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Meetings were organized in Douala and Yaoundé.

In particular, in **Yaoundé**, the Italian delegation was received by:

- **Dr. Raffaele Festa**, First Secretary of the Italian Embassy in Cameroon. Dr. Festa has highlighted the areas of greatest interest to the country: food, agro-energy, wood, mechanical components. Currently, the electricity market is a monopoly run by SONEL (public operator). Commercial prospects could come from the renewable energy sector and by waste management. Dr. Festa emphasized the interest of Cameroon towards foreign investments :every three years, in fact, is organized the international exhibition business, an exhibition open to small and medium enterprises (the first will be in December 2011 and related applications must be submitted by August 2011). Regarding external cooperation were promoted initiatives to support the revitalization of Education and Training technical training and in the health and social welfare. The activities of micro finance is rapidly expanding.

- **Dr. Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana, Minister of Commerce, and Mr. Felix Fotso, Technical Advisor.** After the welcome speech of the Minister, the Counselor emphasized that economic relations between Italy and Cameroon are now consolidated, especially in the field of Italian imports of construction materials: many Italian companies have contributed to the road network in Cameroon. Currently, however, interest has turned the importation of woodwork then in Italy. Areas where the Government is investing are the energy sector and the processing of fuel into energy. Also, processors of iron and aluminum are expanding rapidly. The construction industry depends largely on imported cement since Cameroon has one cement in Douala. The tourism sector, however, is slow to take off due to lack of accommodation structures, and for this reason the Ministry of Commerce through Mr. Fotso addressed to Italian entrepreneurs attended the meeting as an encouragement to invest in the sector and especially to import Cameroon model Italian tourist.

- Dr. Michael ngak Tomdio, Minister of Energy and Water Resources Engineering and Eduard Nkeck, director of the energy sector. During the meeting showed that Cameroon has a national energy plan that would help bridge the energy deficit of around 700 MW. The country is characterized, in fact, by a significant energy need. It is currently in study the passage of the only 400 KW line Douala-Yaoundé from 700 KW to a backbone that links the south of Cameroon to Gabon with up to Nigeria and Chad, which would bring the current more than 200 rural villages that currently do not have electricity. After the meeting, Eng. Nkeck listed 5 good reasons to invest in the energy sector in Cameroon:

- 1) Political stability decade;
- 2) Good economic growth;

- 3) legislative and regulatory framework conducive to foreign investment and clear;
- 4) the catchment area of enormous potential;
- 5) market not saturated.

The industrialization of the country depends on the strengthening of the hydroelectric sector.

- **Dr. Bernard Messengue Avom, Minister of Public Works and Dr. AWOUMOU Côme Damien Georges, Head of Cooperation and Partnership**. The Minister warmly welcomed the Italian delegation, reiterating the proven cooperation between the two countries in infrastructure. The Counselor underlined that since 2010 has planned the construction of a series of projects. Specifically, among the great works is planned to construct the port of Kribi and Limbe. It was also prepared a plan for implementation of the rail network.

The purpose of government is to ensure that Cameroon will become an emerging country in 2035 and for this reason that the priorities of the country revolve around energy infrastructure and civilians.

Indeed, in the strategy document approved by the government priorities in the field of public works related to infrastructure, the energy sector with a program of privatization and the possible construction of dams. Even the implementation of the road network (currently 50000 km) occupies a central place on the agenda of public works: a series of investment projects in the medium term, such should be mentioned that presented by the American company Lemnos are pending. Other priorities are the construction of the second port of Douala and the construction of other airports.

Finally, Dr Awoumou, stressed that security affairs is guaranteed by the adoption of a regional commercial law common to the Central African justice system supported by a joint arbitration board which is headed by the Supreme Court of Arbitration in Abidjan.

- **Dr. Tchatat Clobert**, Minister of Urban Development and Housing and **Dr. Christophe Paldou**, officer. Even the meeting with Dr. Paldou have resurfaced the main objectives that Cameroon intends to achieve, namely, development of infrastructure, urban network, the techniques of waste water and waste and energy sector.

One priority is the housing ministry, an area in which the Government has already funded a project for construction of 1500 housing.

Even the urban road network is the subject of a series of programs involving the major cities.

In Douala, the Italian delegation was received by:

- **Dr. Ebenezer NJANGA**, Administrative Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Cameroon. Single chamber of commerce involving all the private companies operating on national territory. Among the main topics covered: national legislation for the establishment of local company law, taxation and tax charges, areas of strategic investment.

WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

The first workshop was organized at Le Meridien Hotel in Douala. The works have been introduced by the lawyer Tagliatela, who in addition to the opportunities of exchange that can be started, have focused on European programs in which local people can participate. Of great interest has been the intervention of the Dr. **Alain Eloundou**, Data Management Officer at ARMP (Agency for the regulation of public markets). He first mentioned functions dell'ARMP:

- 1) Regulatory activities of public market;
- 2) Training of companies on the procedures of the public market;
- 3) Centralization of all appels d'offres FE through the system;
- 4) Activities of ensuring compliance with procedures required by current legislation.

The agency follows the procedures relating to all appels d'offres the publication of notices in the award and execution of works and verify the compatibility with the Code of public markets, it centralizes the management procedures to public importance, those in which are, namely, public bodies involved.

The ARMP maintain a database of more than 7000 companies working in the field of public markets and those excluded from them.

It is possible to subscribe to the website of ARMP with payment to access to the official newspaper on which are all published notices, the ARMP card is an electronic certificate that allows access to information of interest.

The second workshop aimed to present the model Italian tourist was attended not only by Dr. Valerio Sparano, Dr. Jean **Atangana**, head of communications at the Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Development of the land. Dr. Atangana explained to the Italian delegation to the country's main priorities, which include no doubt the projects construction of two dams in the south and east of Cameroon. In the field of energy resources the country is currently engaged to develop solutions to meet the huge energy deficit that characterizes it. A number of projects are pending in respect of the mining sector.

For the year 2010 are scheduled for 6 major projects to be included in the budget:

- 1) Implementation of the second port of Douala;
- 2) Construction of a fiber optic network;
- 3) Promotion of Tourism and Eco-Tourism;
- 4) Realization of an industrial area in the south of the country;
- 5) Construction of 2 new dams;
- 6) Development of the energy potential of the country.

With regard specifically to the tourism industry, current projects seem to aim at the development of hotels and restaurants. The town of Kribi was not originally designed as tourist attraction, now could become a center of attraction for tourism investment, given its geographical position. Moreover, Kribi looks like mining town and port of great importance as a station where it is desirable to invest in ensuring adequate reception facilities.

After both workshops there were are followed by buffets of some typical Italian products.

Results achieved

Besides the good participation of enterprises, the mission has achieved another interesting goal: **the signing of a cooperation agreement with the Chamber of Commerce and**

Industry of Cameroon with which the parties agree to mutually identify areas common cooperation, to promote knowledge of the country and development of key sectors of the economy, support companies in the process of internationalization.

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