



Support Center for New Local Development Alternatives  
Centre d'Accompagnement de Nouvelles Alternatives de Développement Local

## Presentation of CANADEL

1. **Official Name:**

Support Centre for New Local Development Alternatives (CANADEL)

2. **Membership:**

08 founding members, 12 new members co-opted since 2006

3. **Brief history :**

Some major steps have marked the life of CANADEL

- **1995 - 1996: The emergence of the idea or several isolated tentative competences to work together:**

In an operational and functional way of service provision, a team of experts constitute themselves and began to work. The idea to formalise this team came out because most of the service provision partners preferred to work with a formal structure.

- **1997: The creation of a structure CANADEL**

When the need was felt to create a structure, the problem was the choice of the type of structure to create. After several proposals and long discussions, the founders finally choose to create a development Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) called Centre d'Accompagnement de Nouvelles Alternatives de Développement Local (Support Center for New Local Development Alternatives). They preferred this status to that of a consultancy firm.

- **2002: CANADEL play the role of a driving force within the Cameroonian civil society**

Following a rigorous selection procedure, CANADEL was retained as one of the two leading NGO representing the civil society within the

consultative committee of managing the HIPC resources (High Indebted Poor Countries ) from that time, it has been playing the role of mobilising and representing Cameroonian NGO.

- **2004: CANADEL received the official agreement as an NGO**

Up to 1999, there were no specific legal frameworks for NGOs in Cameroon; all the national NGOs were recognized as associations. From that year 1999, a specific law to regulate NGOs in Cameroon was promulgated. The agreement commission was set up in 2002 or 2003, and Canadel was the 14th NGO to be agreed.

#### **4. Identity**

##### Mission :

Support processes of social transformation and changing in the institutions, organizations and communities on socio institutional, economical and environmental aspects for the benefit of the human being.

##### Values:

We believe on :

1. expertise and creativity;
2. a development at the service of the human being;
3. transparency and constructive criticism;
4. a development process enriched by the people culture;
5. the fact that, if Africa is well organized, development will follow

##### Vision:

Become one of the best support organisation working on development strategies and policies at the grassroots, national and sub regional levels in Cameroon and the Central Africa sub region.

##### Activities

CANADEL spread out its activities within several programmes:

- Decentralization and local development;
- Urban development;
- Micro finance and development financing processes;
- Rural development and environment;
- Public development policies

#### **5. Organization:**

CANADEL is a NGO with three organs:

- A General Assembly as a supreme body
- A Board of Administration.

Composed of: a 1 President, 2 vice-presidents, and 10 others members.

- The executive body which is the General Coordination.

Composed of: a General coordinator, a Technical Coordinator, a Communication Officer, an Administrative and Financial Service and 4 Programmes (Rural development, urban development, decentralisation, governance and local development, public policies and civil society)

## **6. Major domains of intervention**

CANADEL activities are implemented in four major domains:

- Rural development (support to farmer's organizations and rural communities, management of natural resources)
- Urban Development (support to poor neighbourhoods and to informal sector)
- Decentralization, local governance and development (support to municipalities and regions, training of mayors and technical staffs of municipalities, support to local economy dynamics and others)
- Public policies and civil society (participation to the formulation and implementation of public policies, advocacy and lobbying, active in civil society platforms, empowering other civil society organizations)

## **7. Areas covered**

Since its creation, CANADEL has worked in 9 over the ten provinces of Cameroon, that means all of them excluded Adamaoua. But Canadel is well prepared and has experiences and skills to work everywhere in Cameroon and is intending to extend its activities in the central Africa sub region.

## **8. Partnerships**

Canadel has worked with most of the bilateral cooperations in Cameroon through various projects and initiatives sponsored by German Cooperation, French Cooperation, Switzerland cooperation, World Bank, IFAD, and European Union and international NGOs like Snv.

For the United States of America, Canadel was in charge of the Technical assistance to the 13 last projects founded in Cameroon by the African Development Foundation (ADF) which is an Us congress organization. Canadel has managed ADF office in Cameroon before its closure. At the end an auditor was sent from USA to make an audit of all what was managed by Canadel. With the positive result of that audit, ADF decided to donate all the materials that was used by ADF In Cameroon included two 4 wheel drive vehicles.

Actually Canadel is founded by Cordaid a neitherland organization and with financial resources coming from agreements to implement activities related to projects or programmes founded by IFAD and World Bank in Cameroon.

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Canadel also has three field offices in Ebolowa (South Province), Douala (Littoral Province) and Bamenda (North province)

10. **Working Language(s) of organization :**

English, French and local languages

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