

CAMEROONIAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT COUNCIL

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PARTICIPATION & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Cameroon International Tech Summit 2026 (CITS2026)

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From summit participation to a practical pipeline for diaspora investment, trusted service delivery, technology partnerships and market access.

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Executive Summary

CDIC participated in the second Cameroon International Tech Summit (CITS2026), a national technology and entrepreneurship gathering that brought together government representatives, private-sector leaders, start-ups, investors, development partners and young innovators. The summit placed particular emphasis on technology, entrepreneurship, talent development, outsourcing and the conversion of local innovation into sustainable economic opportunity.

For CDIC, the value of the summit went beyond attendance. The delegation used the event to identify organisations whose work can strengthen the Council's existing investment, project-owner and service-provider platforms; open discussions with institutions interested in diaspora engagement; and establish a practical follow-up pipeline across finance, insurance, payments, artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure, health technology, skills development and entrepreneurship.

Across the two field reports, approximately 20 organisations were engaged. Several discussions now warrant structured follow-up, subject to CDIC's normal verification and due-diligence process. Early opportunities include investor education and regulated market access, diaspora-focused insurance, local and cross-border payment solutions, technology and engineering services, project sourcing, skills partnerships and SME-investor matchmaking.

The central conclusion is clear: CITS2026 confirmed a strong opportunity for CDIC to serve as a bridge between Cameroon's growing innovation ecosystem and the capital, expertise, customers, contracts and professional networks of the global Cameroonian diaspora.

1. The Summit and Its Strategic Relevance

CITS2026 was held from 15 to 17 October 2026 at the Palais des Congres in Yaounde under the theme "The Bold Agenda". The programme brought together start-ups, SMEs, public institutions, development partners and technology companies around youth employment, digital services, outsourcing, innovation and sustainable enterprise.

The summit featured exhibitions, thematic panels, a national innovation bootcamp and a start-up pathway designed to move promising ventures closer to investment and commercial partnerships. Discussions repeatedly returned to a major national challenge: converting Cameroon's large pool of educated young people into productive employment and internationally competitive businesses.

This agenda aligns closely with CDIC's role. Diaspora professionals can contribute more than capital: they can introduce international clients, mentor founders, open outsourcing contracts, provide technical expertise and help credible Cameroonian enterprises reach foreign markets.

2. CDIC Participation and Outcomes

Area	Outcome
Strategic outreach	Engagement with approximately 20 organisations across fintech, investment, insurance, AI, engineering, hosting, training, health-tech, design and agribusiness.
Institutional engagement	Discussions with development and international actors, including interest in stronger diaspora mobilisation and collaboration.
Partnership pipeline	A shortlist of high-potential organisations identified for structured follow-up, verification and possible partnership.
Project & supplier sourcing	Potential projects and service providers identified for CDIC's Project Owners Portal and Service Provider Directory.



Area	Outcome
Visibility	CDIC introduced to organisations and professionals that had limited prior awareness of the Council, creating a clear opportunity for stronger national positioning.

3. Priority Partnership Opportunities

The following organisations emerged as the strongest immediate prospects. Inclusion in this report records an opportunity for discussion; it does not constitute endorsement. Any formal relationship will remain subject to verification, due diligence, legal review and approval by CDIC.

Organisation	Sector	Potential CDIC pathway
Elite Capital	Investment & capital markets	Explore investor education and access to regulated CEMAC capital-market opportunities for diaspora members.
COVA Africa	Insurtech	Assess diaspora-focused family protection and member-benefit solutions.
Maviance / Smobilpay	Payments	Assess FCFA, Mobile Money and cross-border collection options for CDIC platform use.
PaySika / Swychr	Fintech	Evaluate complementary digital payment services and member-facing financial technology solutions.
Summith	SME-investor ecosystem	Develop visibility, founder support and investor-matchmaking collaboration; an initial podcast invitation has already been extended to CDIC.
MedVAULT	Health technology	Review for potential project pipeline and health-sector innovation engagement.
Januko	Engineering & AI	Explore engineering, technology and outsourcing links with diaspora professionals and international clients.
Dynamic AI Nexus	AI consulting	Consider technology advisory work and potential registration within the CDIC Service Provider Directory.

4. Wider Collaboration Pipeline

Beyond the priority prospects, the summit produced a broader pool of organisations that may support CDIC's service-provider, education, connectivity, branding, workforce and agribusiness objectives. These include DTR Hosting, Hitech-cm, Bitter Kola Studio, Primetec Academy, SolidPlan, El Ankia Naturals and other exhibitors whose capabilities can be assessed against CDIC's requirements.

The first participation report also records discussions with IOM and organisations linked to women's digital inclusion, together with outreach to other institutional and private-sector actors present at the summit. These conversations reinforce the case for a more deliberate CDIC partnership programme focused on diaspora mobilisation, technology skills, women and youth participation, and international market access.

5. What CDIC Brings to Future Partners

CDIC's value is not limited to introductions. The Council can provide a structured route to diaspora investors, professionals, mentors, customers and international networks. Its digital platform can also give verified projects and service providers a clearer path to visibility, while its country representatives and members can help build trusted relationships across multiple markets.

In return, credible partners can strengthen the practical value offered to CDIC members: investment education, financial infrastructure, insurance solutions, local technical capacity, investable projects, skills programmes



and dependable service providers. The objective is a two-way partnership model in which both the diaspora and Cameroon-based enterprises gain measurable value.

6. Strategic Lessons from CITS2026

Trust must remain central.

The strongest role for CDIC is to reduce uncertainty through verification, transparent information, structured introductions and disciplined due diligence.

Diaspora participation must go beyond remittances.

Capital matters, but so do contracts, clients, mentoring, specialist knowledge and access to international markets.

Cameroon's technology sector needs market access.

Training and innovation are increasingly visible; sustainable growth will depend on customers, commercial partnerships and investment readiness.

CDIC needs a stronger physical presence at major events.

A dedicated stand, branded materials and an official speaking role would improve visibility, member recruitment, project sourcing and institutional access.

Partnerships should be converted into platform value.

Each credible relationship should connect to a clear CDIC function: Investor Portal, Project Owners Portal, Service Provider Directory, member benefits, education programmes or strategic partnerships.

7. 90-Day Follow-Up Framework

Period	Priority actions
0-30 days	Send formal follow-up correspondence; schedule meetings with priority organisations; accept and coordinate the Summit media opportunity; invite suitable firms and projects onto the relevant CDIC portals; request the CITS start-up finalist and bootcamp pipeline from the organisers.
31-60 days	Complete verification and due diligence; identify 3-5 partnership candidates; prepare draft MoUs where appropriate; assess payment integration options; organise an online investor or entrepreneurship session for members.
61-90 days	Publish approved partnerships and verified listings; measure member and project engagement; establish a CITS27 participation plan with a CDIC stand and proposed diaspora-investment panel; review results and approve the next partnership pipeline.

8. Public Accountability and Due Diligence

CDIC will distinguish clearly between an initial contact, a partnership under discussion and a formally approved partnership. Claims made by prospective partners, including client lists, user numbers, licences, product performance and market reach, should be independently verified before public endorsement or platform listing. Financial-sector relationships should be presented as access to information and services, not as investment advice.

9. Conclusion

CITS2026 gave CDIC a practical view of the depth of Cameroon's emerging technology and entrepreneurship ecosystem and, more importantly, created a pipeline that can now be converted into



partnerships, verified service providers, investable projects and international market connections.

The next stage is execution. CDIC's priority is to move from promising conversations to carefully verified relationships that produce measurable value for members, entrepreneurs, investors and communities. With disciplined follow-up, the Council can help connect Cameroonian innovation to diaspora capital, expertise and global opportunity - while building the trust required for those relationships to endure.

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