**THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NSODA EXECUTIVE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MFORMI NDZEREM STEPHEN: JUNE 2013 THROUGH JUNE 2017: THE SLIENT SUCCESS STORY.**

PREAMBLE

The success of a people, group, or individual is measured not from what the general population gives or expect but from the goals set and defined by the concerned at the time of engaging in the venture and the duration of the venture. If judging from the general expectation becomes the only measuring rod, especially if it concerns an endeavour on behalf of a people, then those concerned will always feel unfulfilled in their mission.

Taking from this premise, the present balance sheet that NSODA is presenting to the Nso people is based on the Plan of Action adopted and presented to the NSODA AGM in 2014 for approval. It should be taken in mind that for the four years of stewardship, the Executive followed its plan of action, making adjustments where necessary and responding to unplanned events that needed their intervention.

We wish to state that this balance sheet runs from June 2013 through June 2017, a four year period full of challenges.

INTRODUCTION:

After the resignation of Shey Wilfred Banmbuh, the Executive ran for a few months under the directives of the Vice President General, Shey Lukong Pius. This transitional period was run with empty coffers and logistics. It was done thanks to personal individual sacrifices in finances and logistics from the Exco members. The Executive initiated the sensitization tours to the VDAs. The move brought many villages on board.

Then came the election of Mformi Ndzerem Stephen Njodzeka, who came in as a God-sent replacement for the resigned Shey Wilfred Banmbuh. This was thus the beginning of a new vision for NSODA and Nso land and her people.

Having taken over leadership, Mformi then put his arsenal of experience in management and and leadership, as well as in development endeavours for the service of the Nso people. He thus announced and presented his on-going plan of action to the Nso people in the following declarations during the 22/3/2014 AGM held at the Cathedral Hall KUMBO and attended by the numerous new found disciples of his vision from all over. They came from different ''branches of NSODA. The Annual General meeting had members drawn from all over the National territory from Yaounde, Makenene, Bamenda, Ndop, Vekovi, Wahsi, Bafoussam, Bajong, Sabongari, Niongsamba, Douala, Sarkir, Nseh, Tatum, Memfu, Mbokam, Mah, Mbam just to mention a few.''

THE NEW VISION:

The President General reacting to a worry from a participant at the AGM stated his vision and mission thus: -NSO’DA has the strong mission: to form a strong union and then use its strength to reach great places in Cameroon. He then gave the example of SHUMAS and ministerial connections and called on NSO’DA to be better.

He went further to explain that NSO’DA and its people will go out on hunting and whatever is caught will benefit everybody that is all of Nso not just some particular persons or group of people.

The President's speech at the AGM OF 22/3/2013 CLEARLY GIVES THE PICTURE AT TAKE-OVER:

If we are here today, it is because of the love we have for our land and people. I mean the Nso land. It is because we have seen that something is lacking in our search for the much needed greatness to be re-established. We have noticed a missing link in our endeavours at attaining that greatness. It will therefore be an opportunity for us to brainstorm, come out with possible solutions and from there forge ahead as one people with one identity and one culture.

No one doubts it that if the Nso people were to harness their human and material resources, we would have no match in this country. Why then have we not been able for the past decades to do all this? In our joint vision, we must make things happen in our land. We must all build a formidable lobby force that will make us outstanding. If others with numerical inferiority and little intellectual strength have done it in their own places why can we not do it a hundred fold?

Before we delve into our discussions, I would like to fall back on our stewardship for the past months since we took over on July 15 2013.What did we meet at taking over?

-We met an existing Exco without clear-cut functions, a situation that rendered most of the redundant.

-We met a constitution that was no more reflecting the modern exigencies of the Nso people as it had outlived its usefulness in the present dispensation.

-The functioning of NSODA did not touch the grassroots, thereby making the Association look like an elitist movement that represented only the interest of the Kimbo people.

-The NSODA Secretariat had gone out of function for want of means to sustain it.The Secretariat functioned from the home of the Secretary General while other Executive members held their own files with them.

-There has been disfunctioning between NSODA and the Nso Groupings in the towns of the Republic.

We met empty coffers which made things difficult for us to function.

With all these problems encountered we however did not fold our arms and wait till this day. We had to forge ahead.

-In order to make the EXCO more functional, the existing roles each has to play were resurfaced and each member refreshed on them and given a free hand in making their position to be active and performant. This has made us to discover the talent in the different Exco members, thus making the functioning of the Exco to be cohesive.

-After a careful study of the Internal Rules and Regulations of NSODA, the present excecutive body found out that it was no more responsive to the modern exigencies of the present Nso society. Consequently my exco engaged in moves to get some sound minds of Nso to reflect on the existing constitution and propose possible amendments which will be englobing and reflecting our present day Nso realities. These will then be deliberated upon and the proposed draft tabled before the GENERAL ASSEMBLY for debate and adoption. This work has been effectively done after much concertations thanks to the co-rdination of our indefatigable Legal Adviser,Barrister Kpudzeyem Sylvester. After this day we shall wait for the AGM of NSODA come March 2014.

-Without a clear cut focus at succession, the present executive saw the need for a plan of action to help guide and direct their actions within the next two years and beyond for the Association. This was the reason behind the proposed plan of action which we circulated to for digestion and eventual input if we must succeed. I seize this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who took a minute from your busy schedule to look through and thereafter chip in a contribution.

- We equally found out that the grassroots that constitute the backbone of NSODA was completely absent from the functional system of the Association.We then engaged in a sensitization and all-englobing march towards the Village Development Associations VDAs, and the different Nso Groupings existing in the different towns of the Republic and out. Today NSODA is the talk of all Nso Villages and proof is the presence of the various Presidents or members of the different Executive bodies of the associations in this august assembly in Bafoussam.

- We equally saw the need for the creation of the home-branch of NSODA. We are seated here with the pioneer exco members who have taken the challenge and are ready to move mountains.

Our expectations from them are that they will spearhead the organization and follow-up of NSODA Events and projects back at home .I seize this opportunity to congratulate Mr Free Albert the new NSODA home- branch President. We call on them to stand up to the challenges that the Nso people are known for giving their leaders.

In order to bring the Fon’s administration closer to the people, the NSODA has reinforced and elected the various Village Traditional Councils.

The functioning of NSODA depends much on the functioning of the NSODA Secretariat..This was one of our proirity.We have put everything in place to see the Secreatriat go functional, a reality that is there for verification.

- In order to break the deadlock and reach a communication bridge between NSODA and the Nso Groupings in the different towns, the present exco has undertaken contact tours to some of the towns to meet either the exco there of the entire body for communion or for ih-house discussions. These have dissipated the mistrust and negative feelings already built towards the Association. After this day we shall continue with the drive towards our people in those towns we have not yet visited. We need your full collaboration as we come towards you.

We have equally undertaken visits to the different Fondoms to explain our vision.We still have it as our priority and will continue till we have visited all our dear fathers for a

- Many of you might be wondering how we have been able to carry on when we claim our coffers were empty at take-over. Yes you are right. It has been thanks to enormous sacrifices made by the exco members from their pockets. This has been pushed forward by their zeal to see us succeed. On your behalf I thank them immensely. That is what we need if we must forge a better Nso society for the future generation.

Once more ladies and Gentlemen, I feel so fulfilled this day.Today marks the start of a new dawn for the Nso society. The train has taken off and we all must be on board for this journey to be a great succeed.

On point nine on the day's agenda, the President presented the plan of action

1. **Presentation of NSO’DA Plan Of Action**

Presented by the President General

He started by talking about funds which are very important for the running of NSO’DA at this point in time which are very limited.

**Activities**

1. It was decided that, men will contribute 1200 while women will contribute 600 FRS which is to be collected by the various branches (Kibam ke wong)

* Each Nso person will need to purchase a card from their various presidents, which costs 200 FRS and which will be marked 100 FRS a month per man and 50 FRS per women. This money will be paid into the NSO’DA bank accounts on quarterly bases
* The annual budget of NSO’DA will come from this card marking by every Nso person. For specific projects, lobbying for special funding will be done

2. The second project will be the mapping of all NSO villages to come up with the different Nso villages and locations, those with VDAs and those without. This will also be done in the Diaspora to know how many branches exist and where, so that NSO’DA can invite them for any meeting.

3. NSO’DA will attend all AGM of VDAs and present report at all NSO’DA AGMs in respect to any meeting attended.

4. NSO’DA EXCO suggested that in the next five years NSO’DA should get its own land and build a secretariat, which is befitting for the Nso man.

5. The creation and enhancing of museums in all Fondoms in Nso (a project already in the World Bank relating only to first class Fondoms [here the Nso Fondom] ). The report about this will be in next year’s AGM.

6. NSO’DA will be supporting development in all Palaces and villages of Nso scouting for funding to support different projects in different villages.

7. NSO’DA suggested a census for the NSO people to know how many Nso people there are and where they are.

8. NSO’DA also suggested an educational census to know how many NSO children are attending school and to support those without or with very limited means to go through school especially the brilliant ones.

9. Carry out a census on Nso intellectuals/elite and what they are doing and where e.g. Doctors, Engineers.

10. Strengthening the collaboration of NSO’DA and ministries, and other world organizations.

11. Strengthening the NSO’DA office so it could function always, employ staff who will help in all work and write out project proposals for NSO’DA

RELEASE FROM NSODA SECRETARIAT TO BUTTRESS PRESIDENT'S VISIION

**NSO DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**



**NSODA PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION**

***One of our major objectives would be to get all sons and daughters of NSO as well as moral persons get into one umbrella (NSODA) we are suggesting the following specific objectives. We are expecting your inputs before a final plan is drawn and circulated to all.***

1. .Establish a responsive and functional NSODA permanent secretariat at home capable of meeting present day exigencies of our NSODA vision.

* Meet leaders of all NSO village development associations as well as leaders of NSO groupings to explain the vision, mission and objectives of NSODA, so that we can together forge ahead to work and improve the livelihoods of NSO people and Cameroon as a whole. And also to encourage all sons and daughters of NSO to come under the canopy of NSODA.
* Carry out an extensive and intensive consultation with many moral and physical persons of NSO and make proposal to some amendments of the constitutions to the NSODA General assembly that could encourage all sons and daughters of NSO to be part and parcel of NSODA.
* Come with a simple but clear mapping of  all NSO villages
* Carry out an inventory of Nso Villages and VDAs
* NSODA participates in all VDA annual meetings
* NSODA EXCO meetings to rotate around major NSO groupings in some major cities/towns.

1. Revitalize all NSODA structures and Exco position to be fully active and functional.
2. Establish an active and functional home branch of NSODA capable of animating and implementing NSODA mission and vision at home.
3. Establish a clear, transparent financial system and put in place a regular reporting system to all members and stakeholders which must be submitted during all Exco and General assembly meetings.

* All transactions backed by receipts and verifiable.
* Come up with a clear budget and put in place a mechanism that funds could be raised for functioning of NSODA as well as support developments in all the villages of NSO Fondons.

1. Put in place a mechanism to liaise all NSOs/ daughters and friends in good positions to come up with strong lobbying force for the betterment of all NSO villages in all the Fondons.
2. Help come up with possible solutions to revitalize our traditional authorities taking into cognizance present day exigencies and sociological-dynamics
3. Ensure constitution should reflect present day exigencies.

* Set a committee to review the present constitution and bye-laws and make proposal for possible amendments in next AGM

1. Prepare a plan of action for upcoming events
2. Establish a two years Strategic plan. September 2013-september 2015.
3. Ensure ExCO meetings and AGM hold and ample time given for planning.
4. Some Major upcoming events consisting of NGONSO 2013 and HRH Fon of NSO 20th anniversary celebrations.
5. Visit to all Fondons in NSO to introduce NSODA and her mission and vision.

NOTE: **We expect your contributions on or before the 5th of August so that, we should come up with detailed final plan of Action including your own inputs.** (*Indicating objectives, activities to achieve objectives, time frame and of course a budget.) and share to all NSO leading groups, VDAs and other stakeholders.*

***Mformi Stephen Njodzeka Ndzerem Mr Bulami Edward Fonyuy***

PRESIDENT GENERAL-NSODA GENERAL SECRETARY- NSODA

During the 2015 AGM still held the Kumbo Cathedral Hall on October 31 2015 the President again in his speech and on behalf of his Executive, outlined the numerous Achievements so far had in spite of the financial limitations:

Today,October 31 2015 is the day of this great assembly. This followed the resolution arrived at during the enlarged Nsoda Exco Meeting held in Ndop on July 25 2015 under the hospitality of the BONGBATI NDOP.

This means that the machinery we put here on the 22nd March 2014 has been on the move combing all the corners of this beloved Country and assembling Nso sons and daughters to ensure that our dream becomes a reality.Before coming to Ndop we had met in Nkongsamba under Nsobati Nkongsamba, Douala under Bongnavti Douala, Limbe under Kibah ke Fako,Yaounde under Nsobati Yaounde, Bafoussam under Bongkisheri and Bamenda under Nsobati Bamenda. These enlarged Exco assemblies have been able to keep the dream burning and the machinery moving while waiting for the Annual General Assembly, which is here today. Bertoua is our next destination come 2016.

In the course of time we equally ensured the implementation of the envisaged projects that we came up with under our five year Development programme.From Kibam ke wong to Lobbying, Cultural Events and Museums as well as Census and Permanent Secretariat, we endeavoured to make each one of them take off. Remember they constitute a five-year development plan, meaning we have not concluded them. We are on with them and the involvement of each and everyone of us will lead to final realizations. I seize the opportunity to thank all those of us who have shown commitment and have made enormous sacrifices to see us achieve our objectives. It is a collective success when we realize all of this.

We equally engaged in very strong lobby with our sons and daughters in the diaspora which has yielded wonderful results. From BFU-USA through Nso Family Union in Europe and elsewhere we have given them reasons to trust us and the fruits are already visible. NSODA has entered a partnership with the Bui Family Union in the USA which is to be concretized with a Memorandum of Understanding-MOU which will entrust NSODA with the execution of the BFU-USA Projects back home.The Nso Family Union in Europe and its affiliate organs have earmarked projects home which will equally be executed by Nsoda.

Memories are still fresh with the ground-breaking project jointly realized by BFU-USA/MEDSHARE/NSODA on the distribution of medical equipment to Health facilities in Bui. NSODA played a very key role in the final realization of the project as NSODA sought and obtained the 100% tax exoneration from our Government worth tens of millions. The Home Branch mobilized the VDAs and VTCs as well as Health facilities towards the reception event in the Nso Palace.It was a great success.

Some of us might not have left fully satisfied but you should accept the goodwill of our sons and daughters and appreciate them and then pray for more strength and will to be able to seek and obtain many more in other domains for the benefit of our communities. It was the start and many shortcomings could not be avoided.

Already BFU-USA has shown their capability to assist us in different domains. The VIDZEMVIDZEFENYUY SCHOLARSHIP Scheme was launched last year and is ongoing as we discuss. Let us take the information to our different corners so that our children could benefit from this. It falls within our vision of identifying the geniuses our society is producing and pushing them to greater heights.

NSODA has equally built a very strong partnership with SHUMAS-CAMEROON back home and Nso sons and daughters and communities are benefiting so much from this partnership. We only have to give encouragement to more sons and daughters to come up with such initiatives that will help to foster the development needs of our communities and her subjects.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Within a short time we have been able to bring responsible Nso sons and daughters on the train of NSODA new vision. Most of us now talk about NSODA with pride and you now identify yourself with it. This was one of our objectives which we are proud to say we have seen it come to reality.

However, it is not all of us that are proud to see progress and success. Some of us will only appreciate and join its path if we are the ones on board. Others will join it to be the rat in a calabash of groundnut. Just to burst holes in the calabash and cause it not to hold water. Others will join for the sake of joining, to be armchair critics. Others join to see the dreams realized so that together we can feel proud about our land. We have encountered all these categories and all have made us stronger and more committed to the course. If we were cowards we would have surrendered because of the shouting minority. We knew the silent majority has always been behind us and that is what kept our faith burning.

I therefore seize this second opportunity to call on all of us to shun all those who see nothing good in what our leaders do. They will spend their time to build what they destroyed when they finally get to leadership. This would delay the useful projects that society would have benefited from.Let us equally condemn in very strong terms petition writers for they are a serious draw-back to the development of Nso.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

NSODA is very worried about the prevailing social atmosphere in our land. It is not good for development. It is rather helping individuals and their selfish aims and not the Nso people. If we find ourselves where we are today, it is because of pride and self-centeredness. It is because of dishonesty and lack of trust to an extent. If we were humble enough, we would not have reached where we are today. Above all, it is because we have decided to politicize social issues. This is why NSODA in very strong terms calls for the depoliticization of social issues. Politics brings division. NSODA believes that only honest dialogue and humility can bring peace and solutions to the present social crisis.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This gives us the opportunity to reiterate our fervent support for our Fons and call on all Nso sons and daughters to reconcile themselves with our Fons as well as give our Fons the respect and honour they are due. Our Fonship constitutes our cultural pride and the symbol of our Unity. Destroying it means destroying the essence of our cultural existence. Individuals come and go but the throne and Fonship remains. At the same time we call on those of us who tell but lies and slander to our Fons to cease from such activities. The Fons are the Father to the Nso people irrespective of which compound or village one comes from. When we derail our Fons we derail all of Nso and its people. Individuals with overriding personal interests should spare our Fons and let them continue to be a symbol of Unity for their people. History will judge those of us who have taken as a duty to derail our traditional leaders so as to perpetuate our personal interests. NSODA SAY \91NO\92 AND \91NO\92 TO SUCH PRACTICE!

We thank all those sons and daughters who have worked with NSODA to ensure that our Fons understand that Nso is one and indivisible. Today what touches Mbiame touches all of us. Same as what touches Kiluun, Nkar, Nseh, Mbokam, Ndzerem, Ndzeen etc.This is what NSODA stands for. No division among us.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We cannot forge ahead as Nso while our Country Cameroon is in chaos. I therefore seize this opportunity to call on all Nso sons and daughters to join our President and the Defence Forces to fight against the barbaric sect BOKO HARAM. We should all be alert and report individuals with suspicious activities around us. At the same time we should always at a moment of our daily chores, stop and say of word of prayer for the protection of our soldiers that are at the war-front as well as our brothers and sisters in the Far-North of the Country. Together we must ensure the eradication of these evil forces. We are therefore promising our Head of State full support and encouragement in this relentless war. Mr President, the Nso People are solidly behind you in this war.

Apart from these human issues we frown at, we cannot let you be ignorant of our situation. We have been able to forge ahead thanks to enormous sacrifices from some of us who understand that patience and sacrifice is needed if we must succeed in our endeavor. I lack words to express my gratitude to such individuals who have aided us in this difficult mission. The slow nature in which we respond financially to our obligations has been a major obstacle to our functioning. I plead that we all should understand that if we must succeed then we all have to ease the work of the EXECUTIVE through our financial obligations.

The financial report we are going to receive today will reveal the truth about what I am presenting to you. It will be left to us to examine ourselves and see where we are going to.

Dear Wirfon, the year is coming to an end and we expect to be informed about our end-of-year socio-cultural activities. Last year we organized the NSODA EXCELLENCE AWARD.It was the first of its kind and it was with an unprecedented success. We sincerely thank the Lord Mayor for Mbiame, Shey Fonyuy Fidelis and Taakifu ke Samba, Douala, Joe Dindze and co who made enormous sacrifices to make the event a resounding success. We intend to continue with the event and make it annual so as to encourage our sons and daughters who have excelled in various disciplines in life by giving them awards. Today we are going to renew our confidence in the team that organized the event of last year. We will call on all of us to send to them names of people and groups you think could be encouraged through these awards. You will equally be called to facilitate their task through financial, material and logistical support.

We equally will be present at the different Fondoms to assist in promoting their different cultural events that fall under our plan of action.

On regular reporting on her activiities here below is an example of one summary report:

NSODA EMBARKS ON AN ALL ENGLOBING NEW VISION .



It is no longer news that, while many tribes around us are moving mountains for the benefit of their people as one strong force, we, the people of NSO are moving backwards, picking only crumbs from the ground and only chasing our shadows while our families at home live in abject poverty; our brothers and sisters in civil service for many years remain in inferior positions; our children after brilliant performances at GCE and universities end up in agricultural plantations as labourer with no forum to help them. Is this what we deserve as the mighty Nso people that we are? Of course not!

Owing to the aforementioned, NSODA since July 2013 produced a draft proposal to turn all the aforementioned distresses to positive. It was circulated to all Nso sons and daughters for their suggestions, irrespective of wherever they were found. In it, we proposed possible ways to attempt to find solutions to these problems facing us. Leaders of all Village Development Associations in NSO as well as Leaders of NSO umbrella groupings in various towns around Cameroon were also consulted for their inputs. Even those out Cameroon were consulted as well such as BFU (*Ray Banavti,Shu Fai Nsobati and Ngang se wong*),Banin UK, Scandinivian team(Shey wo scandy) etc. Founding fathers of NSODA like Late Shey Omer Sendze, ShuFai Bastos, Mr Mbiybee, Lawyer Sendze, Pa Mdzeka and many others were not left out. Some other elite like Mrs Yenwo Bertha gave very useful contributions. Above all, Shey Bambuh ,former President General of NSODA gave very valuable contribution. Just to mention a few.

In consequence, we received wonderful ideas and suggestions which were compiled and presented to three NSODA National Exco meetings which were well represented- *2 hosted by Bihnso Bafoussam-September 14th 2013 and 05th October 2013. One hosted by Nsobati Yaounde 12th November 2013*).

These suggestions were then identified, prioritized, synchronised, clustered and fine-tuned and presented to the NSODA AGM of March 22 2014 in KUMBO (*also well represented*). It was well examined and ratified in form of resolutions and projects to be carried out for the next five years and to revitalize our Association.

NSODA National Exco meeting of 14th June brainstormed and came up with basic project concepts note, that will facilitate implementation.

**Our projects for the next five years will consist of**:

* Kibam ke wong- Simple and sustainable source of income for our common projects in all Fondoms and villages in NSO.
* NSODA Permanent Secretariat,
* Census of how many we are and where we are and how we can be useful to our people.
* Lobbying platform to help our sons and daughter wherever they may be.
* Support and promotion of Museums and cultural events in our different Fondoms.
* Revised Constitution to meet the exigencies and new vision of NSODA.

When all Exco positions would have been filled and owing to the fact that, we now know our problems and vision, every Exco member is expected to come up with their proposed plans on how each position will contribute to help our people wherever they may be. We would expect all EXCO members to play their roles fully for the service of our people.

NSODA has achieved a lot already towards the vision.

1. NSODA visited all Fondoms, Village Development Associations back at home, NSO umbrella groups in all towns of Cameroon and Banin UK.
2. A transparent accounting system put in place and already functional.
3. Financial and Narrative reports are presented in all Exco meetings and General assembly as well sent to all branches. There are always heavily attended.
4. A good number of branches have bought the vision and are now part and parcel of it and see the raison d’etre of the new vision and its activities.
5. NSODA national EXCO meeting are now very regular and take place every three months rotating between various branches out of NSO. General assembly equally regular.

NSO is a great community, very resourceful, unfortunately efforts are not harnessed which makes us a laughing-stock and a shadow of ourselves. It is in this light, we encourage each and every one to join various branches of NSODA so we as one man can meet our vision.

MAY 27 2015 ON THE OCCASION OF THE RECEPTIONAND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The realization of this project has not just been a matter of luck.It has not just happen because it was going to happen. No! Taking it that way will be simplifying the invaluable efforts of the stakeholders. To tell you the truth, it has not been an easy ride from the time NSODA entered into partnership with the Bui Family Union-USA.That was two years ao when I visited them out there.

The fruits we are celebrating today has been finally realized thanks to a wonderful coincidence in the visions of the leaderships of both the Bui Family Union-USA and NSODA. These two visions have as bottomline, broadbased participatory approach and sustainable development in transparency.

It is aimed at improving the lives of our people back at home .It entails grassroots participation.

This synergy between NSODA and BFU-USA comprises therefore an englobing vision which is aimed at building formidable bridges between the people at home and the diaspora for the betterment of the living conditions of our people and the development of our society. The realization of this vision will take us to the 2035 vision our Head of State is preaching. For this to happen you and I are needed to move hand in glove and be focused. It requires a strong partnership and a formidable lobby power .It is thanks to this lobby power that this project received a 100 percent tax exoneration from our Government.

EVIDENCE ON MORE NSODA WORKING

NSODA SECRETARIAT

KUMBO NSO-BUI DIVISION

October 19, 2013

The General Co-ordinator

SHUMAS-Cameroon

***AN APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE THROUGH NSODA***

On behalf of the Nso Cultural and Development Association, NSODA, I write to appeal to your humanitarian office for a partnership with NSODA in the domain of education.

Understanding the difficulty our people go through in educating their children, due to lack of the means to procure eith the basic needs of the school, books, uniforms and even payment of the school fees,

Being aware of the immense assistance you and your humanitarian services have done and are continuing to do to our community,

Knowing that your vision ties in with the developmental vision of NSODA, which is equally aimed at developing the individuals and the community

I, as the Secretary General of the Association, therefore writes pleading for a longstanding partnership between your NGO and NSODA, so that together we can help those talents that do not have the means to forge ahead to be able to do so.

We hope that this partnership, once it goes operational will go a long way to make us provide equal opportunities to our children for a greater and competitive Nso society.

We would be very grateful if our request is granted.

BULAMI Edward FONYUY NSODA SECRETARY GENERAL

FRIDAY MAY 13 2016 RECONCILIATION DAY IN THE NSO PALACE

A SPEECH PRESENTED BY MFORMI NDZEREM STEPHEN NJODEKA, NSODA PRESIDENT GENERAL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE NSODA ENLARGED EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN BERTOUA ON FEBRUARY 27 2016.

The Divisional Officer

The President NSODA Bertoua

Dear Wirfon,

Ladies and Gentlemen

It has always been a great pleasure for me to stand before you all and talk about our land and her development. Today, Bertoua gives me another opportunity to share with you our ongoing vision about our land. I wish to welcome all of you who have braved it all to this distanced land of the Forest of the East. This is a great mark of love for your land. It is a sign that we are all committed to the fate of our land and are determined to make it a place to be. Vesen wiy Kijung! God bless us and our land!

Dear Wirfon, our being here today is a follow up of the resolution arrived at on July 25 2015 during the enlarged exco meeting held in Ndop under Bongbati.It is the continuation of a journey we started well back in 2013 and which we are pursuing. The intention is to take every Nso son and daughter on Board the train of development in our Nsoland. Even if Bertoua is two days away from Nso, Nso needs them so much for her development in all areas.Our being here today is to make all of us and particularly you of Bertoua to know that you are part of Nso development.We thank you for accepting to host us in your town.

Today we shall have much to talk about! I plead that we make positive contributions towards the different issues that shall be raised here today. When we parted from Ndop, we resolved on many issues which shall be got from the minutes of that meeting. When we left Ndop we adopted the day of the AGM which took place on October 30 2015 in the Kumbo Cathedral Hall with Delegates coming from the different Branches of NSODA all over the Country.We shall equally get the resolutions and then debate on as we progress in this meeting of today.

Ladies and Gentlemen, while we get to the reading of the two resolutions, I seize this opportunity to brief all of us on what transpired with us between these times. When we left Ndop and AGM there was the burning problem of the Water crisis in Kumbo. NSODA as the main stakeholder, played an important and pacific role in the crisis making sure that the crisis should not degenerate into social disorder.NSODA took part in all crisis meetings organized in either Kumbo or Bamenda. We continue to pledge our support to the Nso throne while calling on all Nso sons and daughters not to place their personal interest above the Nso interest. If we destroy our Fonship, what then shall we be proud of as Nso people. Politicians should avoid turning social issues into political issues, for politics does not unite but tears communities apart. As of now peace is reigning while we await the final stage of the process of solving the crisis.You can rely on NSODA exco for a peaceful resolution of this crisis.

During the AGM, we equally announced the launch of the BFU-USA Scholarship Award for Excellence. We called on all to ensure that our children wherever they were should apply.The selection of laureates was done and on January 23 2016 the Ceremony to Award the scholarships was organized in Kumbo by NSODA. The laureates were four in number with the amounts ranging between 1.200.000million francs and 500.000 thousand francs. We remind ourselves that it has become an annual event which therefore calls on all of us to spread the information to all.

In pursuit of our five year plan of action, and specifically in the domain of Culture, we visited the Fondoms with Cultural events. The little envelops we could afford came from all of us. I therefore call on all of us to always endeavor to support the National Exco so that we improve on the envelops.

Our Women of Kongadzem Fako celebrated 30 years of glorious existence. NSODA could not be indifferent to such an event and with such wonderful women like they are. We were there to represent all of us and we bet you it was hectic and with a brighter future.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I continue to hammer on the Kibam ke Wong.It is a project that if realized, we will never go begging to develop our Fondoms.It just needs but the will and commitment of all of us.Let us take it as a duty to sensitize all on this project.

Our partnership with our brothers and sisters in the diaspora is really yielding fruits. The Bui-Family Union in the USA and the Nso Family Union in Europe are ready to work with us for the development of our land. This comes as a result of the confidence we have built in them through our transparent management of whatever resources they place at our disposal.It just suffices for us to add more commitment back here at home so as to give them more reasons to come in. Nso needs all her sons and daughters.

Dear Wirfon, one thing that NSODA succeeded in doing which may look minor but which means a lot, is that they caused the court case between our people of Nseh and Kuvlu, to be withdrawn from court for an amicable solution. I bring this up to let all of us know that we can always settle our matters in our Palaces and traditional councils and not necessarily in the courts of law. We have been wasting a lot of financial and material resources as well as time in the law courts.Let us continue to educate our brothers and sisters against this.

Ladies and Gentlemen, 2016 is here with us. Gone is 2015. Shall we continue to stand on the same position we were in 2015? Are we ready to catch up with the times and make our land a place that gives us pride? Let those who do not feel proud to be Nso know that they will never be accepted fully elsewhere! Let us all learn to be proud of our land.

**KUMBA ON 17 AUGUST 2017**

A SPEECH PRESENTED BY MFORMI NDZEREM STEPHEN NJODEKA, NSODA PRESIDENT GENERAL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE NSODA ENLARGED EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN KUMBA ON AUGUST 27 2016.

The Divisional Officer

The President NSO-ADZEM KUMBA

Dear Wirfon,

Ladies and Gentlemen

It has always been a great pleasure for me to stand before you all and talk about our land and her development. I feel terrible today, addressing you in absentia. I would have loved to be physically present with you but other international assignment hld me back. However, I do not regret so much as the end result of my mission will still be to the benefit of our community.

Today, Kumba, the land of the Bafaw people, gives us another opportunity for us to share our on-going vision about our land. I wish to welcome all of you who have braved it all to this famous K-Town, the economic capital of the South West Region. . This is a great testimony of love for your land. It is a sign that we are all committed to the fate of our land and are determined to make it a place to be. Vesen wiy Kijung!

Dear Wirfon, our being here today is a follow up of the resolution arrived at on February 27 2016 during the enlarged exco meeting held in Bertoua. It is the continuation of a journey we started well back in 2013 and which we are pursuing. The intention is to take every Nso son and daughter on Board the train of development in our Nsoland. Nso needs all her sons and daughters so much for her development in all areas. They are here in Kumba and all over the world. Our being here today is to make all of us and particularly you of Kumba to know that you are part of Nso development. We cannot talk Nso development without Kumba, under NSO-ADZEM. We thank you for accepting to host us in your town.

Today we shall have much to talk about! I pray that we make positive contributions towards the different issues that shall be raised here today. When we parted from Bertoua, we resolved on many issues which shall be got from the minutes of that meeting. When we left the East, we adopted the day of today as the day for which Kumba shall give us their hospitality, and here we are.We shall equally get the resolutions and then debate on as we progress in this meeting of today.

Ladies and Gentlemen, while we get to the reading of the two resolutions, I seize this opportunity to brief all of us on what transpired with us between these times. When we left Bertoua, there was and there is still the burning problem of the Water crisis in Kumbo. NSODA as the main stakeholder, has been playing an important and pacific role in the crisis making sure that the crisis should not degenerate into social disorder. NSODA has taken part in all crisis meetings organized in either Kumbo or Bamenda.We stand solidly with the Nso pople and the Fon of Nso to reiterate that the water scheme is the property of the Nso people, and that only the Nso people have the right to determine its fate. We should not be misled by noise made from misled sources or misinformed sources.

We continue to pledge our support to the Nso throne while calling on all Nso sons and daughters not to place their personal interest above the Nso interest. If we destroy our Fonship, what then shall we be proud of as Nso people. Politicians should avoid turning social issues into political issues, for politics does not unite but tear communities apart. As of now peace is reigning while we await the final stage of the process of solving the crisis. You can rely on NSODA exco for a peaceful resolution of this crisis.

In our continuous effort to make all of us live in peace and love we organized, under the guide of the Paramount Fon of Nso, the reconciliation between the Fon and the Nso sons and daughters who for one reason or the other had fallen out with our leader. This unprecedented event that took place on May 13 2016, was to serve as an eye-opener to all, that reconciliation is the magic wand that can help us build a formidable unity for the purpose of development in our land. If the Almighty Nso Lion could be so humble to accept such a move, then why can we in our various homes, groups and towns not learn to reconclie with each other. Nsoda calls on all to emulate the example of HRM Sehm Mbinglo I, and organize reconciliations among themselves where there has been some misunderstanding.

NSODA is proud to be in Kumba today for one reason. Kumba was the litmus test of NSODA's mission of reconciliation of Nso sons and daughters. We did our best to bring the misunderstanding in Kumba to an end, for them to forge ahead as one man. It was not easy succeeding, but we tried. We are therefore reiterating that no matter the differences you may have as NSOA-DZEM, you should never lose sight of reconciliation. It goes the same for all other branches of NSODA.

During the Bertoua meeting, we equally announced the launch of the BFU-USA Scholarship Award for Excellence. We call on all to ensure that our children wherever they are should apply now that the GCE results have been released. The selection of laureates is done by the scholarship committee of the Bui Family Union in the USA and NSODA organizes the Ceremony to Award the scholarships in Kumbo. The laureates during the last awards were four in number with the amounts ranging between 1.200.000million francs and 500.000 thousand francs. We remind ourselves that it has become an annual event which therefore calls on all of us to spread the information to all.

I am presently in the USA, where I am making contacts with our sons and daughters. The scholarship scheme has been launch and the details can be got from the NSODA Exco.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, I continue to hammer on the Kibam ke Wong. It is a project that if realized, we will never go begging to develop our Fondoms. It just needs but the will and commitment of all of us. Let us take it as a duty to sensitize all on this project.

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NSODA also calls on all Nso sons and daughters to teach their children lamnso. It is our identity. What does it profit you to speak all the languages and be unable to speak your own mother-tongue? Learn to identify with Nso through your language. We give our support to all those who are doing all to promote our mother-tongue.

Ladies and Gentlemen, 2016 is about the go. 2017 is in the horizon.. Shall we continue to stand on the same position we were in 2016? Are we ready to catch up with the times and make our land a place that gives us pride? Let those who do not feel proud to be Nso know that they will never be accepted fully elsewhere! Let us all learn to be proud of our land.

Long live NSOLAND Long live the Republic of Cameroon.

**UNDER MFORMI NDZEREM STEPHEN NJODZEKA**