

Staff Mission ICMH to Cameroon 28 May – 02 June 2017

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1. Purpose of the visit

At the request of the Cameroonian Commission the Vice-President and Secretary-General traveled to Douala and Yaounde (Cameroon) to review and assist preparations for the 2017 ICMH Congress.

2. Official visits

During our staff visit we met the following authorities :

- The Chief of Staff, General Meka;
- The Provincial Governor;
- Civilian representatives of the Government;
- The Commander, military and civilian staff of Military Region 2;
- The President and the Secretary-General of the Cameroonian Commission;
- The Scientific Commission in Yaounde, with whom we discussed the academic program and the publication of the Acta.

They all assured us that the Cameroonian Government wants to do everything within its power to make the Congress a great success. There is a clear commitment from all levels to accomplish this task, and the Chief of Staff himself declared that the Cameroonian MoD will be present during the official opening and closure of the Congress.

3. Security issue

Security personnel thoroughly briefed us on the local threat level. After a candid and thorough discussion, it became evident that the threat level is low and there is no evidence of Boko Haram activity in the sector where the congress will be held. We were further assured that the full resources of the military and the police will be assigned to protect congress participants and all related venues.

4. Lodgement

- The Akwa Palace (the principal congress hotel)
 - 55 rooms – 115 euros (breakfast + charges included)
 - 3 conference rooms with French/English translation
 - Presidents' office – ExBoard office
- Résidence La Falaise
 - 55 rooms – 100 euros (breakfast + charges included)
 - In the near vicinity of the Akwa Palace (walking distance) – close protection on the route assured by the police
- Hotel La Falaise
 - 75 euros (breakfast + charges included)
 - PhD students or other participants
 - Daily transportation will be assured

5. Payment

- For the hotel, registration fee and the post congress tour.
- Cash or by credit card in Douala.

6. Academic program

- We met with the Academic Commission which is preparing the academic program.
- There will be two parallel sessions during the morning and afternoon.

7. Medical support

- Provided by Military personnel and facilities.
- A medical team will be permanently present during all the activities.

8. Social activities – Post Congress Tour

Social activities will be included in the program on Sunday, Monday evening, Tuesday evening, Thursday evening and finally the closing dinner on Friday. There will also be a program for the accompanying persons. On Wednesday there is a daily excursion for all the participants. The Post Congress Tour will last from Sunday 10 September until Friday 15 September with departure from Doula International Airport.

Generally speaking we had a VERY POSITIVE impression of the work the Cameroonian Commission. It is also clear for us that the success of the ICMH Congress is an absolute priority for the Cameroonian authorities and that they will do everything possible to achieve this objective. We assess that the Cameroon Commission has completed all necessary preconditions to support administratively the Congress and that the academic sessions are well planned and near completion.

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