

**CIRCULAR N°002 RDPC/PN OF MARCH 8, 2018**

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

TO

- **The Secretary-General of the Central Committee;**
- **Heads of Permanent Regional and Divisional Delegations of the Central Committee;**
- **Presidents of the Executives of CPDM and WCPDM Basic Organs;**
- **CPDM Municipal Councillors;**
- **CPDM candidates for Senate Elections;**
- **CPDM and WCPDM militants.**

**SUBJECT : CPDM election campaign for the Senate election of 25 March 2018****I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The upcoming Senate elections of 25 March is of great importance in consolidating the Senate as a catalyst in the decentralization process.

From its inception five years ago, the Senate has emerged and positioned itself as a first-class institutional asset for the modernization of our political system, as a guarantor of the effective accountability of regional and local councils in the management of local affairs and the promotion of local democracy.

Being in the majority in the nascent Upper House, Senators from the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement have distinguished themselves through their competence, discipline, dedication and patriotism that have largely contributed to the successful establishment of the Senate in the Cameroon institutional arena. Obviously, the goal has been achieved and the Senate is now the focus of particular attention and expectations of our compatriots.

Regarding the ever-increasing challenges facing the nation in consolidating its achievements for emergence, the Senate is called upon to strengthen its action in the exercise of its prerogatives in the next five years. As such, it will need committed, experienced and competent men and women; women and men fundamentally committed to the cause of the Cameroonian Nation that is very proud of its diversity, but more jealous of its unity and indivisibility.

I therefore urge all patriots, all our compatriots of good will, as well as all the members of the great Cameroon People's Democratic Movement family, to be fervently committed in preparing for the 25 March 2018 Senate Election in order to give the Senate the largest possible majority of Senators from our party.

In this regard, the CPDM municipal councillors expected to show proof of their commitment and duty as militants, so that none of their votes gets missing from party lists during vote counting at the end of the poll.

Indeed, much more than a disciplinary requirement, the responsible voting of CPDM councillors will be proof of a citizen-oriented and patriotic approach, beneficial to the effective crusade that we continue to wage for peace, unity, territorial integrity and progress to prevail in our country, with the constant cooperation and support of our compatriots of good will.

On the ground, the CPDM election campaign teams must meet each and every voter, regardless of political leaning, to confirm their commitment and convince others to support the lists of candidates submitted by the CPDM for their benefit and that of the entire Nation.

**II. CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE**

The CPDM election campaign for the senate elections of 25 March 2018 is structured as follows:

**A- NATIONAL LEVEL**

• Under the authority of the Secretary-General of the Central Committee, the Secretariat General of the Central Committee is responsible for the general impetus and coordination of the election campaign of CPDM candidates.

- As such, it will:
  - prepare the national campaign strategy;
  - manage relations with ELECAM;
  - represent the CPDM in national bodies involved in the election process;
  - organize the CPDM official campaign in the media;
  - monitor electoral disputes; and
  - generally monitor the campaign.

**B- REGIONAL LEVEL**

• The Permanent Regional Delegation of the Central Committee, acting as Regional Campaign Committee (RCC), will coordinate the CPDM official election campaign in the region.

- As such, it will be responsible for the following:
  - implementing, monitoring and adapting the national campaign strategy at regional level;
  - managing relations with ELECAM regional branches;
  - supervising the activities of divisional campaign committees;
  - carrying out communication initiatives at regional level;
  - mobilizing human and financial resources at regional level,

- gathering results of CPDM lists and dispatching them to the Secretariat General of the Central Committee.

**C- AT DIVISIONAL LEVEL**

• Each Permanent Divisional Delegation of the Central Committee, authorized to act as Divisional Campaign Committee (DCC), will carry out the CPDM election campaign at the divisional level.

- As such, it will be responsible for:
  - implementing, monitoring and adapting the national campaign strategy at divisional level;
  - undertaking communication initiatives at divisional level;
  - managing relations with ELECAM divisional branches;
  - mobilizing human and financial resources at divisional level;
  - coordinating CPDM Sections in the daily monitoring of municipal councillors during the campaign;
  - assisting CPDM Sections in mobilizing human and financial resources at local level;
  - assisting voters on polling day;
  - designating CPDM scrutineers in polling stations;
  - monitoring polling and counting votes;
  - gathering results of CPDM lists and dispatching them to Regional Campaign Committees;
  - providing the Secretariat General of the Central Committee with information relating to incidents that could lead to litigation;

**D- AT COUNCIL LEVEL**

• Under the coordination of the CPDM Section President, CPDM and WCPDM Section Executives, acting as Council Campaign Committee (CCC), will carry out CPDM election campaigns in councils.

- As such, they will be responsible for:
  - monitoring and guiding the day-to-day activities of municipal councillors until polling day;
  - managing relations with local administrative and traditional authorities;
  - acting as political watchdog at local level.

**III. PROVISIONS RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF THE CPDM IN ELECTORAL COMMITTEES**

In accordance with the electoral law, the CPDM will be represented in various committees of the electoral process by duly authorized militants, designated by campaign committees with territorial jurisdiction.

In view of the need for vigilance in the election process, the choice of Party representatives in electoral committees will be based on such major criteria as commitment, dedication, loyalty, experience and availability.

Naturally, CPDM legitimate interests in various electoral committees will have to be defended in compliance with the law, and with respect for political authorities and other players involved in the process.

**IV. FINAL PROVISIONS**

Like in the previous Senate elections, the CPDM, a political party that enjoys the trust of the majority of Cameroonians has legitimate ambitions to record a landslide victory in the 25 March 2018 poll.

It intends to do so in total transparency by mobilizing all municipal councillors around the ideals of its manifesto.

I urge all our compatriots of good will, all CPDM supporters, sympathizers and friends, on the one hand, to greatly mobilize and educate the population on the stakes of the upcoming senate elections, and, on the other hand, on the need for a total vote in favour of candidates lists of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement in all constituencies.

I attach the utmost importance to strict implementation and scrupulous observance of the provisions of this Circular for which the Secretary-General of the Central Committee will be responsible.

YAOUNDE, March 8, 2018

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