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JOINT SPECIAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS MINESUP-MINJEC No. 25 00 00 0 42 9 /AC/MINESUP/MINJEC OF 11 SPI 2025 FOR THE SELECTION AND FINANCING OF FIVE THOUSAND (5.000) PROJECTS BY CAMEROONIAN STUDENT-ENTREPRENEURS TO SUPPORT THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

I. CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION

With the aim of setting up a national platform to promote the know-how, innovation, and creativity of Cameroonian student-entrepreneurs, in order to foster their socio-economic integration and contribution to Cameroon's economic development, the Ministry of Higher Education (MINESUP) and the Ministry of Youth and Civic Education (MINJEC) signed, on 5 August 2025, a Joint Circular setting the modalities for mentoring and supporting young students enrolled in public and private higher education institutions.

This initiative is part of MINESUP's new vision to promote the University– Enterprise paradigm within universities, and of MINJEC's implementation of the National Civic Education Programme through Moral, Civic and Entrepreneurial Re-armament (PRONEC-REAMORCE).

It also comes at a time when the number of graduates continues to rise annually, while securing stable jobs for them remains difficult. Faced with this reality, creating one's own business has become one of the best avenues for socio-professional integration.

In this light, MINESUP, applying Law No. 2023/007 of 25 July 2023 on Higher Education Orientation, which enshrines the University–Enterprise concept, promotes university entrepreneurship, notably through the annual organization of the Student Genius and Talent Fair (GETEC), which seeks to spread the entrepreneurial culture within public and private higher education institutions, to foster students' integration into the productive society.

Aligned with the Student-Entrepreneur concept launched by MINESUP in 2023, the special edition of GETEC, scheduled for **2–4 October 2025**, aims to highlight the best youth entrepreneurial initiatives linked to the priority sectors of the National Development Strategy 2020–2030 (SND30).

It is within this framework that this Joint Special Call for Applications is launched, for the selection and financing of five thousand (5,000) projects carried by student-entrepreneurs from public and private higher education institutions.

II. PURPOSE OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

This Call for Applications aims to select **5,000 Cameroonian student- entrepreneurs, aged between 15 and 35 years, for the financing of their startups, project ideas, or prototypes in the fields** of: Agriculture,
Digital economy, Industry and handicrafts, Technological innovation.

III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To apply, students must:

- Be of Cameroonian nationality
- Be aged between 15 and 35 years
- Reside in Cameroon
- Be regularly enrolled in a public or private higher education institution
- Carry a project idea, prototype, or startup
- Be registered with the National Youth Observatory (NYO).

IV. APPLICATION FILE

The application file must include the following:
- A stamped application letter addressed to the Minister of State, Minister of

Higher Education, or to the Minister of Youth and Civic Education -A photocopy of the National Identity Card or a valid receipt;

- A document attesting to the candidate's enrollment in a public or private higher education institution (student card, university fee receipt, certificate of enrollment, etc.);
- -A project presentation (business plan);
- -A location plan;
- -A duly completed application form (available at MINJEC's decentralized services or online at www.minjec.gov.cm, www.onjcameroun.cm, or www.minesup.gov.cm);
- Company creation documents for student-entrepreneurs carrying a project idea, prototype, or startup.

V. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The deadline for submission is Friday, 19 September 2025:

-Physical submission: in a sealed envelope by **3:30 p.m.,** at the Mail Service of the Ministry of Higher Education (Ministerial Building No. 2, 9th floor, Room 929), or at the Ministry of Youth and Civic Education headquarters opposite the National Archives, or at the Regional Delegations of MINJEC, or at public and private universities;

-Electronic submission: no later than **11:59 p.m.,** to <u>fogajeune@gmail.com</u> or via <u>www.minesup.gov.cm</u>.

The application files must bear the mention: "FOR THE SELECTION AND FINANCING OF FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) PROJECTS BY CAMEROONIAN STUDENT-ENTREPRENEURS TO SUPPORT THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC INTEGRATION."

VI. SELECTION METHODOLOGY

Applications received will be reviewed by a Joint Selection Committee, composed of representatives designated by MINESUP and MINJEC. The Committee will evaluate the applications and determine the final beneficiaries in line with the eligibility criteria set out in this Call for Applications. The selected projects will be showcased at the Special GETEC 2025.

At the end of the Committee's work, successful candidates will be informed by public posting and/or electronically.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information, candidates may contact: The National Coordination of the Youth Entrepreneur Guarantee Fund (FOGAJEUNE) at MINJEC via : fogajeune@gmail.com and MINESUP via : getec@minesup.gov.cm. The Mail Services of MINESUP and MINJEC, or their decentralized services nationwide.

NB: Female candidates, students living with disabilities, and student-entrepreneurs in incubators or enrolled in a University–Enterprise promotion program (such as GETEC) are strongly encouraged to apply.

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