

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING LANDSCAPE (EIDM) FOR CAMEROON.



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OVERVIEW OF CAMEROON

❖ **Located in Central Africa**

❖ **Land area: 181,251 sq mi (469,440 sq km)**

❖ **Population 22.77 million (WB 2014)**

❖ **GDP (US\$32.55 billion)**

❖ **Language: French, English (both official)**



Main actors in the EIDM Landscape in Cameroon (3 groups)

Governmental	Non-governmental and other institutions	Intergovernmental bodies and Programmes
National and decentralised sector Ministries under the tutelage of Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation (MINRESI) including health, environment, agriculture, mines & energy, finance/planning, commerce.	Local not-for-profit organisations and institutions	Bilateral and multilateral bodies including EU ¹ , AFD ² , JICA ³ , KOICA ⁴
Statutory Research Institutes (IRAD ⁵ , IRGM ⁶ , NIS ⁷ amongst others	International not-for-profit organisations (CIFOR ⁸ , IITA ⁹ , SIL ¹⁰)	
State-owned universities and higher institutes of learning	Private universities and higher institutes of learning and research (IRD ¹¹ , ARCT ¹²)	

¹European Union, ²French Development Agency, ³Japan International Cooperation Agency, ⁴Korean International Cooperation Agency, ⁵Institute of Agricultural Research and Development, ⁶Geological and Mining Research Institute, ⁷National Institute of Statistics, ⁸Centre for International Forestry Research, ⁹International Institute for Tropical Agriculture, ¹⁰International Society of Linguistics (SIL), ¹¹Institute of Research for Development, ¹²African Regional Centre for Technology,

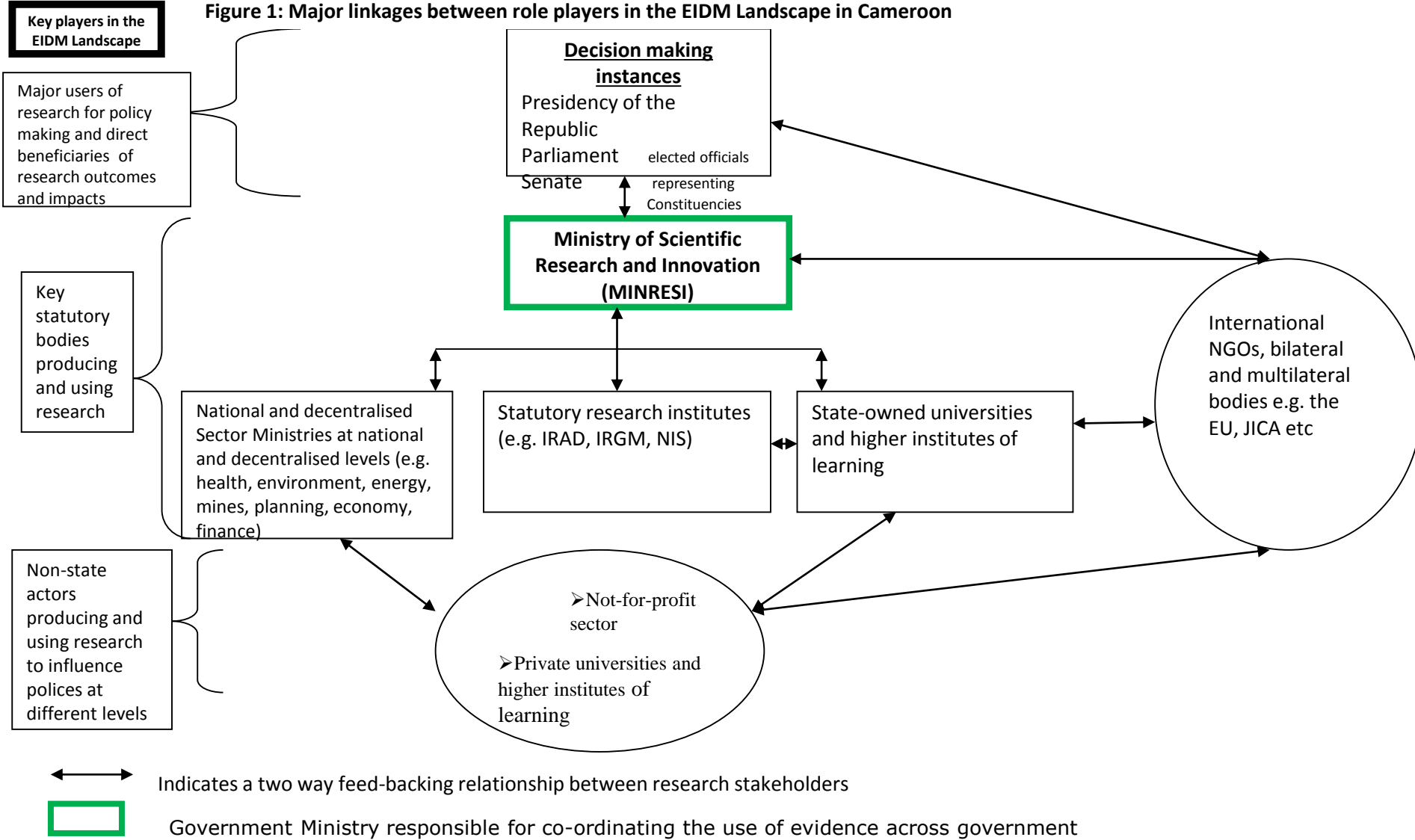
Gaps Cameroon's EIDM landscape

- ❖ Poor/low relationship between universities and research institutes.
- ❖ Research cooperation generally prescriptive, initiated by donors and thus top-down and often do not necessarily reflect national interests.
- ❖ Poor cross-ministerial linkages and silos in research activities in key ministries involved
- ❖ MINRESI the key national research body so far has not been able to establish strong partnerships with local businesses
- ❖ MINRESI has no control over research linkages established between individuals, NGOs at national and international levels
- ❖ Relations between private and public organizations for promoting the use of results of research are low.
- ❖ Weak link between policy makers with academia, research and international bodies to enable further enrichment of policy through adoption of latest research findings.

Bottlenecks or organisational silos impeding flow of evidence

- Existing ministerial policies which is a road block to cross fertilisation of research (ministerial silos).
- Stifled process for both local and international organisations and institutions to engage with and lobby parliament and senate based on research outcomes and impact to influence policies.

Linkages between the role players in the EIDM Landscape in Cameroon



Source: Eric Ngang 2016

Intervention/support most needed by the system

- ❖ Harmonisation of efforts amongst key research players based on agreed standards, develop joint strategy, an implementation action plan to break the inherent silos in research and policy uptake
- ❖ Need to leverage existing skills, networks, organisational platforms, on-going research platforms to bridge gaps thus enforcing policy processes.
- ❖ Support to engage in an in-depth desk review and field research for the production of a comprehensive EIDM landscape for Cameroon.
- ❖ Support engagement in actions at strategic level to connect key researchers and policy makers and also inter-research and inter-policy maker's interaction to facilitate uptake research for informed decision making.
- ❖ At operational level, support is needed to enhance connections among non-policy actors (NGOS, institutions, private sector)

Links to 3 themes of Evidence 2016

- ❖ Disconnect between the key actors involved in EIDM landscape in Cameroon
- ❖ Need to break this status quo and engage actors in a process of joint learning (Understand), developing harmonised blueprints and best practices on EIDM in Cameroon
- ❖ Essential element to developing and implementing appropriate policies that address poverty (Impact)

Engagement aspects in Cameroon's EIDM Landscape that works well and has potential to be up scaled?

- ❖ EIDM landscape in Cameroon is still at an embryonic stage
- ❖ Cameroon's EIDM system could be described as a *flurry of uncoordinated evidence actors*
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- ❖ Need for more coordination to generate best practices that can be shared and up-scaled

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