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*First Session of the Evaluation Committee of Proposals Submitted
to the Institutional Research Support Fund of UDs*

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Dschang, June 02 2017. The first session of the evaluation committee of the Research Proposals submitted for funding by the Institutional Research Support Fund of the University of Dschang was held on June 2nd, 2017 in the conference hall of the Chancellery. Twenty-five projects of lecturers-researchers of the seven schools and faculties of UDs were evaluated by ten experts from the Universities of Dschang and Bamenda, the Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation and the National Observatory on Climate Change.

Among these proposals, fourteen were rejected for poor drafting. Eleven (11) were examined in depth, basing on four main criteria: the quality of the project, the quality of the research team, the likelihood of research valorisation, the budget and project management. Though all the projects submitted were pertinent, one at least out of every faculty was retained after intense debate. The selected projects will be funded by the Institutional Fund of the University of Dschang whose maximum amount is fifteen million CFA.

The evaluation of these projects is the logical consequence of a process which started by the institutional Research Fund validated by the Administrative Council of the University of Dschang in 2016. This validation was followed by a call for proposals on February 22nd, 2017. The selected project-bearers will have to sign a contract with the University of Dschang in the days ahead, so as to launch or accelerate the research activities.

It is the first time that the University of Dschang is allocating funds to research on competitive basis and in a systematic manner. The rationale behind it is to move from individual to an organised collective research. This process aims at highlighting the research policy of the University of Dschang in order to bring an institutional response to the development orientation of Cameroon. The resources of the Institutional Fund amounting to one hundred million CFA, are derived from resources which before, were dispersed in the budget of the University./-



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