

Employment - Youth and Migration: What challenges and opportunities for PES?



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Introduction

The National Employment Agency (**ANPE**) of Mali will organize in collaboration with the National Employment Fund (**FNE**) of Cameroon and with the support of the Executive Secretariat of the World Association of Public Employment Services (**WAPES**) an international conference on the theme: **"Employment - Youth and Migration: What challenges and opportunities for PES?"**

The joint organization of this event by the two Public Employment Services (PES) of Cameroon and Mali is in line with the WAPES Long-Term Strategy, of which one of the major axes is the enhancement of cooperation between PES.

This way, from **17th to 19th September 2019** Heads of member PES of WAPES, international experts, specialized resource persons in youth, employment and migration and institutional partners will meet in the Cameroonian capital to reflect on and propose possible solutions to these thorny problems that all countries face.

Two main activities in one event

1. Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the AAPES

Created in 1998, the **African Association of Public Employment Services**, abbreviated "**AAPES**", is the counterpart of the **World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES)** for the Sub-Saharan Africa area.

The AAPES, born in Yaoundé, Cameroon, is a manifestation of will and determination of the African Public Employment Services (PES) peers having joined WAPES to strengthen South-South cooperation and to work together on the common field of their common sovereign mission, namely being the **promotion of employment and the fight against poverty**.

Today, with its 20 years of existence, the AAPES has grown and now has more than 20 members.

Thus, to celebrate this transition from childhood to adulthood and mark the maturity of the AAPES on the 17th of September 2019, all the Heads of the member PES expressed the wish that this event be held instead in the place where it was born, in Yaoundé.

The commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the creation of the Association in Yaoundé will have a global dimension. It will be held under the aegis of WAPES and will bring together all the leaders of member PES in Africa and elsewhere. To mark this event, a high-level round table will debate on **"The relevance of the PES mission in employment promotion."** Time for exchanges with the participants is also scheduled.

Finally, to make the event unforgettable, a special evening in an atmosphere of fraternity will end this day.

2. Thematic conference

Concerning the main theme of the event to be held on **18 and 19 September**, there is no need to recall the close links between the issues of employment, youth and migration, throughout the world.

Indeed, all analyses carried out converge on the idea that young people play an important development role in their communities but also in their host societies that contribute strongly to the achievement of the objectives of the Agenda 2030, in particular of its elements concerning education (4), employment (8) and reducing inequalities (10).

PES in their strategies to fight unemployment, increase youth employability, promote labour migration and fight irregular migration and migrant smuggling can only take action and contribute to greater social inclusion of these young people in their home or receiving countries.

Therefore it was of paramount importance for WAPES and its partners to question the theme to better equip its member PES to find appropriate and adequate answers.

This central theme will be divided into the following sub-themes:

- ***The problem of youth unemployment, worldwide and in Africa particularly, in a context of globalization***
- ***Policy and legislative frameworks for migration, worldwide and in Africa: yesterday, today and tomorrow (Labor migration or occupational mobility: international, regional and sub-regional provisions)***
- ***The impact of migration on national labor markets***
- ***Youth labor migration management: the role of PES***

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The main aims of the Yaoundé forum is to open discussion, to strengthen exchanges between experts on the subject, to share experiences and good practices in this area and lastly, to benefit from the reflections in order to promote **employment** and **labor migration**, especially of youth, in accordance with the realities of continents, regions and states.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The expected outcomes by the end of this important event are as follows:

- National and international public opinion as well as decision-makers (Governments) are strongly aware of the key role of Public Employment Services in promoting employment and labor migration among young people;
- South-South and North-South cooperation links are strengthened in the area of employment and labor migration;



- Migrants' departure zones are developed through the promotion of growing sectors in order to offer employment opportunities to young people at their local level;
- PES are better informed, have a better understanding and are better equipped with regard to institutional, regulatory and legislative systems on the subjects;
- Better coordination of youth integration and reintegration schemes is done in order to make visible the efforts of States and their partners;
- The private sector and local and regional authorities are more involved in the dual management of employment and migration issues.

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

Experts specialized in youth, employment/labor and migration issues will present the identified sub-themes.

At the end of each presentation, participants will have time to discuss with the experts.

The key points of each sub-theme, or recommendations, will be formulated and shared at the end of the conference.

PARTICIPANTS

- ❖ African and international experts;
- ❖ Public authorities in charge of employment and training issues;
- ❖ Heads of Public Employment Services;
- ❖ National and international institutions involved in Employment and Migration fields;
- ❖ Business leaders;
- ❖ Other guests...

PROGRAM

Working languages: English and French

Venue: Hôtel Mont Fébé, Rue de Monaster, 711 Yaoundé, Cameroun

Registration: via the [online registration form](#)

Tuesday 17 th September	
	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF YAOUNDE DAYS (HÔTEL MONT FEBE)
8h00-8h30	Reception of guests and participants
8h45-9H00	Arrival of authorities
09h00 - 11h00	<p>Arrival of the Members of the Governments of Mali and Cameroon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reception ✓ Presentation of flowers to the Ministers of Employment and Vocational Training of Mali and Cameroon ✓ National anthem of the host country (Cameroon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcoming address by the WAPES President of Honor, Director General of the FNE, Mr. MOUTE à BIDIAS Camille ➤ Speech by the AAPES President, Director General of ANPE Mali, Mr. IBRAHIM AG NOCK ➤ Speech by the WAPES President, Director General of the ANAPEC, Mr. ABDELMOUNEÏM EL MADANI ➤ Speech by the Minister of Employment and Vocational Training of Mali, Mr. SIDIBE Jean Claude ➤ Welcoming speech by the Minister of Employment and Vocational Training of Cameroon, Mr. ISSA TCHIROMA BAKARI ✓ Group photo ✓ Visit to stands of FNE promoters
11h00-11h30	<p>Cocktail</p> <p>End of the Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Exit of authorities</p>
11h30 - 13h30	Round table: "the relevance of the public employment service (PES) mission in employment promotion and the fight against unemployment"

	<p>6 speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Director General of the FNE (WAPES President of Honor) - WAPES President - AAPES President - Cyrano Afidi OMBOLO LBOGSO, HIMO Specialist, ILO - World Bank Expert (tbc) - MINEFOP Expert <p>✓ Exchanges with participants</p> <p>✓ Signature of partnership agreement between the ONAPE Chad and the FNE</p>
13h30-14h30	Lunch break
14H30	Visit of the Training Framework of Employment Counselors of AAPES to CRADAT
16h00	Return to hotels
19h00-22h00	CELEBRATION NIGHT OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AAPES (HOTEL MONT FEBE)
Wednesday 18th September	
9h00-9h30	Registration and reception of participants of WAPES International Conference
	Welcome coffee
9h30-11h00	<p>1st presentation:</p> <p><i>The problem of youth unemployment, worldwide and in Africa particularly, in a context of globalization</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyrano Afidi OMBOLO LBOGSO, HIMO Specialist, ILO • World Bank (tbc) • African Union (tbc) • AFRISTAT (tbc) • 2 PES (to identify) <p>+ 40 minutes of exchanges with the audience</p>
11h00 -11h15	Coffee break

<p>11h15-13h00</p>	<p>2nd presentation:</p> <p><i>Regulatory and legislative frameworks for migration, worldwide and in Africa: yesterday, today and tomorrow (occupational mobility)</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM (tbc) • ECCAS (tbc) • ECOWAS (tbc) <p>45 minutes of exchanges with the audience</p>
<p>13h00-14h30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14h30-15h40</p>	<p>3rd presentation:</p> <p><i>The impact of migration on national labour markets</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ OECD (tbc) ✓ PES (to identify) ✓ AU (tbc) <p>30 minutes of exchanges with the audience</p>
<p>15h40-16h00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>16h00-17h00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PES (to identify) ✓ EU (tbc) ✓ "The changing influx of asylum seekers in 2015/2016" - Arbetsförmedlingen, Sweden, Mathias Wahlsten, Head of Unit <p>30 minutes of exchanges with the audience</p>
<p>17h00</p>	<p>End of day</p>
<p>Thursday 19th September</p>	
<p>9h00-9h10</p>	<p>Summary of highlights from the three presentations of the day before (rapporteur to be identified)</p>
<p>9h10-10h10</p>	<p><i>Round table 1: exchanges on good practices from different PES</i></p> <p><i>Youth labor migration management: the role of PES (3 PES to choose)</i></p> <p>1. "The management of youth labor within 90 days" -</p>

	<p>Arbetsförmedlingen, Sweden, Staffan Johansson, Head of Unit.</p> <p>2. ANPE – Togo, Edmond AMOUSSOU, Director General</p> <p>3. Pôle emploi - France, Yves Thomas LUNDY, Migr'actions Project Coordinator</p>
10h10-10h30	Coffee break
10h30-11h30	<p>Round table 2: exchanges on good practices from different PES</p> <p>Youth labor migration management: the role of PES (3 PES to choose)</p> <p>1. ANPE – Niger, Souleymane IDI DAOUDA, Head of the Legal Administrative Affairs Department</p> <p>2. National Employment Authority – Kenya, Joseph NJUE, Chief Employment Officer/ Head of Labour Migration</p> <p>3. PES (to identify)</p>
11h30-12h00	Presentation and adoption of the general report of the WAPES International Conference
12h00-12h30	Closing ceremony chaired by the MINEFOP
12h30-13h00	Cocktail
13h00	Departure to EcoPark
14h00-15h00	Lunch at EcoPark
15h00-16h00	Visit to EcoPark
16h00-17h00	Return to hotels

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