. Delegations will also be sent to meet the diaspora, in order to enable them to contribute to these reflections on the resolution of the crisis.
22. **To this end, the President of the Republic, H.E. Paul BIYA, in appealing to the patriotism and sense of responsibility of all our compatriots from within the country and from the diaspora so that everyone, wherever they may be, may seize this historic opportunity to help lead our country on the path to peace, harmony, security and progress.**

## REACTIONS

“The Secretary-General welcomes the announcement made today by President Paul Biya on the launch of a national dialogue process in Cameroon. He encourages the Government of Cameroon to ensure that the process is inclusive and addresses the challenges facing the country. He calls on all Cameroonian stakeholders, including the Diaspora, to participate in this effort. The Secretary-General reiterates the readiness of the United Nations to support the dialogue process.”

***Stephane Dujarric, Spokesperson of the UN Secretary General***  
**10 September 2019**

” I encourage a process that will enjoy the trust of all parties and that addresses the root causes of the crisis in order to bring sustained peace. The Commonwealth stands ready to assist, and I call on all parties to participate fully in the process. The people of the northwest and southwest regions, children in particular, deserve a return to normal life free from fear and gross violations of human rights and atrocities perpetuated by parties to the conflict, including armed groups.”

***Patricia Scotland, the Commonwealth Secretary-General,***  
**11 September 2019**

“The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, welcomes the commitment of the President of the Republic of Cameroon, H.E. Paul Biya, to organize a national dialogue to resolve the crisis in the two English-speaking regions of the country. He encourages and calls upon all Cameroonian stakeholders, including the diaspora and armed groups, to take part in this national dialogue and to seize this opportunity to discuss the root causes of this crisis.

The Chairperson reiterates the readiness of the African Union Commission to support Cameroon in the search for a consensual and lasting solution to preserve Cameroon’s unity and integrity. ”

***Ebba Kalondo***  
***Spokesperson of the Commission’s Chairperson***  
***African Union Commission***  
**Addis Ababa, 11 September 2019**

“Communiqué from the incumbent presidency Of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)

**Presidency of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)**  
**Libreville on 11 September 2019**

“France hopes that the national dialogue announced by President Biya will allow broad consultations to take place,

Paving the way for a peaceful resolution of the crisis in the SW and NW regions of the country.

Our statement”

***France Diplomatie***

“We have always called for a national meeting to discuss the problem and calling for a national dialogue is a welcome initiative... people should go to the dialogue table in good faith to build and not to destroy Cameroon.”

*The emeritus Archbishop of Douala, Christian Cardinal Tumi*

“We have proposed three levels of the involvement of Cameroonian youths in the national dialogue. We have indoor, outdoor and around the door involvement. This means that all young people in Cameroon will be involved in the dialogue. Today we have been consulted so that we will be stakeholders. We will have youth delegates at all stages beginning from subdivisions, divisions and regions. We will also consult the young people in the Diaspora so that our voice be heard and we bring on the table proposals of the youths in order to promote the atmosphere of peace. This is because we need to be part of the history of our country.”

*Fadimatou Iyawa, President of the National Youth Council.*

“The message of the Head of State calling for dialogue comes at an appropriate time to bring down tempers. He is taking the responsibility as a father of 10 children (the ten different regions of the country) to set things right. As a father of the nation.

He does an evaluation of the different problems submitted and looks for the most appropriate time to address them through the best means. I dare say what has been termed the Anglophone crisis will be history as dialogue has been announced for the end of this month. We expect those who represent the different strata of public opinion to come with concrete ideas during the dialogue. “

*Patrick Ekema,  
Mayor of Buea Council.*

“It was a fatherly speech that the Head of State featured on September 10, 2019. It is my wish that great work be done between now and the end of September so that the President will be able to fast tract the dialogue process. It was a good speech and the president looked worried that children are not going to school and the crisis has not helped things with increased criminality, destruction, kidnappings and killings. We acknowledge two distinct cultures in Cameroon where Anglophones will want things to go fast and Francophones may not be interested in things going fast and my prayer is that we should all give the Head of State the chance to act because I have known him to act more than what he says. Remember that he cited his constitutional powers in the speech which is indicative that he can do more for normalcy to return.”

*Ngufor Peter Njongor,  
Bamenda-based North-West Elite.*

**NATIONAL DIALOGUE TO EXPLORE AVENUES FOR RESOLVING THE CRISIS  
IN THE NORTH-WEST AND SOUTH-WEST REGIONS**

**AGENDA**

**SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2019:**

- **Registration of participants at the Yaounde Conference Centre**
- **Welcome and installation of participants**

**MONDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2019:**

**7 a.m. – 8 a.m.: Registration of participants**

**8 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.: Arrival and welcome of guests**

**9.40 a.m.: End of installation of dignitaries at the Yaounde Conference Centre**

**9.50 a.m.: Arrival of the Prime Minister, Head of Government**

**10 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Solemn opening ceremony of the National Dialogue**

- **Welcome address by the Government Delegate to the Yaounde City Council**
- **Opening address by the Prime Minister, Head of Government**
- **Adjournment, group photograph**

**11 a.m. -11.30 a.m.: Coffee break**

**11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Plenary session: General discussions**

**1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Lunch**

**3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.: Plenary session**

- **Continuation of general discussions**
- **Organization of committees and election of bureaux**

**4.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.: Coffee break**

**5 p.m. – 7 p.m.: Committee sessions**

**Supper break**



TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2019

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Committee sessions

11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.: Coffee break

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Lunch

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.: Committee sessions

5 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.: Coffee break

5.30 p.m. – 7 p.m.: Committee sessions

Supper break

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2019

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Committee sessions

11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.: Coffee break

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Lunch

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.: Committee sessions

5 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.: Coffee break

5.30 p.m. – 7 p.m.: Committee sessions

Supper break

THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2019

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Plenary session

- Reading of Committee reports

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Lunch

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.: Plenary session

- Continuation of the reading of Committee reports
- Review of the Final Report of the National Dialogue

5 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.: Coffee break

5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.:

- Continuation of the review of the Final Report of the National Dialogue
- Adoption of the Final Report of the National Dialogue

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.: Yaounde Conference Centre: Grand Gala Night

FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2019

12 noon: Solemn closing session

- Reading of the General Report by the Rapporteur General
- **CLOSING SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT**

## Frequently Asked Questions

**QUESTION: What is the Major National Dialogue?**

**ANSWER:**

Convened by the President of the Republic in his message to the Nation on September 10, 2019, the Major National Dialogue (MND) is held at the Yaoundé Conference Centre from September 30 to October 4, 2019.

The inaugural session and the work of this Major National Dialogue will be chaired by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, **H.E Joseph Dion NGUTE** designated for this purpose by the President of the Republic.

In addition to the work in plenary sessions, at least 8 Commissions will be formed to examine all the issues identified as likely to promote the achievement of the main objective of this meeting, namely, the return to peace in the North West and South regions in particular, and the consolidation of the Cameroonian model of living together and coexistence of all the components of the Nation in general.

From a methodological perspective, the Major National Dialogue will give voice to all the social components of the country so that they submit proposals whose synthesis will make it possible to respond to the legitimate concerns of the citizens and to the widely shared aspiration of a return to peace. That consultation is ongoing and will continue so that no one is left behind. The commissions at the Major National Dialogue include:

- **Commission No 1:** Bilingualism, Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion
- **Commission No 2:** Educational System
- **Commission No 3:** Judicial System
- **Commission No 4:** Decentralisation and Local Development
- **Commission No 5:** Reconstruction and Development of Crisis-Affected Regions
- **Commission No 6:** Return of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons
- **Commission No 7:** Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration of Ex-combatants
- **Commission No 8:** Role of Diaspora in the Crisis and its Contribution to the Country's Development

So you realise that the Major National Dialogue will address, squarely, issues relating to the educational and judicial systems that gave rise to the initial demands.

Concerns relating to decentralization and local development, bilingualism and cultural diversity, the reconstruction of the affected areas, the return to civilian life and the reintegration of ex-demobilized combatants, the contribution of Cameroonians abroad to the development of the country will also be on the menu of the dialogue.

The MND will give the floor to a representative and diverse public of Cameroonians.

About half a thousand Cameroonians from various horizons will gather for a week at the Yaoundé Conference Centre.

The guests will be state dignitaries, the diplomatic corps, the national constituted corps and more than 150 journalists from the national and international press duly accredited.

In addition, all Cameroonians who wish to participate can send their contributions through the Technical Secretariat of the Dialogue at the Yaoundé Conference Centre, or via the website [www.nationaldialogue.cm](http://www.nationaldialogue.cm)

### **QUESTION: Who are the people who will be the commissioners for the Dialogue**

#### **ANSWER:**

Every peace-loving Cameroonian is called on board to contribute to the peace we all wish, desire and cherish for our beloved fatherland.

That is why the President of the Major National Dialogue, Prime Minister and Head of Government, His Excellency Chief Dr Joseph DION NGUTE is welcoming Cameroonians from all the walks of life. So many propositions have been made, but none of them is ridiculous because due consideration will be given to all. True that some of the proposals made do not tie in with the thematic concerns of this Dialogue, yet they will be helpful even after the dialogue to ensure governance, development, peace and harmony.

Now, while everyone is welcome on board, the commissioners at the 8 commissions set up will be people and representatives from:

- 1) Parliament
- 2) Politicians
- 3) Opinion leaders
- 4) Intellectuals
- 5) Business men
- 6) Traditional authorities
- 7) Religious authorities
- 8) Members of the diaspora
- 9) Defence and security forces
- 10) Armed groups and
- 11) Victims of the crisis

For one week they will handle all subjects and topics aimed at making Cameroon a better place for all its sons and daughters, especially those from the restive North West and South West Regions and of course the rest of Cameroon.

So let the public know that those who are consulted are not necessarily those who will constitute members of the commissions.

Let me say here that each commission has about 50 commissioners. Multiplied by 8 commissions, that gives you about 400 commissioners carefully chosen to represent everybody.

**QUESTION:** Some people think that an international mediation would have been necessary and some countries are offering their services. What is your take on that?

**ANSWER:**

We are sure that many of these countries are friendly countries and their suggestions are not residual. It is true that some make the propositions in good faith and others not exactly that.

The President of the Republic in his speech of September 10, 2019 thanked such friendly countries for their offers and suggestions. Let me ask a question which I know you will not answer. Are Cameroonians really unable to solve their own problems to the extent of seeking a foreign mediation?

The answer is an emphatic NO. INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION IS NOT NECESSARY.

This is a Cameroon-Cameroonian problem. We have fought each other, we have hated each other, with have committed all kinds of atrocities, we have sinned against each other. Now is the time to sit together, look at each other in the eyes and say I AM SORRY.

We have to fix it ourselves and I am sure like the legendary phoenix, we will come out of this refreshed and renewed, and our country will be a treasure, a pleasure and a place of leisure.



REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

## MAJOR NATIONAL DIALOGUE

### APPLICATION FORM FOR ACCREDITATION

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- + A 1000 FCFA stamped application form, if need be, an invitation or a mission order issued by a partner based in Cameroon ;
- + Two (2) recent passport-size photographs stapled on the application form ;
- + A photocopy of a valid passport ;
- + A document attesting membership to the profession of journalism or any other similar profession ;
- + A Public treasury receipt (5000 FCFA) ;
- + A hotel reservation or affidavit of support by a partner based in Cameroon;
- + A letter of invitation for the project;
- + Shooting (filming) plan specifying sites for coverage;
- + A list of professional equipment to be used (specifying the technical characteristics).

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## APPENDICES

- 1) Decree N°2017/013 of 23 January 2017 to lay down the establishment, organization and functioning of the National Commission on the Promotion of Bilingualism and Multiculturalism ;
- 2) Decree N° 2018/719 of 30 November 2018 to establish the National Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Committee;
- 3) Loi N° 2017/014 du 12 juillet 2017 Modifiant et complétant certaines dispositions de la Loi N° 2006/016 du 29 décembre 2006 portant Organisation et Fonctionnement de la Cour Suprême ;
- 4) Law N° 2017/014 of 12 July to amend and supplement some provisions of law N° 2006/16 of 29 December 2006 to lay down the Organization and Functioning of the Supreme Court ;
- 5) Decree N° 2017/582 of 24 November 2017 to amend and supplement some provisions of Decree N° 2011/45 of 8 March to Organize the University of Bamenda;
- 6) Decree N° 2017/583 of 24 November 2017 to amend and supplement some provisions of Decree N° 93/34 of January 1993 to organize the University of Buea.

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **Participation**

Participation: Attendance is by invitation. To request an invitation, kindly write to [participate@nationaldialogue.cm](mailto:participate@nationaldialogue.cm)

Contribution: Do you have a contribution for the smooth organization of this event? Kindly send it via email to [contribute@nationaldialogue.cm](mailto:contribute@nationaldialogue.cm)

Media: Please request for an accreditation to cover this event for your media (Print, Radio, TV, online newspaper, blog). Kindly write to [contact@nationaldialogue.cm](mailto:contact@nationaldialogue.cm)

### **Accomodation**

Seven hotels have been selected to accommodate the participants:

- Mont-Febe Hotel – (237) 222 21 40 02 – [info@hotel-montfebe.com](mailto:info@hotel-montfebe.com)
- Hôtel des Députés – (237) 222 23 15 55 – [hoteldeputes@yahoo.fr](mailto:hoteldeputes@yahoo.fr)
- Djeuga Palace – (237) 222 22 64 57 / 242 72 23 73
- Hôtel La Falaise – (237) 222 22 06 16 ;
- Tou'Ngou Hôtel -(237) 2 22 20 10 25
- Hôtel Franco – (237) 6 91 10 28 90
- YaaHot Hôtel – (237) 651 08 14 39

For help, please write to [accomodation@nationaldialogue.cm](mailto:accomodation@nationaldialogue.cm)

For any question/transaction related to room reservation, please contact the hotel directly.

### **Restaurant services**

Restaurants will be available at the Yaounde Conference Centre

### **Visa**

Government has taken measures to facilitate the visa processing time for all participants.

### **Transportation**

The technical secretariat will reimburse the cost of transportation of participants from the ten regions.

Special buses will transport participants from the various hotels to the Yaounde Conference Centre

Kindly get closer to the protocol information points available at each site.

### **Health**

Yaounde Emergency Centre (CURY): Tel. (237) 222 22 25 25 25 / 222 22 25 24 / 222 22 25 22;  
email: [cury\\_minssante@yahoo.fr](mailto:cury_minssante@yahoo.fr)



## Technical Secretariat

The Technical Secretariat of the Major National Dialogue, located at the Yaounde Conference Centre, can be contacted at the telephone number (237) 222 211 339 / 222 211 311 / 222 211 427 / 222 211 326 / 222 211 394

Contributions can be sent to the following address: [contact@nationaldialogue.cm](mailto:contact@nationaldialogue.cm)

Website of the Major National Dialogue: [www.nationaldialogue.cm](http://www.nationaldialogue.cm)

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### **1- Proceeding rooms**

- Commission 1 “Bilingualism, Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion”: **Salle de Réunion A**
- Commission 2 “Educational System” **Salle du Huis Clos**
- Commission 3 “Judicial System” : **Salle de Réunion B**
- Commission 4 “Decentralisation and Local Development” : **Salle Tripartite**
- Commission 5 “Reconstruction and Development and regions affected by the crisis” : **Salle Complexe A**
- Commission 6 “Return of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons” : **Salle Complexe B**
- Commission 7 “Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration of Ex-Combattants” : **Salle Complexe E**
- Commission 8 “Role of the Diaspora in the crisis and its contribution to the Country’s development” : **Salle des Pas Perdus.**