

# CAMEROON WEEKLY PRESS REVIEW

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## ECONOMIE

### **PME-Grandes entreprises : le Gicam lance la charte de partenariat**

Promouvoir des relations d'affaires saines, équitables et mutuellement profitables entre petites et moyennes entreprises(Pme) et grandes entreprises(GE).C'est l'un des objectifs que vise la charte de partenariat lancée le 30 novembre à Douala par le Gicam. Entre autres engagements des grandes entreprises figurent la réduction des risques de dépendance vis à vis des petites entreprises ; le soutien à la structuration financière ; la promotion de l'innovation au sein des petites entreprises ; le recours à l'arbitrage comme mode de règlement des litiges.

Les Pme quant à elles devront respecter leurs engagements vis-à-vis des GE et les obligations légales. Elles devront également respecter les délais de remboursements de crédits auprès des banques où elles auront été avalisées par les GE. Le directeur exécutif du Gicam, Aline Valérie Mbono, a indiqué que ces actions visaient à mettre en place des conditions idéales pour une meilleure compétitivité des entreprises.

Emmanuel Wafo, président de la commission économique et de développement de l'entreprise au Gicam, a fait un constat émanant de l'enquête menée auprès des entreprises. Il en ressort qu'au 3e trimestre 2022, 56% des entreprises éprouvent des difficultés d'approvisionnement et 41,5% ont enregistré une baisse de leurs résultats. Seuls les secteurs des banques et des transports ont obtenu des résultats positifs.

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## JUSTICE

### **65,91 milliards de F CFA sollicités**

Le président de l'Assemblée nationale, Cavaye Yeguie Djibril, a participé aux travaux de la commission des finances et du Budget, le 27 novembre. C'était lors de la défense du projet de budget du ministère de la justice par le ministre d'État, ministre de la justice, garde des sceaux, Laurent Esso.

Pour 2023 ce département sollicite une enveloppe budgétaire de près de 66 milliards de F CFA , contre près de 65 milliards de F CFA pour l'exercice en cours de bouclage. Le ministre de la justice souhaite poursuivre les chantiers engagés dans les années antérieures. Sur le terrain plusieurs infrastructures sont en cours de construction. Notamment des palais de justice dans plusieurs villes, la phase 1 du complexe moderne des services judiciaires de Yaoundé, des infrastructures pénitentiaires, etc.

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## RAPPEL

Cette rubrique a pour objet de revenir sur un sujet du mois dernier qui mérite que l'on en parle au moins une fois de plus. C'est précisément le cas traité dans le WEEKLY du mercredi 16 novembre au 22 novembre 2022, page 23 CBT concernant les **Entreprises familiales :Comment assurer leur pérennité...**

Malgré la contribution des entreprises familiales à la vie économique du Cameroun (40% des entreprises camerounaises), leur survie ne tient qu'à un fil, surtout après le décès de leurs fondateurs. Le sujet préoccupe le Groupement Inter patronal du Cameroun(GICAM) qui a lancé en juin dernier un projet d'élaboration du code de bonne gouvernance, destiné aux petites et moyennes entreprises(PME), aux très petites entreprises(TPE) et aux PME /TPE à caractère familial.

Le projet de code en cours révèle plusieurs contraintes qui menacent la survie des entreprises familiales au Cameroun. Il s'agit entre autre de la concentration de la propriété du capital entre les membres d'une ou plusieurs générations de même famille et affiliés, l'omniprésence d'un dirigeant propriétaire (ou majoritaire), la centralisation de la prise de décision ou encore des pratiques de gouvernance souvent informelles. S'y ajoute une problématique particulière en ce qui concerne la succession du chef d'entreprise qui en est le fondateur et peu enclin, dans la majorité des cas à partager le pouvoir.

Face à cet imbroglio, le GICAM propose une charte de gouvernance familiale. Celle-ci permet de faire la distinction entre l'intérêt social et l'intérêt de la famille. Elle définit les objectifs poursuivis par l'entreprise et régit les relations entre les membres de la famille, ainsi qu'avec l'entreprise. Le document pourrait par exemple comporter les éléments comme la vision familiale de l'entreprise et des valeurs qu'elle porte, la répartition des parts sociales, les objectifs financiers et les rémunérations revenant aux membres de la famille travaillant dans l'entreprise à caractère familiale etc..Etant entendu que tout ceci devra se conformer aux règles OHADA sur les sociétés commerciales et le GIE.

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Despite the contribution of family businesses to the economic life of Cameroon (40% of Cameroonian businesses), their survival hangs by a thread, especially after the death of their founders. The subject is of concern to the "Groupement Inter patronal du Cameroun" (GICAM), which last June launched a project to develop a code of good governance, intended for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), very small enterprises (VSEs) and SMEs / Family-oriented VSEs.

The current draft code reveals several constraints that threaten the survival of family businesses in Cameroon. These include the concentration of capital ownership between members of one or more generations of the same family and affiliates, the omnipresence of an owner (or majority) manager, the centralization of decision-making or still often informal governance practices.

Added to this is a particular problem with regard to the succession of the entrepreneur who is the founder and reluctant, in the majority of cases, to share power.

Faced with this situation, GICAM proposes a family governance charter. This makes it possible to distinguish between the social interest and the interest of the family.

It defines the objectives pursued by the company and governs the relations between the members of the family, as well as with the company. The document could, for example, include elements such as the family's vision for the company and the values it carries, the distribution of shares, the financial objectives and the remuneration due to family members working in the family business. etc.. With the understanding that all this must comply with OHADA rules on commercial companies and the GIE.

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