

## **Brief History about Entrepreneurship and Social Research Center-Cameroon**

The Entrepreneurship and Social Research Center-Cameroon (ESRC) was founded in 2019 as a result of an agreement between a number of stakeholders who saw entrepreneurship as the driver of economic growth and development. It was created with the objective of promoting entrepreneurship culture, knowledge and technical and institutional capacities for the design, formulation and evaluation of development policies that contribute to inclusive growth, poverty and inequality reduction and human development.

The Centre began its activities in August 2019 and, since then, it has been providing advisory services to entrepreneurs, receiving study tours from mentees, hosting international research fellows and interns, facilitating capacity- strengthening and knowledge-sharing through training, conferences, as well as building networks of researchers and practitioners on development policies.

The Entrepreneurship and Social Research Centre (ESRC) has as vision to free human skills and talents trapped in conflict, insecurity and poverty in both Suburban and rural communities of Cameroon and Africa with the goal of achieving equality, wellbeing and meaningful career development to alleviate poverty among the young population by 2050.

The Entrepreneurship and Social Research Centre (ESRC) is a policy advocacy and research organization aimed at carrying out policy relevant research that touches every aspect of the society especially entrepreneurship and thus contributing to her economic and social development.

ESRC works together with policy makers to ensure she can offer world class knowledge and expertise through its services in five main areas: social protection; technological innovation; inclusive growth; sustainable development and poverty reduction strategies with the help of three main objectives:

**Development of Entrepreneurship Culture; Organisation of seminars on self-dependence and production, organisation of seminar valorisation of local**

resources/materials, Capacity building on engagement and provision of solution to local problems, Capacity building workshop and support to entrepreneurship ventures, Seed capital for entrepreneurial take-off:

**Promotion of quality and inclusive research;** Formation of research team, Building of team capacity of methodology for quality research, Conducting development based research on relevant national issues, building research around national development strategy, Bridging gender/indigenous gap in the development of research team/network, Support to training and development of manpower, including but not limited to scholarship for school children:

**organisation of conferences on entrepreneurship and social development.**

The ESRC is composed of a multi-disciplinary team of researchers and knowledge managers as well as communication, publication and programme and operations experts who offer high quality technical support to all services provided by the Centre.

Join the ESRC team and contribute to development policies, supporting the design and evaluation of flagship policies and leading research, or supporting our knowledge-sharing and capacity-strengthening activities on subjects related to inclusive growth, social protection, poverty and inequality reduction and human development. The ESRC is committed to having a talented, skilled, and highly motivated workforce that adheres to the strictest standards of integrity and honesty.

Entrepreneurship and Social Research Center-Cameroon is an entrepreneurship-based knowledge sharing and capacity building platform, open to social protection practitioners, policy-makers, and experts, as well as academics and students. Thanks to the contributions of its members, collaboration with stakeholders, and the dedication of the ESRC team.

Our Annual Reports provide an overview of our activities and progress each year. An annual evaluation of each content type, as well as new developments, user engagement, and trends in social protection are presented.