

## **Change of Administration: Dr. Daniel EKONGWE, New Regional Director of PAID-WA**

Following the movement of staff appointed by the Secretary General of PAID in accordance with the 2019-2023 strategic plan of PAID, there has been a change of administration at the Pan African Institute for Development; PAID International Regional Institute for West Africa PAID-WA, Buea and since then a flurry of activities that constitute the vision of the new Regional Director have been activated.



Dr Daniel EKONGWE was appointed the new Regional Director and first Cameroonian of the Pan African Institute for Development, PAID International, Regional Institute for West Africa (PAID-WA) on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019. He serves cumulatively as the coordinator of the PAID PhD program (English Section). On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020, the handing over ceremony was presided over by the President and

Secretary General of PAID International Dr Theresa ELAD and Professor Emmanuel KANDEM respectively.

### **The new Regional Director highlighted his vision with a focus on:**

1. Major Internationalization of PAID-WA activities through partnership and inter-university cooperation;
2. Complete Digitalization of PAID-WA activities with a focus on online studies;
3. **Re-structuring of the training program with a focus on Research and Professional training for career development (Peace, Security, Governance, and Development studies);**
4. **Focus on Local Area Study and need assessment as a condition to respect the specificity of any development or project requirement;**
5. Monitoring and Evaluation;
6. Internationalization of the Human Resource/personnel;
7. Infrastructural development;
8. Health, Safety and Risk Management.



The Regional Director applauds the support of the students, staff and the general public for the exceptional response to his appointment and encourages team work and professionalism. It is worth mentioning that the Regional Director Dr Daniel EKONGWE before now served PAID international in the capacity of (cumulatively) Head of Division for Training and Development and acting Dean of studies, Head of Government

Relations and Protocol, the Director of Cabinet to the Secretary General of PAID and the Director of PAID Bilingual Centre Yaoundé.

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