

**AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND (AWHF) SIGNS A FIVE
YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, EFFECTIVE FROM 16 JULY 2020**



Honorable Mr. Bidoung MKPATT, Minister of Arts and Culture of the Republic of Cameroon formalising the Agreement with a signature & AWHF represented by Mr. Souayibou Varissou, Executive Director in the company of H. E. Mr. Adrien Kouambo Jomague, High Commissioner of Cameroon to South Africa ©AWHF

The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) is proud to announce the conclusion of a **5 Year Agreement** signed with the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, through the Ministry of Arts and Culture, represented by Honorable **Mr. Bidoung MKPATT**, Minister of Arts and Culture, Cameroon. The Agreement will see the Government of the Republic of Cameroon making an annual financial contribution to the African World Heritage Fund, to continue its work of uplifting Africa's rich heritage. Hon. Mkpatt stated that "The signature of this agreement with the African World Heritage Fund results from the engagement at the highest level of the Government of Cameroon, to strengthen the capacity of AWHF to support World Heritage implementation in Africa".



The formal signing of the Agreement was facilitated through **H. E. Mr. Adrien Kouambo Jomague**, High Commissioner of the Republic of Cameroon to South Africa at the High Commission in Pretoria, while the Minister joined via Zoom from **Yaounde, Cameroon**. AWHF is committed to bringing Cameroonian professionals and institutions into its regional capacity-building programs, particularly in the preparation of World Heritage nomination dossiers and the better conservation and management of World Heritage properties.

To date, AWHF programmes and activities have had participation and engagements with Government officials, heritage professionals, youth representatives and members of civil society from Cameroon. Ministers in charge of Culture and Forestry in Cameroon have been profiled at high level events organised by the AWHF during the World Heritage Committee Meetings. AWHF has also been supporting the work toward the nomination of Lake Chad and Diy-Gid-Biy Cultural Landscape in the Mandara Mountains. Additionally, Cameroonian youth has been empowered through the World Heritage Youth Forum Programmes and the professional internship for African Youth. Avenir Geraldine Meikengang, Benis Che Nchang and Stephan Douanla benefited from the Youth Empowerment programmes. The AWHF will continue to provide the support needed for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention Cameroon.

AWHF extends its sincerest gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Cameroon and to Minister Bidoung MKPATT for playing a pivotal role in contributing towards supporting the protection and promotion of African heritage.