

PANELISTS

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Dr. Samuel Ikome Sako

Interim President, Federal Republic of Ambazonia

Samuel Ikome Sako (Ph.D) is an educator, a counsellor, author, an ordained Gospel Minister, and a rights activist. As an alumnus of The University of Calabar, Nigeria and Therapon University of the US Virgin Island, USA, he did his post-graduate studies in Christian Counseling and Restorative Justice. He has been a committed member in the ongoing struggle for the liberation of the people of Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia since 1992. Dr. Sako served as Personal Assistant to Ambassador Henry Fossung, one of the pioneer leaders of the Southern Cameroons National Council, an organization established in the 1970s that fights for the restoration of independence of Southern Cameroons after the fraudulent Ahidjo Referendum of 1972 dissolving the federal structure of the Country. He is also one of the architects of the current revolutionary movement that reignited in 2016. Upon the arrest of President Ayuk Tabe and nine other leaders on January 5th 2018 in Nigeria and their forceful repatriation to Cameroon, he was elected President of the Interim Government on February 4th 2018 by an Electoral College representing the people and organizations from all 13 counties of the former British Southern Cameroons (a.k.a Federal Republic of Ambazonia).

Dr. Sako changed the philosophy of the present restoration movement from the force of argument to the argument of force. He helped to transition the movement from a civil crises to a well organized liberation struggle for the actualization of the independence of the former British Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia. Dr. Sako is a firm believer in good governance based on Judaeo-Christian principles.



Dr. Sébastien Nadot

Member of French National Assembly

Dr. Sébastien Nadot is a Member of the French National Assembly, representing Haute-Garonne since 2017. As a Foreign Affairs Committee member, he is a Rporteur of the Mission on "The Democratic Refoundation of the European Union". He also serves as a Member of the Parliament's Commission of Inquiry into Obstacles to the Independence of the Judiciary, and the President of the France-Quebec Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Dr. Nadot authored several historical essays and novels, including "Amadou Vamoulké. Lettres à la France depuis Kondengui" (2019, Paris, Tehan Editions), translated into English with the title "Cameroon? We all have to stop this comedy" (2020, Paris, Teham Editions). He holds a doctoral degree in History from École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS Paris).

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Prof. Patrice Nganang

Full Professor of Africana Studies, Stony Brook University

Patrice Nganang, Full Professor of Africana studies at Stony Brook University and Chair of the Africana studies department, was born in Cameroon and is a novelist, a poet, essayist and the author of monographies on African writing systems., and Arabic. He is also His novels *Mount Pleasant* (FSG), *When The Trump Are Ripe* (FSG) have been translated from French into many languages, including Norwegian, German. *Dog Days*, an award-winning novel telling the story of people's struggle for freedom, has also been translated into many languages. His research areas are history of writing systems, representations of violence, including systems of incarceration, history and theories of African literature, and of the Black world. He understands intellectual activity as being connected between research, activism and creativity. He writes and publishes in English, German, French and Medumba.



Dr. Emma M. Osong

Aerospace Engineer, Speaker, and Peace Advocate;
Founder & Executive Director, WPPJ

Dr. Emma M. Osong is an American of Southern Cameroonian origin. She is one of America's notable advocates and leading voices striving for permanent peace based on justice in the Southern Cameroons-Ambazonia-Cameroun War - a war currently raging just steps from her childhood home that has left untold misery to millions. She is an author, educator, speaker, and peace advocate. Emma is a prominent geodetic aerospace engineer and the founder of Women 4 Permanent Peace & Justice (WPPJ), a gathering of women waging peace. She is an organizational and personal development expert. At the core of her teachings is addressing human transformation instead of change, living a conflict inspired life, and using a step-by-step system that generates actionable personal, individual, group, or organizational results. To learn more about her philosophy, speaking engagements, and peace advocacy, please visit her website at www.dremmaosong.com.

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Prof. Chris W. J. Roberts

Political Science Instructor, University of Calgary;
President, African Access Consulting

Chris W. J. Roberts is an instructor in the Political Science Department at the University of Calgary (Calgary, Alberta, Canada), and President of African Access Consulting, a professional business and policy development consulting firm focused on Africa. He has worked extensively on African policy and research projects over the last 25 years, and he has been widely published, including over the last two years on the crisis in Cameroon.

He will highlight some of the impediments to peace in Cameroon that require broader international attention and action.

ABOUT THE HOST



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