

SHESACCU BOD President Convenes Members for Extraordinary General Assembly, Annual General Meeting, March 26, 2022 in Yaounde

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CONVOCAATION

Persuant to Resolution 49 of the annual Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting of SHESACCU for the year 2021 that held in Yaounde on the 26 of February 2022, the President of the BOD hereby convenes all members of the Shesa Cooperative Credit Union (SHESACCU) to an Extraordinary General Assembly and the Annual General Assembly to hold jointly on Saturday the 26 of March 2022 in the Amphi 250 of the Ecole des Travaux Publics in Yaounde beginning at 10 AM prompt.

This official announcement serves as individual convocations.

Done in Yaounde, this 8th March of 2022

The BOD President

MBOH Patrice Lumumba

Young Girls Speak Out Against Lapses in National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan in Handling Adolescent Girls, Young Women

By Mbong Gerald

The young girls made their voices heard during an advocacy speech writing competition organized by Hope for Vulnerable Children Association.

Organized between January-February 2022, the objective was to enable young girls present an advocacy speech analysing the 2018-2022 National Strategy Plan on HIV/AIDS and STIs.

During the advocacy speech presentation ceremony which took place on February 18, 2022 at Guiko Palace Hotel, Yaounde, one of the contestants, Lum Mesline Nji, who came out as the second winner, identified that the absence of a standard curriculum on HIV/AIDS



/First Winner - Egbe Takang Doris



Second Winner - Lum Mesline Nji

and STIs with trained teachers in courses taught at the university is a major setback in the fight against HIV/AIDS for students. She argued that such courses would have created awareness and avert high rates of infection of students as was the case in 2021 where thousands of university students were tested positive.

Lum Mesline went further to identify a major shortcoming of the 2018-2022 National Strategic Plan. The Plan, she said, places adolescent girls and women at the same level which is detrimental in the fight against HIV/AIDS within the adolescent girls. She argued that preference should be given to adolescent girls as they are more vulnerable and more exposed to

sexual abuse.

As such, she advocated for preferential treatment of adolescent girls in the national HIV policies as they are more vulnerable to harsh treatment by the society. The powers that be were called upon to incorporate the above-mentioned shortcomings and suggestions in the next strategic plan of action.

It is important to mention that the Advocacy Speech Writing Competition is an activity carried out within the framework of Her Voice Fund project which is aimed at supporting the meaningful engagement and leadership of adolescent girls and young women in the national global fund HIV processes and programs.

Archbishop Says Cameroon is "Being Beaten, Stripped of Wealth, Dignity, Honor, Human & Natural Resources by Corrupt Officials"



Archbishop Samuel Kleda

Archbishop Samuel Kleda of Douala claims Cameroon is being "stripped" of its natural resources by corrupt officials. "Our country is being badly beaten, stripped of its wealth, its dignity, its honor, its human and natural resources, and is in agony, because of the bad governance organized by its own sons and daughters," the cleric said in a March 2 pastoral letter. "At the source of most of the ills that are plaguing Cameroon today, is bad

governance with the normalization, legalization and even institutionalization of corruption in the management of the country," the archbishop said. The prelate said "Irresponsible, selfish, corrupt and unpatriotic kleptocrats parading as leaders" have removed the people and the public welfare from the center of their concerns. Rather he said, the emphasis is "on the individual, the group, the clan, the ethnic group, the lobby, which sacrifices the majority of the population,

thus pushing it inexorably towards impoverishment and misery." "Bad governance disrupts political life and hinders the social, economic and even religious growth of our country. It destroys the achievements, compromises the legitimate aspirations of the citizens, and jeopardizes the trust between the people and the rulers," Kleda said. "Corruption not only leads to the plundering and wasting of public resources, but also paralyzes the functioning of the state, creates injustice and inequality among the population and plunges the whole society into despair in the face of an uncertain and mortgaged, even bleak, future," the archbishop continued. Kleda's comments come in the wake of a stream of reports that funds meant for the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic had been stolen. Church groups, human rights organizations, and opposition political parties have been pressuring the government to publish its findings after reports that most of the \$335 million borrowed from the International Monetary Fund to deal with the pandemic was siphoned off by officials and their cronies. There have also been news reports of corruption and embezzlement during the construction of the Olembe stadium that hosted some of the matches of the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) tournament earlier this year. "Do we have the right to remain silent? Will our citizen and Christian conscience not place us before the court of history for having been accomplices, direct or indirect, passive or active supporters of a plot that has contributed to the destruction of Cameroon and mortgaged the future of millions of people, especially the youth, of this Africa in miniature?" Kleda said. "In the present day of our history, can we stand before the Creator and affirm that we are managing this country so rich with so many resources that He has entrusted to us and that we have inherited from our ancestors?" The prelate said it was time every Cameroonian rediscovered the fundamental values on which any society that respects itself should be based, namely respect for the dignity of every life, truth, justice, honesty, responsibility, freedom, love, equity, and loyalty. "Above all, let each one have the courage to renounce the sin that makes him complicit in the drift of our country. Let each one of us contribute to the fight against the 'structures of sin,' which paralyze and destroy Cameroon, its development, its growth

and the well-being of its people," Kleda said. He said it was not a utopian idea for Cameroon to be able to build a society rooted in good governance, and insisted the way forward is simply to stand up to bad governance. He said it was indeed possible to "build a strong, prosperous, stable country, a true haven of peace where it is good to live as brothers." Cameroonians "must overcome the appetite for possession and illicit enrichment which are at the origin of these evils that undermine our country and operate a change of mentality and a radical and profound conversion," the archbishop said. "Let every Cameroonian, wherever he or she is and according to his or her activity, commit himself or herself in an honest and responsible way to the transformation of our country according to the values of the Gospel," he explained. The prelate also called for prayer and penance, noting that they are "the weapons that will enable those who lead us to govern our country well, and all of us to strive to eradicate these scourges that, like a fearsome demon, threaten our country dangerously." **CruX**

ECOWAS Parliament Decries Insecurity in Sahel Region, 'Genocide in Southern Cameroon'

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He said: "Another scenario worthy of mention is the rising insecurity in the Sahel region. As you well know, the situation is most precarious in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin. "Deteriorating security and violence are aggravating an already difficult humanitarian situation, especially

amid the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change. "Last year's deadly attacks in the western Tahoua region of Niger, Boko Haram attacks and worsening violence being perpetrated by criminal gangs in northwestern Nigeria have together claimed the lives of at least 2,000 innocent civilians in the region. It is very sad and worrying that if nothing is done to reverse

this ugly trend, more lives would be lost, and the sufferings of innocent civilians will continue. "There is, therefore, an urgent need for scaled-up operations in joint border patrols and an unmatched show of solidarity that will disrupt trafficking networks that supply terrorist groups across West Africa and the Sahel." Reacting to a document referenced

"Genocide Alert in Ambazonia, Southern Cameroon" from a group under the banner "United Support for Peace", Tunis said the letter made him deeply concerned about conflicts and the human rights situation in Cameroon's minority Anglophone region. "Violence has displaced tens of thousands of people in the past year, adding to the hundreds of thou-

sands who have fled their homes since the start of the violence in 2016. An African proverb says, 'It is only a foolish person who sleeps when his neighbour's roof is on fire.' "We hope that the rights of all would be respected and that the situation would be resolved amicably," he said.

Organizations Welcome TPS for Ukraine, Urge TPS Designation for Cameroon, Other Countries in Extreme Conflict

We at Amnesty International USA, Cameroon Advocacy Network, Haitian Bridge Alliance, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, and UndocuBlack Network, welcome the Department of Homeland Security's designation of Ukraine for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). This is a critical move to ensure that the estimated 75,000 nationals from Ukraine are free from the fear of being returned to the human rights catastrophe brought upon by Russia's invasion. Ukrainian nationals currently in the United States are students, exchange program participants, colleagues, and investors. Some have lived here for

an extended period of time. Others are visiting briefly. Regardless of the reasons for their arrival, their home country is now unsafe. Since the start of the government of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine, Ukrainian and international rights monitors have documented the Russian military's wanton disregard for civilian life. Indiscriminate attacks have struck hospitals and schools, killing children in the process. The Russian government has repeatedly used explosive weapons with wide area effects in densely populated areas. At the same time, many families and individuals across the United States

have fled from extraordinary and worsening conflict and environmental disaster in countries around the world. They have sought refuge in the United States, created deep and lasting ties within our communities, and need protection from forcible return, too. We call for TPS for nationals of Afghanistan, Bahamas, Cameroon, Guatemala, Guinea, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Mauritania, and Sierra Leone; and call for further protections for nationals from El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Nepal. This week's designation of TPS for Sudan and redesignation of TPS for South Sudan was one step forward in greater racial equity and immigrant

justice. While we applaud the swift protections for people from Ukraine, we cannot ignore the Biden Administration's failure to act on populations from majority-Black countries like Cameroon that have been waiting for TPS designations as armed conflict in these countries worsen and violent death tolls mount by the thousands. The designation of TPS for Ukraine is an important recognition that people should not be returned to anywhere where their human rights are under threat. As nationals from countries such as Cameroon, Ethiopia and Mauritania continue to be held in immigration detention centers in fear of removal – deportations that have

often led to their torment and death – the Biden Administration must remember that these critical protections must also be extended to majority-Black countries as well. We must always seek swift protection for all and continuously work to eliminate all forms of bias within all systems in the United States, including within the immigration system.



Papal Envoy Arrives in Ukraine, Meets with Archbishops in Lviv

Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, Pope Francis's envoy to Ukraine is in Lviv, in western Ukraine. Krajewski told CruX and Polish television on Wednesday that he sent pictures from the border crossing with Poland to Pope Francis: "People are standing in freezing weather, women with little children are standing in long lines. It is a hair-raising scene." Krajewski — who serves as the papal almoner in charge of charity for the pope — was joined in Lviv by Major Archbishop Swiatoslav Shevchuk, who drove from Kyiv. "The city is under siege, the only way out has five hours of traffic," he said. "From Kyiv you can only drive to Vinnytsia and Khmelnytsky." "Kyiv is the main target to Russia," Shevchuk added. The archbishop claimed the only way to protect the country is to establish a no-fly zone over Ukraine: "Every night the bombs are dropped and



Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki of Lviv, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, and Major Archbishop Swiatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv are seen in Lviv, Ukraine, March 9, 2022

people are dying. We pray for survival every day. We pray for ending the war. The skies over Ukraine must be closed." Hosting both Krajewski and Shevchuk is Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki, the Latin rite metropolitan of Lviv. He is Polish, like Krajewski, and a former personal secretary of Pope John Paul II. "We are truly grateful to Pope Francis, not only for prayer, but for sending

his representative to us, for the arrival of Cardinal Krajewski; through him we feel that the Holy Father wants to be close to us," the Lviv archbishop said. Mokrzycki told CruX and Polish television that Ukrainians are most grateful to Poles for helping Ukrainians fleeing the war and for the ongoing support in their fight against Russian aggression. "My neighbor knows I'm Polish, and

even though he is not religious and usually we greeted each other from the distance, he recently not only shook my hand, but embraced me and told me — 'Please pass to your fellow Poles that this is the embrace for them, for everything you do for Ukrainians, we are so grateful.'" The prelates all said the situation in Ukraine is tragic. "In Irpin, Butcha, and Hostomel in the outskirts of Kyiv, people are completely blocked, with no food supplies, no food for three days. We are unable to evacuate them," Shevchuk said. "There is a lot of disinformation spread," Mokrzycki added. "People are concerned that Poland won't take any more refugees — it is not true, we need to spread the right information: Poland was always ready to take 3-4 million people. It's important to assure people of Ukraine they don't have to be afraid of going there." Krajewski noted that "the help of the

Vatican is not just spiritual." "The Holy Father just bought gasoline for the trucks that drive to Kyiv, Odesa, Zhytomyr," the cardinal explained. It is, Krajewski said, an urgent need since Polish companies are donating trucks and drivers for humanitarian help but gasoline is the major expense. "Pope Francis reacted immediately and filled up those tanks," he said. The prelates are due to attend an inter-religious prayer service on Thursday in Lviv, with other Christian leaders, as well as representatives of the Jewish community. Krajewski said that he is happy he can sit at the table with the archbishops of Lviv and Kyiv: "The table always unites and heals." He added that the gospel urges people to always forgive: "But I must say that today, being in Ukraine, I am simply mad. I am so mad at the man who causes such a pain, my heart is bleeding."