OFFICE NATIONAL DU CACAO ET DU CAFE
NATIONAL COCOA AND COFFEE BOARD

NOTICE TO THE GLOBAL COCOA COMMUNITY

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The National Cocoa and Coffee Board (NCCB) of Cameroon regrets to inform the international cocoa community of the passing away of **Mr. Hope SONA EBAI**, former General Manager of NCCB, who died on **4 March 2026 in Douala,** Cameroon.

Mr. Hope SONA EBAI was a distinguished international cocoa expert with more than forty (40) years of service to the global cocoa sector. He served as General Manager of the **National Cocoa and Coffee Board** (NCCB), and later as Secretary General of the now defunct **Alliance of Cocoa Producing Countries (COPAL)** in Nigeria. He also worked as Chief of Party with the **World Cocoa Foundation** in Ghana.

Through his remarkable career, Mr. Hope SONA EBAI played a significant role in shaping and strengthening cooperation among cocoa-producing countries and promoting the development of the cocoa sector worldwide. His disappearance is a great loss not only to Cameroon but to the entire global cocoa family**.**

The **National Cocoa and Coffee Board** hereby informs well-wishers of the **funeral arrangements**, which will take place as follows:

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Burial rites will be held on the **24th and 25th April 2026 in Limbe,** South-West Region of Cameroon.

Those wishing to send **tributes or condolence messages** may kindly forward them to the following email address:

- **alfredatanga301@gmail.com**

VISA

For e-visa modalities, kindly visit https://evisacam.cm/.

- Furthermore, the NCCB remains available to provide letters of invitation, where necessary.

Useful Logistics Information

Arrival Point

Delegates travelling from abroad are kindly advised to arrive through **Douala International Airport**.

Recommended Hotels in Limbe

- **Atlantic Beach Hotel**
  Rates: **25,000 FCFA – 45,000 FCFA – 60,000 FCFA**
  Website: https://atlanticbeachotel.com
  Email: info@atlanticbeachotel.com
  Tel: +237 679 27 13 66 / +237 677 23 52 27
- **Seme Beach Hotel**
  Rates: **25,000 FCFA – 35,000 FCFA – 40,000 FCFA**
  Website: https://www.semebeach.cm
  Email: contact@semebeach.com
  Tel: +237 671 86 46 88 / +237 696 90 25 69
- **Marcsons Hotel & Resorts**
  Rates: **60,000 FCFA – 65,000 FCFA – 100,000 FCFA**
  Website: www.marcsons.com
  Email: info@marcsons.com
  Tel: +237 699 99 77 27