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Regarding the Launch of the Competitive Entrance Examination for recruitment into the **First Year of the Digital Engineer Training Program (Master's Degree)** at the International Advanced School of Digital Engineering of Sangmelima, Congo-Cameroon Inter-State University, and Specifying the Number of Available Places for the 2025–2026 Academic Year

The Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education of the Republic of Cameroon, and the Minister of Higher Education of the Republic of Congo

Mindful of The Constitution of the Republic of Cameroon;

Mindful of The Constitution of the Republic of Congo;

Mindful of The Convention of December 21, 2012 between the Government of the Republic of Cameroon and Government of the Republic of Congo establishing the Inter-State University;

Mindful of Decree No. 2018/4821/PM of June 5, 2018 on the creation, organization and functioning of the Natic Steering Committee of the Project for the establishment of the Congo-Cameroon Inter-State University

Mindful of Order No. 15/00081/MINESUP of June 22, 2015 appointing a head within the National Steering Commi of the Project for the establishment of the Congo-Cameroon Inter-State University in Sangmelima;

Mindful of Resolution No. 2019-06/MINESUP/CNP/UIECC of July 12, 2019 of the National Steering Committee the Project for the Establishment of the Congo-Cameroon Inter-State University approving the na "International Advanced School of Digital Engineering of Sangmelima" as the provisional designation the institution, providing education and professional training in ICT at Sangmelima";

On the proposal of the Interim Administrative and Academic Coordinator of the Congo-Cameroon Inter-State University in Sangmelima;

HEREBY DECIDE

<u>Article 1:</u> A competitive entrance examination based on written tests and admission by qualifications for recruitment into the first year of the digital engineer training program (5 years, Master's Degree) at the International Advanced School of Digital Engineering of Sangmelima, Congo-Cameroon Inter-State University (ESIGN), is hereby launched for the 2025–2026 academic year.

Article 2: (1) The written examination mentioned in Article 1 above is open to Cameroonian and Congolese candidates aged at most 22 years by 31 December 2025.

- (2) The written examination shall take place on **Saturday**, **25 October 2025**, in both Cameroon and Congo.
- (3) The distribution of available places across the three majors in Digital Engineering is as follows:
 - Digital Creation and Design: 80 places;
 - Socio-technical Digital Engineering: 80 places;
 - Digital Systems Engineering: 120 places.

Article 3: (1) Admission by qualifications, referred to in Article 1 above, is open without limitation of places to Cameroonian and Congolese applicants aged at most 22 years by 31 December 2025.

- 2) Graduates of secondary education with the following minimum performances shall benefit from direct admission upon submission of an application file for the competition:
 - "Five papers with four A grades" for holders of the GCE Advanced Level
 - "Mention Très Bien" for the scientific series in the Francophone general education system
 - "Mention Bien" for the Arts series in the Francophone general education system
 - "Mention Bien" for the technical series in the Francophone technical education system.
- 3) Nationals of other CEMAC countries fulfilling the same conditions as Cameroonians and Congolese, duly presented and sponsored by their respective governments, are eligible for admission by qualifications.
- <u>Article 4</u>: (1) The competitive examination is open to holders of a secondary school certificate from the second cycle of general or technical education, Francophone or Anglophone: Baccalauréat, GCE Advanced Level, Technical diploma or any equivalent certificate.
- (2) Applicants with foreign diplomas whether in Cameroon or Congo must provide either an equivalence decision issued by the Ministry of Higher Education of Cameroon or a proof of having submitted an application for equivalence. Final admission will only be confirmed upon presentation, within the deadlines set by the competent authority, of the official equivalence decision for their diploma.
- <u>Article 5:</u> (1) The entrance examination will be conducted in a single session on **Saturday**, **October 25**, 2025, at the following examination centers:

In Cameroon:

- BAFOUSSAM;
- DOUALA;
- GAROUA:
- SANGMELIMA;
- YAOUNDE.

In Congo:

- BRAZZAVILLE;
- POINTE-NOIRE;
- OWANDO:
- OUESSO.
- (2) A press release from the Director of ESIGN (the Congo-Cameroon Inter-State University in Sangmelima) will provide the precise location and schedule of exams for each center.
- (3) Candidates must report to the examination hall one hour before the start, with valid identification.
- <u>Article 6:</u> (1) The requirements for certificate conformity with the majors training paths are indicated in the table below:

TRAINING'S MAJORS		REQUIRED QUALIFICATION	
Digital Creation and Design (Creative, artistic and literary digital professions)	=1	Applicants must hold a certificate of completion of the second cycle of general or technical	
Socio-Technical Digital Engineering (Human and social sciences' digital professions)	_	secondary education in any field (Arts, scientific industrial technical, or tertiary technical). Applicants from the Arts or tertiary technical must have obtained at least 7.5/20 (French-speaking system) or a minimum of Grade D (English-speaking system) in Mathematics, ICT or Computer Science.	
Digital System Engineering (Scientific and technological digital professions)		Certificates from the second cycle of secondary education in scientific or industrial technical fields.	

- (2) For Anglophone applicants, the required Grade D in Mathematics, ICT or Computer Science mentioned in the above paragraph may be replaced by a Grade C in Mathematics or Computer Science in the GCE Ordinary Level examination.
- (3) For Francophone applicants, the required score of 7.5/20 in Mathematics, ICT or Computer Science mentioned in the above paragraph may be replaced by a score of 8/20 in Mathematics or Computer Science in the *Probatoire* examination, or by a score of 10/20 in Mathematics or Computer Science in the *BEPC* examination.

Article 7: (1) The competitive exam includes two papers:

Training majors	Paper 1 (1h.30 mins)	Paper 2 (1h.30 mins)	
Digital Creation and Design	Numerical Description Test		
Sociotechnical Digital Engineering	Numerical Reasoning Test	Logical Reasoning Test	
Digital Systems	Mathematics and Computer		
Engineering	Science Test		

- (2) Candidates will be evaluated using the following weights:
 - File score: 20 marks;
 - Score of test 1: 30 marks;
 - Score of test 2: 50 marks.
- (3) The tests in *Numerical Reasoning* and *Logical Reasoning* are adapted to all holders of secondary education diplomas, regardless of their series. These two psychometric tests aim to ensure that candidates from the Arts and tertiary technical series who are admitted are comfortable with and familiar with common logical and numerical reasoning.
- (4) Applicants seeking admission on the basis of their qualifications are not subject to the examination.

Article 8: The application file shall include the following documents, issued within the last three months:

- a. An individual application form duly completed online, printed, and stamped by the candidate, available on the website of the International Advanced School of Digital Engineering: www.esign.cm.
- b. A legible photocopy, certified as a true copy to the original, of the birth certificate.
- c. A legible photocopy certified as a true copy to the original or of the document that serves as such (Attestation of success) of the second circle general or technical education certificate corresponding to the requested training program. GCE-AL holders must have obtained it with at least two subjects, excluding "Religious Studies".
- d. A legible photocopy, certified as a true to the original, or a document serving in its place (Certificate of Success) of the *Probatoire* certificate for holders of a Cameroonian secondary school certificate (Francophone system), or of the GCE Ordinary Level certificate obtained in at least four subjects in a single session, excluding *Religious Studies*, for holders of the GCE Advanced Level.
- e. A legible photocopy, certified as a true to the original, of the transcript/results slip showing that the applicant obtained the required minimum grade in a Mathematics or Computer Science subject, for applicants from the Arts series and the Tertiary Technical series.
- f. A legible photocopy, certified as a true to the original, of the equivalence decision to a secondary school certificate of Cameroon or Congo, or, in the absence thereof, the receipt of submission of an application for equivalence of the diploma, for applicants holding foreign diplomas in Cameroon or Congo.
- g. A medical certificate issued by a medical doctor attesting that the candidate is physically and medically fit for higher education studies.
- h. A criminal record excerpt.
- i. A receipt of payment of twenty-five thousand (25,000) CFA francs as a non-refundable examination fee, payable at any Express Union S.A. agency in Cameroon.
- j. For candidates applying from examination centers in Congo, a receipt of payment of twenty-five thousand (25,000) CFA francs as a non-refundable examination fee, issued by the *Direction Générale des Affaires Sociales et des Œuvres Universitaires (DGASOU)*.
- k. A stamped A4-size envelope bearing the applicant's address.
- 1. Two (2) passport-size photographs (4×4 cm).
- m. A recommendation letter from the Embassy of the applicant's country of origin in Cameroon, addressed to the Director of ESIGN, for candidates applying for admission on the basis of qualifications from other CEMAC countries.

<u>Article 9:</u> Complete application files must be submitted no later than Tuesday, 21 October 2025, at the designated submission centers in Cameroon and Congo (as listed)."

In Cameroon:

- The International Advanced School of Digital Engineering campus at Sangmelima;
- Mail Service of the Ministry of Higher Education in Yaoundé;
- Regional Delegation of the Ministry of Secondary Education in Bafoussam, Douala, or Garoua.

In Congo:

- Service du courrier du Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur ;
- Direction départementale du Ministère de l'Enseignement Préscolaire, Primaire, Secondaire et de l'Alphabétisation à Pointe-Noire et à Ouesso.

- Article 10: (1) Each admitted candidate must have a private internet access and a personal laptop with at least: Core i5 processor, 8 GB RAM, 500 GB SSD.
- (2) Accommodation, settlement, and medical care in Sangmelima are the responsibility of the admitted candidates.

<u>Article 11</u>: At the end of the training, all graduates shall be awarded a **Graduate Engineer Diploma** in digital engineering, with the privileges of a master's degree, a binational diploma jointly signed by the Minister of Higher Education of Cameroon and the Minister of Higher Education of Congo.

<u>Article 12:</u> The Coordinator of the Congo-Cameroon Inter-State University in Sangmelima is responsible for implementing this decision, which will be recorded and communicated in French and English as required.

The Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education of the Republic of Cameroon

Jacques FAME NDONGO

The Minister of Mentation of the Resolution of Congo

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