



## The Peace Plan: Autonomy for Former British Southern Cameroons

### A New Approach

Efforts to address this crisis, such as the "special status" granted to Anglophone regions, have failed to deliver meaningful change. Instead, these measures have entrenched the divide, creating a fragile and often dysfunctional framework. The absence of genuine protections for cultural, linguistic, and political rights has reinforced exclusion and fuelled ongoing tensions.

This peace plan, developed by the Alliance for Peace and Justice signals a necessary departure from past approaches. It requires compromise and mutual understanding while remaining steadfast in advocating for the interests and aspirations of the Former British Southern Cameroons. This plan is not a dismissal of grievances but a recognition that lasting peace requires addressing root causes, securing autonomy, and fostering trust between the region and the central government.

### Why the Peace Plan Matters

The cost of inaction is too high. Over 700,000 people have been displaced, with thousands more seeking refuge abroad. Schools remain closed, children lose access to education, and families lack essential healthcare. Infrastructure is in ruins, and economic opportunities are scarce.

This peace plan envisions a future of hope:

- For communities displaced by conflict, it promises reintegration, security, and stability.
- For the youth, it offers education, vocational training, and job creation to unlock potential.
- For ex-combatants and political prisoners, it guarantees pathways for reintegration and dignity.
- For the Former British Southern Cameroons, it ensures autonomy, respect for cultural identity, and a roadmap for self-governance.

### A Commitment to Peace

The Alliance for Peace & Justice is committed to safeguarding the rights of the Former British Southern Cameroons, addressing historical injustices, and promoting a just and comprehensive resolution. This commitment is reflected in the key principles that guide this peace plan.

### Key Tenets of the Peace Plan & Implementation Areas

Key Tenet	Key Considerations
A Roadmap to Self-Determination: A referendum on independence or confederacy by 2030, with an inclusive process ensuring every voice is heard.	Legal framework The structure of the referendum and execution Public awareness and participation Security and Inclusivity Implementation and Transition



	<p>Minoring and Oversight</p> <p>Follow-up and Future Voting Rights</p>
<p>Autonomy and Governance Model: Establishing extensive powers for regional assemblies in Former British Southern Cameroons. Assemblies will oversee education, healthcare, policing, agriculture, and local economic development. Elections for these assemblies will follow a proportional representation system, ensuring inclusivity.</p>	<p>Legal Framework</p> <p>Territorial Assemblies and Governance Establishment and Operations</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Revenue and Resource Management</p> <p>Elections and Representation</p> <p>Electoral Process</p> <p>Cultural and Traditional Governance</p> <p>House of Fons and Chiefs</p> <p>Integration with Modern Governance</p> <p>Inclusive Governance and Anti-Corruption</p> <p>Gender Equality and Representation</p> <p>Anti-Corruption Measures</p> <p>Federal and Regional Collaboration</p> <p>Representation in National Ministries</p> <p>Consultation on National Decisions</p>
<p>Intergovernmental Relations: Regional assemblies will work with the central government on national security, foreign policy, and economic planning.</p>	<p>Vice President Role</p> <p>Bilateral Cooperation Committee</p> <p>Coordination on Joint Issues</p> <p>Ensuring Sovereignty and Autonomy</p>
<p>Support for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees, focusing on housing, education, and community rebuilding.</p>	<p>General Integration Approach</p> <p>Restoration of Rights</p> <p>Economic Package and Reintegration Support</p> <p>Vulnerable Groups (Women, Children, and Other Vulnerable Populations)</p> <p>Psycho-social Support Services</p> <p>Community Cohesion and Social Integration</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation</p>
<p>Independent Commission on Demobilisation and Reintegration (ICDR): Guarantees for the release of political prisoners and the reintegration of ex-combatants.</p>	<p>Independent Commission on Demobilisation and Reintegration (ICDR)</p> <p>Mandate and Structure</p> <p>Oversight and Monitoring</p> <p>Phased Decommissioning of Arms</p> <p>Reintegration of combatants</p> <p>Reintegration Mechanisms</p> <p>Eligibility and Inclusivity</p> <p>Rights Restoration and Amnesty</p> <p>Restoration of Rights</p>



	<p>Community Integration  Reintegration Fund  Fund Design and Governance  Economic Support  Health and Psycho-social Support  Confidence-Building and Community Cohesion  Community Engagement  Preventing Recidivism  Evaluation</p>
Policing and Judicial System	<p>Establishing an Independent Magistrate Court System  Structure and Operations  Cameroon Bar Association Reform  Appellate Court Coordination  Establishing a Regional Police Force  Mandate and Governance  Reflecting Local Demographics  Municipal Police Forces</p>
Reconstruction and Economic Development: A comprehensive plan to rebuild burned villages and damaged infrastructure. Vocational training programmes and investment initiatives to create jobs and foster economic growth	<p>General strategy  Sector specific development  Infrastructure Development  Resource Distribution and Governance  Trade and Economic Interdependence  Cultural and Heritage Preservation</p>
Citizenship and Cultural Preservation	<p>Bill of Rights (Content and Scope)  Citizenship and Nationality  Freedom of Movement  Linguistic and Cultural Heritage  Engagement and Representation  Harmonization with National Identity</p>

This peace plan is a collective effort to heal wounds, restore dignity, and pave the way for a prosperous and peaceful future. It acknowledges historical grievances while charting a realistic and inclusive path forward.

By supporting this plan, stakeholders will be supporting:

- A structured framework for autonomy and governance will reduce tensions and build trust.
- Investments in infrastructure, education, and jobs will uplift communities and create opportunities.



- Addressing the root causes of the conflict ensures a more equitable and inclusive Cameroon.
- A peaceful resolution benefits all Cameroonians, ensuring security and harmony across regions.

### **Your Role in Shaping the Peace Plan Implementation**

Your insights are critical to ensuring that this peace plan is not just an agreement on paper, but a living, practical roadmap that reflects the aspirations, needs, and realities of the community. By contributing your perspectives and expertise, you will help shape strategies that are both implementable and sustainable, increasing the plan's chances of success in fostering peace, justice, and development.

Each implementation area has been carefully outlined with key considerations that serve as the foundation for our discussions. These considerations are accompanied by a set of guiding questions designed to prompt meaningful dialogue and gather diverse input during consultations with the wider community.

Your role is to:

1. Share your expertise or lived experiences related to the specific implementation areas. Your input will help ensure the strategies are grounded in reality and address practical challenges.
2. Act as a bridge between the broader community and the planning process, ensuring that the diverse voices of stakeholders are heard, respected, and integrated into the plan.
3. Help identify and recommend approaches that are equitable and sensitive to the needs of all groups, especially those who are most vulnerable or marginalised.
4. Evaluate the proposed ideas and approaches, providing constructive feedback on how they could be improved or adapted to local contexts.
5. By actively participating, you contribute to a sense of shared ownership of the plan, which is essential for its successful implementation and long-term sustainability.

Your participation in this process is essential not only to ensure the plan is aligned with community aspirations but also to build the trust and collaboration needed to move forward collectively. Together, we can co-create solutions that will have a meaningful and lasting impact.