

**SPEECH & PRESENTATION OF THE CAMEROON CYBER SAFETY CLUB
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The Representative of the Ministry of External Affairs,
The Representative of the British Council,
The Representatives from the various Embassies,
The various Regional Delegates,
VIPs,
Members of the panel,
Dear Students,

Today we are commemorating the International Day of the Commonwealth.

Under the theme: **SERVING A NEW GENERATION.**

The Commonwealth at 60 is not recognised for her age, but the fundamental values that have brought together people from diverse socio-cultural, economic and political backgrounds.

At 60, it is obvious that we start thinking of a new generation, to take care of future matters if not, the organisation will be dying slowly.

What is a new generation?

It is an emerging group of people, with a new way of doing things using adapted and adaptable resources of the time.

We are at the Information age, guided by a language called the Computer language, if we want to serve this generation, we must be ready to demystify this language, by giving the opportunity to everyone to master it without discrimination, for there can be no genuine knowledge societies without free and unhindered access to information and knowledge.

Talking about access to knowledge, i-Vission International believes that unhindered access to knowledge is a good thing, but if the people accessing the knowledge and information are not given guidelines by a regulatory body for the respect of values for general good, the knowledge could be used for the detriment of the generation.

In her determination to promote democracy, good governance, justice, development and growth, in the spirit of peace, social cohesion, harmony, multiculturalism, commitment for Human rights, the commonwealth must understand this truth which is self evident “without a common language understood by all; that is the computer and the English language; there shall be no mutual understanding of the values of the commonwealth.

He end results will not be different from what happened at the tower of Babel

i-Vission International, conscious of this fact, designed her mission statement to meet up with the challenges of the 3rd millennium;

EMPOWERING COMPUTER LITERACY with goal to bridge the digital divide between the north and the south.

Practically, we have created a club know as:

The Cameroon Cyber Safety Club

In the same way that we promote awareness of the potential benefits of the Internet and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to people and their communities everywhere, we also sound a warning on the threats one could encounter while using the internet; including **cyber terrorism, abuse of children, Hacking, Telecommunication fraud, promulgation of illegal materials, industrial espionage, scamming, Identity theft** etc.

This intercontinental criminality has touched the heart of our dear nation, Cameroon. On the front page of the United States embassy in Cameroon, you can read and I quote: **Warning Regarding Fraud Originating From Cameroon.** The U.S. Embassy in Cameroon has observed a dramatic increase in fraud in recent years targeting foreigners.

The Cameroon Cyber Safety Club aims at securing the Cameroon cyber space, by empowering citizens with genuine information on how to use the internet safely & responsibly

We shall be training those that will register with the club on modern Cyber criminology and the defence against it.

After this training, there will be assigned different missions in the different parts of Cameroon. They will play a global role of safeguarding the cyber space in Cameroon, in close collaboration with all the actors involved, locally and internationally. We are already designing a website for this purpose. It will serve as an online bulletin and resource centre. Citizens can visit the site to get the latest developments on the project, report threats, and get defence mechanisms.

The next step of the project will involve a nation wide campaign where we will meet face to face with at least 200.000 student and youths, to sensitize them on the negative impact cyber criminality has on the socio cultural and economic dimensions of our country.

The importance of the project:

- The reputation of our country will be improved
- Citizens will be better protected
- Youths will develop a responsible attitude
- Investors will have a reason to collaborate with Cameroonians etc.

We invite all interested candidates to register, as from now

Journalist, students, businessmen, security officers, ICT experts etc.

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