



2020 ACTIVITY REPOT

SUMMARY

The activities of the association in 2020 were significantly impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic.

The association still has continued to organize conferences on human rights and started the submission of violations of the human rights cases at the UNHCHR.

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Résumé

The association fighting for the respect of human rights ALRDH is a non-profit association created in 2019 by a group of Cameroonians living in Switzerland and concerned about justice. The Headquarters are in Lancy, in the Canton of Geneva in Switzerland. Its main objective is to promote respect for human rights wherever serious violations are observed. For this purpose, it acts as an interlocutor for the people and organizations concerned by the fight against failure to defer to human rights, with the mission of informing the public of situations of human rights violations, in collaboration with the institutions and organizations of preservation of human rights.

The main activities of ALRDH are in particular:

- Identifying cases of human rights violations with particular attention to Cameroon.
- Compiling files on these cases of human rights violations.
- Organizing awareness-raising conferences for the general public on cases of violations of recognized human rights;
- Advocating with international human rights institutions based in Geneva and Swiss officials so that the voices of the victims are heard.

Events

The year 2020 saw a considerable slowdown in the activities of the association given the socio-health context that prevailed this year. Two conference debates were held, one in Geneva at the beginning of the year and the other at the end of the year through videoconference and wide distribution via social media. The two conferences were the occasion, with the participation of 5 panellists from various horizons, to discuss mainly the so-called Anglophone crisis underway in the regions of North-West and South-West of Cameroon since 2016. A socio-political-security crisis that is continuing to generate victims and thus building the bed of deprivation of rights and freedoms.

The association also held its first ordinary general meeting in October 2020. A review positive for the year 2019 had been presented and prospects that were difficult to achieve for the year 2020. In addition, in 2020, the association submitted several cases of human rights violations to special procedures at the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to generate complaints

Funding

Being a non-profit association, ALRDH finances its activities through monthly membership fees and Adhoc contributions from its active members as well as donations from various sponsors, supporters and other legal persons. The year 2020 having been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic, the volume of activity has been greatly reduced and therefore the charges as well. Ultimately, 2020 closed with a profit of CHF 1,304.20.



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2020 Events

Saturday 8 February 2020 - Conference - debate

CAMEROON: WHICH ELECTIONS DURING THE ANGLOPHONE CRISIS?

Speaker: Barrister Augustin Tchameni: Lawyer at the Paris bar; National Secretary in charge of external relations of the Cameroon Renaissance Movement.

Since 2016, the North-West and South-West regions of Cameroon have been affected by a serious Anglophone crisis. After more than 12,000 deaths, tens of thousands of internally displaced persons and refugees in neighbouring countries and more than 400 villages completely or partially razed, the violence has reached its paroxysm in these regions.

The population having deserted these 2 regions, civil society as well as certain political parties led by the Cameroon Renaissance Movement, had called for the postponement of the legislative and municipal elections until peace is restored in these two regions and the displaced populations brought back.

This conference was an opportunity to discuss the difficulty in respecting the rights of candidates, as well as the risks faced by voters in the context of armed conflicts.

Communications to Swiss media

ALRDH drafted three press releases for the attention of the media and certain Swiss federal parliamentarians on September 17, October 14 and December 11, 2020. The aim is to make the target audience aware of human rights violations, including house arrest of the main Cameroonian opposition leader for more than two months, observed following the marches undertaken by the Cameroonians on September 22, 2020.

These peaceful demonstrations were intended to protest against the Cameroonian government's convening of the electorate for December 6, 2020, without having first resolved the crisis in the English-speaking regions and carried out a consensual reform of the electoral code.

Saturday, October 17, 2020 - General Assembly

After a year of existence, ALRDH had a statutory obligation to hold its first meeting general meeting and to present its first activity report. A positive year after all with the organization of several informative debates and the consolidation of the base of the association members.

During this assembly, 3 new people were elected to the committee which is now made up of 8 members who are: Edwige Nguoko Foeko, Gilbert Sindjou, Patrick Njine, André Marie Tchouatieu, Augustin Tchameni, Patrick Kadji, Rigobert Hervais Kamdem and Emerance Tekobou.

The total number of active members of the association stands at 15.



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Saturday 5 December 2020 - Conference debate **CRISES IN CAMEROON WHAT TO DO?**

Speakers:

- Bar Michèle Ndoki; Attorney at the Cameroon Bar, Laureate of the francophone moot court competition against the death penalty in 2015.
- Bar Agbor Balla; Human rights lawyer, activist and freedom fighter, Vice President of the African Bar Association (AFBA) for Central Africa.
- M. Ayah Ayah Abine: President of the Ayah Foundation, a leading humanitarian organization in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon.
- M. Yann Gwet Author and political analyst - Former columnist for *Le Monde Afrique*, currently *Jeune Afrique*.

This conference was an opportunity to discuss several ongoing crises in Cameroon, in particular the Anglophone crisis, the post-election crisis that followed the electoral dispute that arose following the 2018 presidential election. The various speakers with their diverse backgrounds were thus able to present and analyse this crisis through the prism of their field and lived experiences.

It was also an opportunity to consider exit solutions and propose acts of good faith that the Cameroonian government and the armed groups could make to appease the situation and find solutions to end the armed and murderous crisis.

Submission of information to special procedures

The special procedures of the Human Rights Council is made up of independent experts in human rights who:

- monitor the human rights situation in various countries by carrying out field visits;
- act based on complaints about alleged human rights violations by sending communications;
- carry out thematic studies and organize expert appraisals;
- contribute to the development of international human rights standards;
- get involved in the promotion and public awareness campaigns;
- and provide advice on intergovernmental technical cooperation.

These experts report annually to the Human Rights Council and the majority of mandates also do so to the UN General Assembly. Under the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, independent human rights experts mandate is to report on the human rights situation and provide advice on the matter from a particular theme or country perspective.

The special procedures system is a central element of the United Nations machinery for human rights and covers all human rights, whether civil, cultural, economic, political or social.

From this perspective, ALRDH, given the countless violations of the various rights above mentioned in Cameroon, submitted information on individual cases of torture, rights and freedom violations (arbitrary detention), the right to freedom of speech and political rights. Therefore, information about 12 cases received from victims was submitted to these procedures thereby drawing the attention of experts to the case of Cameroon. This new activity is part of the innovations within the association and will be continued.



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Financial Report

Balance sheet

ASSOCIATION DE LUTTE POUR LE RESPECT DES DROITS HUMAINS, GENEVE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020

	31.12.20	31.12.19
ASSETS	CHF	CHF
Net cash	1 296,17	231,97
Receivables	240,00	0,00
TOTAL ASSETS	1 536,17	231,97
LIABILITIES		
Reported benefit	231,97	
Exercice's benefit	1 304,20	231,97
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1 536,17	231,97

Geneva, February 27th, 2020



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Income statement

ASSOCIATION DE LUTTE POUR LE RESPECT DES DROITS HUMMANS GENEVE

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1st TO DECEMBER 31st 2020

	FROM 01.01.2020 TO 31.12.2020	FROM 01.04.2019 TO 31.12.2019
INCOMES		CHF
Membership contributions	1585,00	960,00
Membership donations	516,00	3057,00
Donations from non-members	10,00	2073,76
Donations organisations	0,00	499,00
TOTAL INCOMES	2111,00	6589,76
EXPENSES		
Third party conference organisation charged	0,00	1450,00
Rent of conference rooms	125,00	849,00
Various fees for speakers	470,00	3012,95
Document printing costs	75,00	129,00
Members representation expenses	0,00	788,00
Bank fees	61,80	128,84
General Assembly fees	75,00	0,00
TOTAL EXPENSES	806,80	6 357,79
Exercice's benefit	1 304,20	231,97

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Outlook for 2021 and beyond

After a rather successful first year of existence, ALRDH promised to keep up the momentum in 2020. Unfortunately, the global covid-19 crisis did not allow this.

For the year 2021, several elements that could not be implemented in 2020 will be repeated. Thus, conference debates will always be the best vehicle for raising awareness and many will be organized on more diverse subjects such as gender-based violence, violations of the press rights and other rights to freedom of expression, children rights, workers' rights etc.

A communication strategy for the popularization of the association is necessary so that it is better known and that its actions carry more. With this in mind, it was decided to implement place of an annual prize awarded to the best Human Rights Advocacy Action in Cameroon.

The activity of submitting information to the special procedures of the Human Rights Council will be strengthened, in particular by a wide dissemination of information on the existence of these procedures to stimulate even more submissions.

To ensure rapid mobilization and certain effectiveness, it is essential to have a stable and sustainable financing mechanism that does not systematically call on Adhoc membership fees whenever an event is scheduled. Broadening the basis of active members is proving to be a priority to reach a certain critical mass which will strengthen the foundation of the association.



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