

Strategic Economic, Investment and Natural Resources Plan (STInvest)

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Map of Southern Cameroons-Ambazonia

Agriculture

Agriculture: Table 1. 2018 Agricultural Production in Ambazonia

AGRO-PRODUCTS	PRODUCER	ANNUAL QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	ANNUAL REVENUE
		(metric tons)	(US \$/ton)	(\$)
Rubber	SCDC	19,000	\$1,430	\$27,170,000
Bananas	SCDC	100,000	\$282	\$28,163,000
Palm Oil	SCDC	18,500	\$530	\$9,805,000
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Cocoa	Private sector	44,000	\$2,190	\$96,360,000
Robusta Coffee	Private sector	36,000	\$2,790	\$100,440,000
Arabica Coffee	Private sector	10,500	\$1,700	\$17,850,000
Highland tea	Cameroon Tea Estates	6,000	\$2,290	\$13,740,000

Agriculture

- ▶ The Ndop and Akwaya plains for rice
- ▶ Mt Fako enriches the Southern Zone with rich volcanic soil for:
- ▶ Yams, plantains, coco yams, cassava, sweet potatoes, vegetables, spices, groundnuts, fruits beans
- ▶ Staple food for exports, earning hard currencies.
- ▶ Nigeria with a population of about 200 million people is constantly in need of food supplies.
- ▶ Seafood from the Bakassi Peninsular and Victoria and the West Coast will be a huge income generating source

Agriculture

- ▶ Approximately 60% of Southern Cameroons farmers deal in cash crop farming.
- ▶ Coffee and cocoa production is large
- ▶ Two important coffee genus are produced in the Southern Cameroons
- ▶ They are: Arabica and Robusta
- ▶ Some of the best quality cocoa beans for producing quality chocolate
- ▶ Switzerland is a major buyer of SC-Cocoa for chocolate production
- ▶ Empowering the local farmers through mechanized agriculture will increase their production for coffee and cocoa.

Agriculture: Harvesting and drying coffee beans



Agriculture: Cocoa Tree and Pods

Young cocoa pods



Mature cocoa pods



Primary processing of cocoa bean

Breaking harvested pods



Drying cocoa beans



Agriculture: Sugar Cane for Sugar Processing

Hard skin sugar cane



Soft skin sugar cane



Agriculture: CDC- Cameroons Development Corporation (Agro-industrial complex)

- ▶ An Agro-Industrial Complex: grows, processes and markets tropical export crops.
- ▶ An independent company with current share capital of 35,718,806,000 FCFA.
- ▶ Operations are coordinated by a General Manager and governed by a Board of Directors presided by a Chairman.
- ▶ Plantations cover a total of approximately 42,000 Hectares of land,
- ▶ 38,000 Hectares is mature and of production stage.
- ▶ Corporation constitutes a workforce of over 22,036 employees.
- ▶ It is the second highest employer after the Cameroon state.
- ▶ Major products include rubber, processed rubber, tea, coconuts, palm oil, banana and palm kernel oil
- ▶ It is the biggest agro complex in West and Central Africa.

Agriculture: Some Products of the CDC

Rubber Plantation



Processed Rubber



Agriculture: Some Products of the CDC

Banana Plantation



Primary Stage of Harvesting



Agriculture: Some Products of the CDC

Oil Palm Plantation



Processed Palm Oil



Agriculture: Some Aspects of the CDC: Tea plantation



Agriculture: Animal Husbandry

Cattle Rearing in the Grassfields of Southern Cameroons



Sheep and Goat Rearing in the Grassfields of Southern Cameroons



Agriculture & Government policies

- ▶ There will be government subsidies to farmers.
- ▶ The government will carry out a programme of agricultural mechanisation.
- ▶ To drive up output, and to augment on their tertiary industrialisation vision.
- ▶ The government will also encourage cooperative unions

Agriculture and Government Policies

- ▶ That will enable farmers to work in groups within their counties.
- ▶ Farms to Market roads will be a priority on the government agenda.
- ▶ A national produce marketing board be created to function as umbrella on the farmers.
- ▶ Such a board will help look for international markets

Agriculture and Government Policies

- ▶ Grade the produce and help the farmers meet international standards .
- ▶ Be able to compete and sell their produce internationally.
- ▶ This board will also provide farmers' loans.
- ▶ Provide agricultural experts who can help the farmers with modern methods of farming and protect the farmers from extortion from middlemen.

Natural Resources: Minerals and Petroleum

- ▶ Ambazonia has a petroleum rich sedimentary basin on the Atlantic shelf.
- ▶ The bedrock of Ambazonia is interspersed by dikes of an ancient volcanic system.
- ▶ Inland, the volcanic vents are extinct leaving craters now filled by freshwater lakes.
- ▶ Lake Nyos is enriched by carbon dioxide permeating from that volcanic system.
- ▶ The mineralogy of the bedrock remains largely unexplored.
- ▶ Open records of geological surveys are rare.
- ▶ Public knowledge of mineral deposits is limited to commercial exploitation
- ▶ by French Cameroun companies.

Natural Resources: Minerals and Petroleum

- ▶ **Petroleum** - was first struck below the Atlantic shelf in the late 60s by Elf Petroleum of France.
- ▶ Today, the coastal region produces about 60,000 barrels of crude oil daily from limited commercial wells in a 400 m barrels reservoir (United States Energy Information Administration, Jan 2004) worth over \$1 billion in net revenue annually.
- ▶ These are high permeability sandstone reservoirs in anti-clinal and fault-face entrapments.
- ▶ Current oil producing companies include Elf Serepca and Perenco, all licensed by French Cameroun

Natural Resources: Minerals and Petroleum

- ▶ Located in the Atlantic seaboard, the Bakassi Peninsula.
- ▶ Described as “oil-rich” by analogy to very productive oilfields in the nearby Niger Delta of Nigeria.
- ▶ However, there is a scarcity of public information on recent exploration by mainly Chinese companies.
- ▶ Given the similar petroleum geology in the tristate region between Ambazonia, Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria:
- ▶ It is indeed more likely that the petroleum reserves of Ambazonia are significant in the Bakassi Local Government Area and may extend inland in similar geological rock formations.
- ▶ Depletion of petroleum reserves by the *Cooperation Accords* alliance of Cameroun and France remains a severe threat to Ambazonia.

Natural Resources: Minerals and Petroleum

- ▶ **Gold** - Commercial deposits of gold occur in Bafaka, Ndian County.
- ▶ Mining is undertaken currently by companies licensed by French Cameroun which continues to occupy Ambazonia illegitimately.

Natural Resources: Minerals and Petroleum

- ▶ **Limestone and iron ore** - prospects have been reported in significant quantities to support local cement works in French Cameroun and primitive steel making in Ambazonia.
- ▶ Also plentiful in Ambazonia are outcrops of volcanic and igneous rocks which are quarried for construction.
- ▶ **Aggregates** - granite deposits occur throughout the country.
- ▶ Commercial production for construction purposes currently take place in Widikum and Ekona.
- ▶ Deposits in Batoke and Tombel currently feed cement manufacturing in French Cameroun.

Natural Resources: Minerals and Petroleum: Granite Extraction

Quarry



Processed Granite



Tourism and Cultural Potential

- ▶ The warm beaches, the lakes, the mountains, the savannah grassfields.
- ▶ The wild life, ancient artefacts, ancient kingdoms, UNESCO heritage sites.
- ▶ The tourism industry is not really developed in Africa,
- ▶ Ambazonia can be a pacesetter to encourage tourism.
- ▶ Our diversity mapped out by tribes and local languages can be transformed into an asset.
- ▶ Encourage cultural events, traditional dishes, music and entertainment.
- ▶ These can add value to the tourism sector as foreigners will be pouring in to catch a glimpse of the various cultures.

Energy and Power

Energy and Power: Hydro-Electric Potential

- ▶ Ambazonia has a huge hydro-electric potential.
- ▶ Feasibility studies on Menchum Fall
- ▶ On its potential to provide Megawatts of hydroelectricity
- ▶ The Menchum fall has been earmarked as the biggest fall in Ambazonia.
- ▶ Other falls like that feed the Bamenjim Dam, Abi Fall, Yoke River Dam.
- ▶ Many rapids and rivers exist throughout the territory of Ambazonia.
- ▶ Massive potentials for hydroelectric power.
- ▶ There is possibility to decentralize power supply in the new nation.
- ▶ Thus, power supply will be cheap and affordable.
- ▶

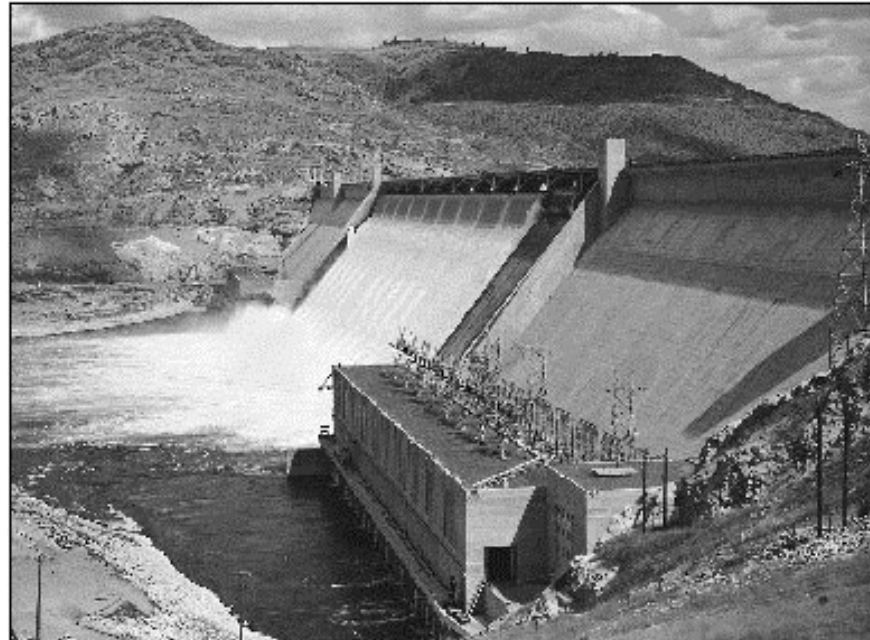
Energy and Power: Hydro-Electric Potential

A River Rapid



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Rapids for Hydro-dams



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Energy and Power: Solar Energy Potential



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Energy and Power: Thermal Energy Potential



Energy and Power: Wind Energy Potential



Forestry

- ▶ The Southern part of Ambazonia is loaded with a thick dense equatorial forest.
- ▶ A good source for different types of wood, like Mahogany, iroko, and other varieties.
- ▶ Thick and dense forest in of Ambazonia with diverse species of trees and plants.
- ▶ This natural hard wood is a good market for construction industries.
- ▶ Exporting timber in a controlled fashion will be encouraged.
- ▶ Deforestation will be compensated by afforestation.
- ▶ Forest products like medicinal plants can be used to start up pharmaceutical industry.

Forestry: Thick Dense Forest in Ambazonia



Investment Potential

- ▶ Investments in agriculture, air transport, shipping, railways, roads, bridges.
- ▶ Infrastructure, industry and education will be heavily funded
- ▶ In Iron and Steel, the Scrap Yard alternative is an important option.
- ▶ Both secondary and tertiary industries will be encouraged.

Human Resource Availability

- ▶ Southern Cameroons has an anthropological track record on talents, skills and abilities
- ▶ As recorded by early European explorers and anthropologists (Edwin Aderner) of the Cameroon coast.
- ▶ The 13 counties have history of collective and individual achievements in the international academic and professional circles.
- ▶ They are inheritors of the globally acclaimed educational Anglophone-Saxon educational system.
- ▶ Instilled directly by the United Kingdom who was the UN Trusteeship Administrator.
- ▶ From 1975-2000, several Southern Cameroonians were sent to Europe and other African countries for studies at Higher Education in medicine, engineering, accountancy and languages.
- ▶ We have to take a census on how many technicians, doctors and engineers were trained.

Human Resource Availability

- ▶ Talent identification .
- ▶ There was an institutionalised exclusion of the southern Cameroonians educated class from white collar jobs in the illegal union with LRC.
- ▶ Most of the educated Southern Cameroonians found the foreign land as their major source of employment.
- ▶ Most of them left after obtaining their A Level certificates or Bachelor's Degrees, and had no options but to leave the country.
- ▶ They have acquired rare knowledge, exposure and experience
- ▶ Ready to rapidly build the new nation of Ambazonia.
- ▶ These talents in various fields will be rallied and put to work.

Economy and Development

- ▶ **Suggested mixed social and capitalist economy**
- ▶ Given that Southern Cameroons will be emerging from war:
- ▶ they have a history of plantation Agriculture which is a socio-economic enterprise,
- ▶ the new nation will embark on a mixed social and free-enterprise economy.
- ▶ Emphasis will be laid on small and medium size enterprises while the state will be responsible for the creation of private-state initiatives in the energy, transportation, water supply and telecommunication.
- ▶ The setting up of Ambazonia National Bank will be established, and will control all commercial banks, and to encourage small and medium sized businesses. It will also regulate the economy- most notably, cash flow control and liquidity by controlling money supply.

Economy and Development

- ▶ To enhance business, innovation and enterprise, Amabazonia will be divided into 6 industrial free zones:
- ▶ 1.The Victoria- Bakassi-Tiko zone
- 2. Kumba-Bangem-Mundemba zone
- 3. The Kumba-Mamfe-Widikum Zone
- 4. The Bamenda-Bafut- Njinikom zone
- 5. The Akwaya-Wum zone
- 6. The Kumbo-Ndu-Nkambe zone.

Economy and Development

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Regional and International Economic Relations and Impact

- ▶ In the wake of the prominence of Ecowas economic monetary zone, the Eco.
- ▶ We have to be cautious at the same time as we enter any protocol agreement with the regional West African bloc.
- ▶ There is a huge potential advantage for Ambazonia for such a huge market covering an area of tens of millions square kilometre, and a 2015 estimated population of 349 million.
- ▶ We have to be careful to not allow immigration into Ambazonia to go out of our control.

Regional and International Economic Relations and Impact

- ▶ In terms of exports, we will increase our already buoyant food exports to Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and LRC.
- ▶ This will increase our foreign exchange earnings while boosting our agricultural sector in terms of production.
- ▶ The knock-on effects on money gained from exports will be used to propel mechanisation and small holder schemes for food crop production and agriculture.
- ▶ In case America decides to tie the Amba to the dollar, it is an option we have to consider.
- ▶ This will be done after proper analysis to weigh in on the advantages and disadvantages that lie between the Amba and the Euro and Eco.
- ▶ A rigorous analytical examination will give us enough light to determine which of the most favourable currency.
- ▶ Ideally, Ambazonia will give us independence of economy. More importantly, the energy sector.

Regional and International Economic Relations and Impact

- ▶ At present, the entire Ambazonia is dependent on electricity supply from LRC.
- ▶ As a consequence, this will be the case after independence.
- ▶ Signing a 2- 5 year hydropower electricity supply contract with LRC will be feasible.
- ▶ At the same time, we have to begin procuring for a well-established nation with a track record of building power stations to be on standby.
- ▶ Alternatively, we can contact a well-disposed and sympathetic power such as the USA and Germany to construct our power plants at record time .

Military and Defence with the United States of America

- ▶ Ambazonia is prepared to offer America military bases in Man 'O War bay in Victoria:
- ▶ And in other suitable strategic areas including our strategic Buea Mountain.
- ▶ The basis for this decision lies in the fact that the Chinese are encroaching into the coast of Africa:
- ▶ And that we do not know the Chinese and their motive.
- ▶ We understand that their human rights record is poor;
- ▶ And that we suspect they have a colonial agenda for Africa.
- ▶ Therefore, America will easily fill the vacuum.
- ▶ The location of Ambazonia is so strategic for a world power like America to have a base. A base on Ambazonian soil means that America will spread her tentacles into the CEMAC and ECOWAS regions.
- ▶ Such a base in Ambazonia will enable the USA to have a share or possibly control the Gulf of Guinea.

Military and Defence with the United States of America

- ▶ Almost all companies in the Southern Cameroons are French, Chinese or Russian.
- ▶ The time is ripe for America to be invited to balance the power.
- ▶ On the other hand, we recognise America as a great power;
- ▶ And that Southern Cameroons is a fledgling nation.
- ▶ As a result, agreements will be reviewed by Parliament when we are settled as a nation.
- ▶ The relationship has to be mutually beneficial.
- ▶ Therefore, we have to consider what Ambazonia will gain in this arrangement by careful analysis of the matter.
- ▶ We can also offer them raw materials in exchange for their military protection.
- ▶ Multiple training from different powers such as Germany, USA, UK while we develop our own systems.

Military and Defence with the United States of America

- ▶ On the local/domestic front;
- ▶ We plan to have a professionalised and skilled military personnel.
- ▶ Our military men must be trained as drivers, carpenters, doctors, plumbers, brick layers, cooks.
- ▶ Such an idea will make the military an income generating source apart from their role of defending the nation.
- ▶ The lowest level for any Ambazonian to join the military officer corps should be Advanced level.
- ▶ All male Ambazonians after A levels are expected to do compulsory military training for 1 year.
- ▶ The Police Force will be loaded more with female Ambazonians similar to warders.
- ▶ Private security companies will be encouraged to train vanguards and outsource private security to companies that need them-- banks, offices etc.

Political and Social Stability of the Southern Cameroons

- ▶ It is conceived, with beneficence, that there will be a political transition for 5 years.
- ▶ The main aim will be to establish political and economic stability;
- ▶ And attract national and international investment.
- ▶ One of the main investments will be the building and establishment of
- ▶ community housing for rural areas to compensate all villages that were destroyed by the LRC forces during the war.
- ▶ All houses will be rebuilt with well-planned and straight streets.
- ▶ This will create jobs for both the returning refugees and war veterans.

Political and Social Stability of the Southern Cameroons

- ▶ This will come with water supply, rural electrification, schools and primary health care.
- ▶ The cost for this project will be covered by asking for donations from sympathetic countries, philanthropists as well as public-private enterprises.
- ▶ The building work will be internationally standardised contacting already standardised nations such as America and the UK with established engineering and scientific standards.

Political and Social Stability of the Southern Cameroons

- ▶ The CDC had a network of railways systems, house plans, airports, seaports and community development.
- ▶ This means that we do not have to start everything from scratch.
- ▶ All we have to do is to obtain all these plans from the CDC, and the Buea archives to implement them.
- ▶ All industrial plans pertaining to Powercam, Tole Tea Estate, Ndu Tea, Tiko Soap will be brought forth and implemented.
- ▶ Nobody should be sent away or discriminated based on their person, colour, beliefs, tribe, nationality, religion, gender.
- ▶ On the social front, we intend to build a cohesive society founded on equal rights and equal opportunities.
- ▶ There will be strict legislations against xenophobia and incitement to ethnic hatred. All peoples will be welcome, and that no people will be asked to leave the country based on their race, ethnic origin, gender, religion.
- ▶ This will herald an era of social and cultural stability, linguistic and cultural development and hence economic and social stability.

International Technological Cooperation: Aerospace, Technology and Artificial Intelligence; CERN, NATO, NASA, AU, EU.

- ▶ Ambazonia will align Technological Colleges with international organisations and institutions.
- ▶ In this respect, we will collaborate with them to rebuild their technological labs in Ambazonia for technology transfer purposes.
- ▶ In this wise, 15% of budget for economy and investment for small business administration will be marked for this.
- ▶ Ambazonia will start small but with a high level of expertise.
- ▶ The technological parts will be left solely to the technocrats; and that it will not be politicised.
- ▶ Finally, we have adopted English as our official language.
- ▶ This is a great advantage as English is the international technological and scientific language.

Social Security

- ▶ There will be social security for all including an efficient pension scheme.
- ▶ Pensions should involve banks to ensure long run stability.
- ▶ Bank pension will be linked with individuals and companies and to augment our stake holder status in the organisations.
- ▶ Pension schemes will be linked to the banks and investments so that the people will be stake holders in the economic system.
- ▶ There will be free primary health care with each County having a specialist or reference hospital.

Social Security

- ▶ all LGAs will have a hospital and all villages will have a primary Clinic.
- ▶ There will be Federal University hospitals.
- ▶ These health facilities will be funded by the government and philanthropists.
- ▶ Standardisation of private hospitals will be implemented.
- ▶ All hospitals and medical facilities will follow international standards as prescribed by the Surgeon General.
- ▶ For the less privileged, the government will put to availability land for small holder farming.
- ▶ Water systems will be developed, and that pipe born water will be delivered to all houses.
- ▶ We will have economic well-being and economic security for all.
- ▶ We will train the handicapped, subsidise their education to Higher Education levels and to create specialised vocational centres for the disabled.

Social Security

- ▶ People with a certain level of handicap will be exempted from tax.
- ▶ Primary and secondary schools will be free for all.
- ▶ while the government will subsidise private and Christian schools.
- ▶ There will be grants from international organisations, scholarships and research grants.
- ▶ For the first 10 years, technological Higher Education will be free so as to create a pool of high level cutting edge skills.
- ▶ Other courses University courses will be partly subsidised.

Bilateral and Diplomatic Relations

- ▶ All our economic activities will be handled by an embassy
- ▶ They will be the link to businesses;
- ▶ And that Ambazonia will always maintain an emissary in all countries by international law.
- ▶ Do not undermine the smallest effects of any country on your country.
- ▶ Ambazonia will sign bilateral economic agreements on agriculture, technology and education.

Bilateral and Diplomatic Relations

- ▶ As a reminder, Southern Cameroons-Ambazonia once enjoyed a bilateral arrangement in the area of education with USA when American teachers were sent to teach in Ambazonia's secondary and high schools.
- ▶ This was known as the peace corps program.
- ▶ This was a means to transport American value in education to Ambazonia; and the teachers after their assignment, returned to America with Ambazonian values too.
- ▶ This program was stopped when French Cameroun embarked on an erratic means to francophonise the educational system in Ambazonia.
- ▶ This is an area that can be revisited in the independent state of Ambazonia.