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****COMMITMENT LETTER TO THE GLOBAL NETWORK**

FOR AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

[Date] – Douala, Cameroon

To:

WHO Secretariat
Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities
World Health Organization

Dear Members of the WHO Global Network,

I am pleased to submit this commitment letter to express the interest of the City of Douala, Cameroon, in joining the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC). As Mayor of Douala, I reaffirm our strong motivation to build a city where older adults can live safely, participate fully, and age with dignity.

The City of Douala seeks to join the Network because we recognize the rapid growth of our aging population and the increasing need to create environments that support independence, health, and well-being for older residents. Becoming part of the WHO Network will help us strengthen policies, improve services, and adopt international best practices in age-friendly urban development.

Over the past years, Douala has taken meaningful steps toward age-friendliness. These efforts include community sensitization campaigns, accessible public-space improvements, support to local aging groups, and municipal programs encouraging social participation among older adults. However, we recognize that more structured, coordinated, and evidence-based age-friendly action is needed. Joining the WHO Network will allow us to deepen this work and expand our capacity.



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As part of this application, I would like to formally **acknowledge and recommend the Chacal Foundation** as a key partner in Douala's age-friendly vision. The Chacal Foundation has shown consistent commitment to supporting older adults in Douala through:

- **Health and wellness outreach**, including screenings, fall-risk education, and referrals.
- **Social participation programs**, such as community events, intergenerational activities, and home-visit initiatives
- **Material support**, offering mobility aids, hygiene kits, and comfort supplies to vulnerable older adults.
- **Public awareness campaigns**, promoting respect, visibility, and inclusion of older adults in Douala.
- **Collaboration with neighborhoods and local leaders**, ensuring older adults' needs and voices are heard.

For these reasons, the City of Douala **strongly recommends the Chacal Foundation** as an official partner in our age-friendly strategy. We value their experience, community trust, and ongoing contributions, and we welcome their continued support as we advance through the WHO Age-Friendly Cities framework.

The City of Douala fully commits to the **four stages of the WHO Age-Friendly Cities process**:

1. **Engaging and understanding,**
2. **Planning,**
3. **Implementing improvements, and**
4. **Monitoring, reporting, and evaluating progress.**

We also affirm our alignment with the **mission, vision, and values of the WHO Global Network** and agree to adhere to the principles outlined in the **Terms of Reference**, including equity, inclusion, participation, and respect for older adults.



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We hope our application will be favorably considered, and we look forward to beginning this important collaboration with the WHO Global Network to strengthen Douala's leadership in promoting healthy and active aging.

Yours faithfully,

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