REPORT OF 2012 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION IN CAMEROON

“Building a Better World, Partnering with Youth”

Group picture with BYCCC Family and Participants!
The Bamenda Youth Coalition on Climate Change (BYCCC) in partnership with Worldview Mission (WM), Cameroon successfully organized and celebrated the International Youth Day 2012 on Sunday 12th August, 2012. The event took place at the conference hall of the Delegation of Youth and Civic Education, Bamenda, North-West Region of Cameroon.

Event Venue, Delegation of Youth and Civic Education, Bamenda, North-West Region of Cameroon

The event started at 12 noon prompt and ended at 5:10 pm. We registered 30 participants and they included in and out of school youths, deaf and dumb youths. The celebration began with the presentation of the United Nations Secretary General speech for the International Youth Day that was read by a 15 years old girl named Brenda Asaah.
This followed by a word of appreciation from a representative of a civil society organization, Mr Kamayou Georges. He encouraged BYCCC family to continue inspiring and engaging youths in sustainable development issues.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE DAY

The event was marked by two educative workshops on:

- **Lifeskills**

  This aimed at making the participants discover their inner talents and skills. This was facilitated by Eric Mbotiji, who used Bridge model, goal setting and decision making and many interactive games such as role play and questions/answers to elucidate the participants.
Millennium Development Goals (MDG’s) This workshop has the aim to aware and educate the participants about the MDGs so that they should take proper actions that contribute to their achievements. This session was coordinated by Tchangoue Nina.

Nina presenting the module on the eight MDGs to the participants

After a clear presentation of the MDGs, she divided the participants into eight (8) different working groups; each working group was asked to work on a particular MDG by identifying permanent problems and solutions related to the goal.

Participants during their focus group discussion on the MDGs
BYCCC’s

Participants presenting their ideas on MDGs after brainstorming

Umenjoh Peter using the sign language to interpret the ideas of the deaf and dumb to the rest of the participants and equally helping them with their presentation on the MDG’s

Our deaf and dumb participants in action {special guys}
Our young participants actively taking part during the question and answer sessions on the MDG’s

Active participants receiving their prizes during the event.

Side events during the IYD celebration. Ti’s was amazing; we all had a great time.
At the end of this module, all the participants and the members of BYCCC pledged they are going to implement the MDGs in their various communities.

*Nji Macmilland, member of BYCCC pledging to implement the MDGs in his community*

*BYCCC setting the pace and celebrating the IYD*
At the end of the day, all the participants and the organizers grouped themselves to form the International Youth Day acronym IYD as shown below:

IYD formed by the participants and the BYCCC members

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The success of the 2012 International Youth Day celebration was aroused by the support of the following governmental and non-governmental organizations:

**PARTNERS OF THE EVENT**

- Delegation of Youth and Civic Education, North-West region
- Worldview Mission, Cameroon
- CRTV Bamenda
- Foundation Radio FM
- Carrier Library, Bamenda
- Center for Advocacy in Gender Equality and Action Development
- Youth Outreach Programme, Cameroon
- PLAN, Cameroon
- Association Camerounaise pour le Marketing Social (ACMS)
- Regional Technical Group for the Fights Against HIV/AIDS

BYCCC’s Herman, expressing his joy during the IYD celebration

Signed by the BYCCC Secretariat and Worldview Mission Cameroon