

## CONCEPT NOTE

### 2019 NELSON MANDELA MEMORIAL FORUM

**July 17, 2019**

Organized by the **Nkafu Policy Institute, a think tank at the  
Denis & Lenora Foretia Foundation**

#### **Date, time and place**

The conference will take place on Wednesday 17 July 2019 from 09.00 AM to 1.00 PM at Solomon TANDENG MUNA Foundation in Yaoundé.

#### **Context**

In 2009, the UN General Assembly declared the 18 July as "Nelson Mandela International Day" in honor of Nelson Mandela's contribution to peace and human rights. Following that declaration, the UN joins the Nelson Mandela Foundation's call for people worldwide to spend 67 minutes every July 18 to acknowledge and celebrate President Mandela's contribution and dedication to peace and human rights. Given this and within the context of Cameroon, the Nkafu Policy Institute, think tank at the Denis & Lenora Foretia Foundation is organizing an event to commemorate the Nelson Mandela International Day in Cameroon. This year's conference comes in a rather critical context, as Cameroon, once described as a haven of peace in Africa, has been sinking into a spiral of conflicts. This year's conference will follow the tradition laid last year by awarding the **2019 Nelson Mandela Memorial Award** to recognize an individual whom by virtue of his/her actions exemplifies the character and commitment to human rights as espoused and practiced by President Mandela. The Forum will be held under the theme "**Nelson Mandela – A Fighter for Justice and Human Rights**".

### **PROPOSED PROGRAMME**

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
09 : 00 AM 09 : 45 AM	Arrival and registration of participants.	Foretia Foundation.
10 : 00 AM 10 : 10 AM	Welcome remarks.	Dr. William H. ARREY, <i>Interim CEO Denis &amp; Lenora Foretia Foundation.</i>
10 : 10 AM 10 : 20 AM	Speech.	H.E KGOMOTSO Ruth MAGAU <i>South African High Commissioner to Cameroon (TBC).</i>
10 : 20 AM 10 : 30 AM	Video – Nelson Mandela's Life.	Mrs. Ancel LANGWA, <i>Communications Manager,</i>

		<i>Denis &amp; Lenora Foretia Foundation.</i>
10 : 30 AM 11 : 30 AM	2019 Nelson Mandela Memorial Lecture.	Lecturer : Barrister Nico HALLE  Introduced by: Dr. Fabien SUNDJO <i>Nkafu Policy Institute.</i>
11 : 30 AM 11 : 45 AM	Coffee Break	
11 : 45 AM 12 : 30 PM	<b>Panel discussion:</b>  “Nelson Mandela’s Fight for Justice-What lessons for the Peace Process in Cameroon?”	Moderator: Dr Fabien SUNDJO  Panelist 1: Barrister Felix AGBOR NKONGHO. Panelist 2: Mrs Marlyse NOUSSI. Panelist 3: Mrs Suzanne BIH AWENTI
12 : 30 PM 12 : 40 PM	Presentation - 2019 Nelson Mandela Memorial Award Recipient.	Mme Fri Lehfune ASANGA <i>Chief Operating Officer, Denis &amp; Lenora Foretia Foundation.</i>
12 : 40 PM 12 : 50 PM	Brief Remarks by Award Recipient.	
12 : 50 PM 13 : 00 PM	Closing Remarks.	Dr. William H. ARREY <i>Interim CEO, Denis &amp; Lenora Foretia Foundation.</i>
13:00 PM	Refreshment and networking.	Foretia Foundation, Moderators, panelists, Participants.

### **Audience**

- Local, regional and national policy makers ;
- Representatives of International Organizations and the entire International Community ;
- Medias ;
- Civil Society Organizations ;
- Students ;
- General public.

**Expected number of Attendees: 100.**

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