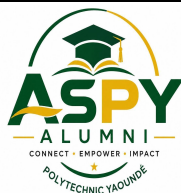


ASSOCIATION OF ANGLOPHONE ALUMNI OF POLYTECHNIC YAOUNDÉ

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Type: Executive Meeting

Location : Online

Status: Final

Date: Sunday, 02nd of August 2026

Time: 7:00 PM Yaoundé

Presided by: The President,

1. Attendance

The following members were present:

- **Efuet Atem** — President & Head of the Mobilisation Committee.
- **Fonyuy Blaise** — Vice President and Co-Head of the Permanent Secretariat Committee.
- **Fonteh Bonaventure** — Financial Secretary and Head of the Official Launching Committee.
- **Ngangsop Roy** — Head of the Mentorship Committee.

Agenda

The meeting was convened by the President to discuss the progress of various special committees established following the ASPY Alumni Constitutional General Assembly held on June 20th. The key agenda items were as follows:

- Permanent Secretariat Committee ;
- Mentorship Committee ;
- Official Launching Committee ;
- Mobilisation Committee ;
- Other matters.

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2. Permanent Secretariat Committee

The mandate of this committee is to oversee the procedures for operationalising the ASPY Alumni Permanent Secretariat, including official registration and securing office space on the school campus.

Regarding registration, all necessary documentation was submitted to the competent authorities in Yaoundé on July 3rd. We anticipate receiving the registration certificate by August or September, after which we will proceed to open official bank and mobile money accounts.

Official correspondence has been sent to the school and Technipole regarding the establishment of ASPY Alumni. Preliminary findings indicate that office space may be available within the Technipole at no cost; additionally, a long-vacant office previously used by the Francophone Alumni association is being explored. Angela, the current ASPY President, is following up on this. The Vice President, despite a busy schedule, was encouraged to lead a delegation to seek an audience with the Director or Deputy Director, Technipole leadership and if possible with every department director before the next executive meeting.

The primary purpose of this audience is to formally introduce the association and brief the school leadership on the official launch scheduled for early 2027, on the following themes:

Main theme: ***Engineering Excellence: Partnering for Cameroon and Africa's Sustainable Growth.***

Subtheme: *ASPY Alumni 2037: Co-Designing a Decade of Excellence, Innovation, and Service.*

The delegation will extend preliminary invitations to the various department directors, with formal invitations to follow once the Launching Committee finalises the event details.

3. Mentorship Committee

The mandate of the Mentorship Committee is to design the ASPY Alumni Mentorship Framework for subsequent implementation by the Permanent Secretariat.

The Head of the Mentorship Committee presented the progress made and the preliminary discussions held by the committee. The committee has already reached out to ASPY students currently in school and has included a student engineer as a member of the team to ensure that the perspective of current students is adequately represented.

The President congratulated the committee on the progress achieved but suggested that, rather than designing separate surveys for mentors and mentees, it would be more effective to develop a single survey allowing every respondent to answer from both perspectives. He noted that one of the key questions is how to identify who is a potential mentor and who is a potential mentee.

The President further stressed that the mentorship programme should cover the entire ASPY continuum—from students to Directors and CEOs. A first-year student may require mentorship from a second- or third-year student, while an experienced professional may equally require mentorship when starting a business, transitioning into a new industry, assuming a leadership role, or relocating to another country.

The committee was also encouraged to design the survey intelligently, recognising that many respondents may not yet know whether they will primarily serve as mentors or mentees, or even the specific areas in which they may require or be able to provide mentorship. Several important questions were raised by the committee, including the ideal duration of a mentorship relationship, one-to-one versus one-to-many mentoring models, matching criteria, and the factors that define a successful mentorship.

The Committee Head informed the Executive Committee that the survey is expected to be circulated during the month of August, and that the responses received will help provide evidence-based answers to many of these questions and guide the development of the framework.

The Executive Committee encourages all ASPY Alumni—from students to Directors and CEOs—to participate actively in the Mentorship Committee's survey once it is launched, as their contributions will be essential in designing a mentorship programme that reflects the needs and aspirations of the entire ASPY community.

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4. Official Launching Committee

The Official Launching Committee is responsible for conceptualising and designing the Official Launching of ASPY Alumni, scheduled for January 2027.

The Head of the Committee presented the work carried out by the committee since its creation.

Regarding the Convention theme, the committee proposed "**One Heritage, Building the Future.**" Following discussions, it was observed that the word *heritage* could be perceived as restrictive and might not resonate with all the stakeholders envisaged for the Convention, particularly companies and development partners. Consequently, the following theme was proposed and adopted.

Main theme: *Engineering Excellence: Partnering for Cameroon and Africa's Sustainable Growth.*

Subtheme: *ASPY Alumni 2037: Co-Designing a Decade of Excellence, Innovation, and Service.*

It was further suggested that several thematic tracks or sub-themes be developed under the main theme to address the interests of different audiences, including alumni, students, companies, government institutions, and development partners.

The committee also reported that it had begun compiling a list of companies with which ASPY Alumni could collaborate for the Official Launching. At this stage, the list was largely limited to organisations where ASPY Alumni members are known to work.

The committee noted that the demanding professional schedules of its members had slowed progress. It also proposed that the Convention should perhaps not be held in January, considering the numerous social and festive activities that typically take place during December and January, although a tentative date of Saturday, 30 January 2027 had previously been suggested.

The President reminded the committee not to underestimate the amount of work required to prepare the *Instrumentum Laboris* for the Convention, stressing that this preparatory document would largely determine the quality and long-term impact of the event.

Given that the Convention is envisioned around three main events—a strategic workshop bringing together alumni, the School, companies, and other stakeholders; a Gala Dinner; and a General Assembly—it was noted that, should the Convention ultimately be reduced to a single day, the workshop would have to begin sufficiently early to allow enough time for the General Assembly before participants return later in the evening for the Gala Dinner. Nevertheless, the committee was encouraged to remain creative and propose the format that would best achieve the Convention's objectives.

Drawing on the mobilisation efforts undertaken over the past month, a more precise structure for the Convention is beginning to emerge. Before the Convention, alumni and students will be encouraged to organise themselves into discussion groups of between two and ten participants, preferably based on geographical proximity. Each group will be encouraged to hold at least three preparatory meetings using discussion topics drawn from the Convention's *Instrumentum Laboris*.

Similarly, consultations will be organised with companies, asking them how ASPY Alumni can best serve their needs and contribute to the engineering ecosystem. Other stakeholders will also be consulted. For alumni and students, discussions will notably address the recurring question, "*What is in it for me?*", together with other strategic issues affecting the future of the Association.

The committee was also encouraged to broaden its list of invited organisations beyond companies where alumni are already employed. To facilitate this exercise, stakeholders should be grouped into categories, including:

1. Polytechnic Yaoundé and University Stakeholders;
2. Government of Cameroon;
3. Embassies;
4. Companies;
5. Development Partners;
6. Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem;
7. Professional Associations;
8. Alumni Associations;
9. Foundations and Philanthropic Organisations;
10. International Organisations and Networks.

Considering that the committee has only two months remaining before handing over its work to the Organisation Committee, it was encouraged to recruit additional members where necessary to accelerate progress.

Finally, it was agreed that a professional event management company would be contracted to manage invitations, logistics, and the operational delivery of the Convention. In light of this decision, the Executive Committee agreed that the recruitment of an Operations Director would likely be more appropriate after the Convention rather than before it.

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5. Mobilisation Committee

The President presented the work undertaken by the Mobilisation Committee over the past month. At the time of the meeting, he had personally called nearly thirty alumni and sent messages to approximately forty others.

Considering that each alumnus contacted was encouraged to reach out to an additional three, five, ten, or even fifteen fellow alumni, the President estimated that between 250 and 300 alumni had already heard about the creation of ASPY Alumni if all played the game.

He observed that one of the principal challenges remains translating words into concrete action. Many alumni expect the Association to deliver tangible benefits before it has had the opportunity to establish itself. He reminded members that renowned alumni associations such as AX (the alumni association of École Polytechnique Paris) and Harvard Alumni Association were not built overnight.

The President stressed that participating in the Association—whether by serving on a Special Committee or by paying membership dues—should not be viewed as a donation but rather as an investment in building an institution that will serve present and future generations of ASPY Alumni.

He noted the recurring question, "*What is in it for me?*", continues to arise. However, he compared the Association to a seed: one waters a seed before expecting it to become a tree, not the other way around. Likewise, ASPY Alumni can only deliver lasting value if its members first invest in building it. He expressed confidence that those who already share the vision will continue to move the Association forward, while others will eventually come on board as ASPY Alumni continue to grow.

5. - Other matters

The Executive Committee observed that the pace of membership contributions remains slower than anticipated. Members were therefore encouraged not only to pay their own dues but also to personally encourage at least three fellow ASPY Alumni to do the same. As the saying goes: "*Ask not what ASPY Alumni has done for you, but what you have done for ASPY Alumni.*"

Members are reminded that the deadline for membership contributions remains **31 August 2026**:

- Regular Member (Working): **35,000 FCFA**
- Regular Member (Job Seeker): **15,000 FCFA**
- Founding Member: **Minimum 70,000 FCFA**

The Executive Committee further agreed that members may pay their contributions in installments. Alumni were therefore encouraged to make at least a partial payment before the deadline to enable the Association to budget more effectively for the Official Launching Convention.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at the end of August 2026 to review progress across all committees. The decisions taken will subsequently be communicated to the General Assembly.

It was further agreed that an Extraordinary General Assembly will be convened towards the end of September or during the first week of October 2026 to present the Official Launching Convention Instrumentum Laboris and the proposed ASPY Alumni Mentorship Framework.

Closing Remarks

With all items on the agenda exhausted, the President thanked all members for their time, commitment, and dedication as ASPY Alumni continue to take these important baby steps.

He encouraged all Committee Heads to remain fully mobilised as the Association now enters the next phase of preparations towards the Official Launching Convention in early 2027.

The President



Efuet Atem

The Financial Secretary



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