

# Cameroon

National Urban Mobility Policies and Investment Programme

Completed

## Basic information

Population	→	27,744,989
Growth rate	→	2.54%
Percentage of urban population	→	57%
GDP per capita	→	USD 1,498
Percentage of the population living below the national poverty line	→	69%
Annual average infrastructure expenditures as a percent of GDP	→	1.8%
Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)	→	No quantified transport related NDC
National GHG emissions per capita	→	0,4 (tCO2eq)
Proportion of transport-related GHG emissions	→	53%
Exposure to climate change	→	HIGH



## Context

Cameroon is undergoing a rapid population growth. With over 55% of the population living in cities, it is the most urbanised country in Central Africa, and the urban population is expected to reach 22 million by 2035. The geographical, economic, and social context of the country is complex and diverse, but is largely dominated by two major cities, Douala, the economic capital, and Yaoundé, the administrative capital.

Yet the quality and efficiency of urban mobility systems, and ultimately their performance, are not satisfactory. Growing congestion in cities and the unpredictability of traffic are the most visible signs of these problems. The slowness, cost, and discomfort of mostly informal public transport also greatly affect populations who have no other choice for their journeys. Walking is particularly neglected in Cameroonian cities. The high number of accidents and victims, often pedestrians, calls for emergency measures. Finally, Cameroon's greenhouse gas emissions from urban transport, although very low in absolute terms, could be addressed more effectively.

Generally speaking, and with the notable exception of Douala, urban communities have neither the institutional nor the human resources to carry out some of the essential tasks entrusted to them by law, in particular the organisation and management of public transport and traffic management. Urban communities also do not fulfil their role in the continuous monitoring of urban mobility, its performance, and the services provided to citizens by urban transport infrastructure and systems.

In this context, as Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans were being developed for Douala and Yaoundé, it appeared necessary for Cameroon to have a National Urban Mobility Policy (NUMP) that facilitates and guides local actions and is shared and appropriated by all actors, whether at the city or State level.

The NUMP was delivered and presented in September 2019 during the MobiliseYourCity Africa Mobility Conference, organised in Yaoundé.

## Support from the Partnership

**Technical Assistance:** National Urban Mobility Policy or Program (NUMP)

**Type of NUMP:** Policy NUMP

**Funded by:** European Union

**Funding amount:** EUR 500,000

**Implemented by:** Agence Française de Développement (AFD) through the MobiliseYourCity Africa Program

**Local counterpart:** Ministère de l'Habitat et du Développement Urbain

**Final NUMP report:** [NUMP Cameroon | MobiliseYourCity](#)

### The main purpose of the NUMP:

Offer cities a general enabling framework for SUMPs.

### Objectives

The NUMP for Cameroon provides guidance and action recommendations focusing on four main targets:

- Reinforcement of urban mobility governance;
- Increase of financing resources for urban mobility;
- Restructuring, modernisation, and public transport;
- Better use of state-of-the-art transport technologies.

## Status of implementation

**Project start date:** 2018 Q1

**NUMP adoption date:** 2019 Q3

### Completed outputs:

- National Urban Mobility Policy: Diagnosis, national vision, and strategic measures for its realisation

# NUMP key measures and cost estimates

The following list highlights the most significant measures and recommendations identified in the NUMP.

Measure	Cost estimate (EUR)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Strengthen the governance of urban mobility<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen the capacity of urban communities</li><li>• Better integrate the activities of all urban mobility stakeholders</li><li>• Strengthen MINH DU</li><li>• Develop human resources and capacities at all levels</li><li>• Develop governance tools</li><li>• Develop an approach for the metropolitan governance of urban governance of urban mobility</li></ul></li></ol>	N/A
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Improve the financing of urban mobility<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase planning and spending capacities of urban communities on urban mobility</li><li>• Strategic area: The State must continue to finance urban mobility while optimising its contributions</li></ul></li></ol>	N/A
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Restructure and modernisation of public transport<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduce in Yaoundé and Douala strong public transport axes by bus, starting with the congested roads</li><li>• Organise and professionalise the motorbike taxi sector by building on existing structures to drive organisation</li><li>• Organise and professionalise taxi services in the main cities and encourage the development of new taxi services</li></ul></li></ol>	N/A
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Better use of transport technologies<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gradually improve the vehicle fleet</li><li>• Improve road maintenance technologies</li><li>• Develop knowledge of the issues and institutional capacities in the digital field, and promote pilot projects</li></ul></li></ol>	N/A

## Finance leverage

Leveraged financing (resulting from or enabled by the NUMP preparation process)

Description	Source of financing	Type	Status	Amount (EUR)
Urban Platform in Cameroon <sup>1</sup>	EU	Grant	Secured	4,900,000

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.expertisfrance.fr/fr/projets/plateforme-urbaine-au-cameroun>

## Perspectives for implementation

### Cameroon has a strong partnership with the EU and EU member states to implement mobility planning<sup>2</sup>

Cameroon has established a robust and multifaceted partnership with the European Union and EU Member States that extends to sustainable urban mobility planning and related transport reforms. Under the EU-Cameroon Partnership framework, the European Union supports Cameroon in strengthening strategic transport infrastructure, improving urban mobility in major cities, and enhancing resilience in planning processes, including backing for sustainable urban mobility plans (SUMPs) in Douala and Yaoundé and climate-resilient urban planning in other regions. This cooperation is part of broader EU efforts to promote sustainable development, regional connectivity, and inclusive growth. It is implemented through mechanisms such as technical assistance, grant funding, and coordinated actions with development partners. The partnership reflects a long-standing commitment to shared development objectives and provides a significant source of support for mobility planning and implementation in Cameroon's urban centres.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/publications-library/eu-cameroon-partnership-infographic\\_fr](https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/publications-library/eu-cameroon-partnership-infographic_fr)