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The European Union and the United Nations strengthen their partnership in Cameroon

On February 18 2021, the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the Acting Head of Delegation of the European Union in Cameroon co-chaired a dialogue session on future partnership arrangements between the United Nations and the European Union.

The meeting aimed at consolidating the EU-UN strategic partnership and coordinating future EU and UN actions at country level. It was an opportunity to set up a consultation framework between the United Nations System and the EU Delegation, in accordance with the United Nations reform and principles of coordination, efficiency and transparency.

For the European Union, the purpose of the exercise was to present the EU's priorities for the 2021-2027 period and to explore possible synergies with the United Nations' agencies active in Cameroon. It is part of the consultation exercise launched in 2021 to gather the views of all partners involved in cooperation with Cameroon..

The priorities of the next EU programming cycle will combine the strategic priorities of *Team Europe*, in particular the fight against climate change, addressing gender inequality, ensuring human development, facilitating peace and stability. It will also support the implementation of the National Development Strategy-SND30 and of the Sustainable Development Goals.

For the United Nations System in Cameroon, this exchange enabled the confirmation of the main priority areas and related sectors of intervention, in accordance with the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the priorities of the EU. This is an opportunity for the United Nations and the EU to present their vision and priorities, to support jointly Cameroon in the implementation of its National Development Strategy, to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and to cooperate for a green, sustainable and resilient recovery, based on Agenda 2030 and climate commitments.

This will be followed by specific consultations between the Head of the EU Delegation, the Resident Coordinator and the entire United Nations Country Team.

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