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PRESS RELEASE

The Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, Chancellor of Academic Orders, chaired the 2026 session of the University Coordination Commission (UCC) on 15 October 2026 at 9:00 a.m., in the Conference Hall of the Higher Teacher Training College of the University of Yaounde I.

Established by Decree No. 93/027 of 19 January 1993, this statutory body brought together:

- A representative of the Prime Minister, Head of Government;
- Vice-Chancellors and Rectors of State Universities;
- Senior officials of the Ministry of Higher Education;
- Representatives of the Ministries of Finance; the Public Service and Administrative Reform; the Economy, Planning and Regional Development; Secondary Education; and Scientific Research and Innovation.

In his opening address, the Minister of State conveyed the university community's profound gratitude to His Excellency Paul Biya, President of the Republic and Head of State, for measures supporting higher education. These include the effective reopening of Higher Teacher Training Colleges, the resumption of doctoral training, the establishment of a National Commission for Doctoral Training, the regular payment of the special financial allocation for research modernisation, and the progressive settlement of academic debts.

He also conveyed the Head of State's warm congratulations to Rectors and Vice-Chancellors for their effective management of the start of the 2026/2027 academic year.

Following the presentations and constructive discussions, the Commission adopted nine resolutions aimed at strengthening academic governance, improving financial management and preserving a peaceful environment on university campuses.

Resolution No. 01/UCC/15/10/2026 — Preserving campus peace

The Commission calls on heads of higher education institutions to remain vigilant and take the necessary measures to consolidate peace on university campuses.

Resolution No. 02/UCC/15/10/2026 — Preventing the accumulation of debt

The Commission calls on heads of higher education institutions to adopt forward-looking and proactive management practices to prevent the accumulation of outstanding debts.

Resolution No. 03/UCC/15/10/2026 — Ensuring the effective operation of CDNUs

The Commission calls on heads of higher education institutions to ensure the optimal functioning of the National University Development Centres (CDNUs) in State Universities.

Resolution No. 04/UCC/15/10/2026 — Providing for debt settlement in university budgets

The Commission calls on heads of higher education institutions to make provision in their 2027 budgets for the progressive settlement of the social, academic and commercial debts of State Universities.

Resolution No. 05/UCC/15/10/2026 — Examining support staff payroll integration

The Commission calls for the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of the Ministry of Higher Education (MINESUP), the Ministry of Finance (MINFI), and the Ministry of the Public Service and Administrative Reform (MINFOPRA). The group will examine the possibility of integrating support staff salaries into AIGLES, the payroll management system used for State employees.

Resolution No. 06/UCC/15/10/2026 — Addressing academic debts and taxation

The Commission calls for the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of MINESUP, the Directorate General of the Budget (DGB), and the Directorate General of Taxation (DGI). The group will propose solutions for rescheduling academic debts and examine tax-related issues affecting State Universities.

Resolution No. 07/UCC/15/10/2026 — Supporting candidates for CAMES examinations

The Commission calls on heads of higher education institutions to ensure that State Universities provide financial support to candidates sitting examinations organised by the African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education (CAMES).

Resolution No. 08/UCC/15/10/2026 — Strengthening consultation within universities

The Commission calls on heads of higher education institutions to hold regular consultation meetings and submit reports to the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, with a view to resolving management issues concerning lecturers, students and support staff in State Universities.

Resolution No. 09/UCC/15/10/2026 — Rationalising Master's degree programmes

The Commission calls for the implementation of Article 19 of CEMAC Directive No. 02/06-UEAC-019-CM-14 of 11 March 2006 on the organisation of university studies within the CEMAC region under the Bachelor's–Master's–Doctorate (BMD) system.

Under this provision, students who successfully complete the first year of a Master's programme, with an average grade of at least 10/20 but are not selected for admission to the second year, shall be awarded a Master's degree equivalent to the former *Maîtrise*.

Resolution No. 10/UCC/15/10/2026 — The establishment of an academic excellence award

The CCU hereby resolves to establish an institutional mechanism for the award of Academic Excellence to the outstanding students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance and commitment to research.

The award shall be given to the best-performing students enrolled in the third year of undergraduate studies (Bachelor's Degree, Year 3), the second year of Master's studies (Master's Degree, Year 2), and doctoral students during the first three years of their doctoral research.

The selection of beneficiaries shall be based on transparent, objective, and clearly defined criteria, taking into account academic merit, academic

performance, and progress in research activities, as applicable to each level of study.

Through this initiative, the CCU seeks to promote a culture of academic excellence, encourage scientific research and innovation, and support the development of highly qualified human resources capable of contributing meaningfully to scientific advancement and societal development.

At the close of the session, participants expressed their gratitude to His Excellency Paul Biya, President of the Republic and Head of State, for his sustained attention to the university community and his unwavering support for the development of higher education in Cameroon.

Done in Yaounde, on 15 October 2026.

The Chairperson of the University Coordination Commission



Prof. Jacques FAME NDONGO,
Minister of State,
Minister of Higher Education

