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# NEWS RELEASE

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### ***EITD Research Launch Revival of Justice and Judiciary Reform (RJJR) Programme Website***

**Kumba, Cameroon** – EITD Research today launched the website of its Revival of Justice and Judiciary Reform (RJJR) Programme.

The RJJR Programme is an EITD Research response to development challenges that have often jeopardized or failed to cultivate public trust in law. Many in Cameroon have been left to rely only on their own assessments of natural justice and have tended to vent their anger wastefully on streets, property or other people.

Much of the crisis in Cameroon society and around the world has to do with whether or how justice is sought and administered or not, in accordance with law and, sometimes, illegally. The Constitution declares the resolve of the people of Cameroon to harness their natural resources in order to ensure the wellbeing of every citizen without discrimination, and proclaims their right to development and determination to devote all their efforts to that end. The state is required to guarantee all citizens the rights and freedoms set forth in the Preamble of the Constitution.

Even as Cameroon laws are evolving and far from being perfect, compliance with them also entails fairness and impartiality, balance and comprehensiveness. Efforts to live up to these standards are ongoing, but with contents, paces and scales that scarcely match the seriousness and urgency of challenges in the economy and society. Cameroon is lagging on its promise to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and failing to live up to the mandate of its Constitution.

The Constitution provides for a unitary state with three powers (the executive, legislative and judicial powers) to assist society to achieve its mandated objectives. Judicial power is expected to be independent of the executive and legislative powers, and magistrates of the bench are required to discharge their duties following the law and their conscience. But the system of justice is failing the people of Cameroon, and the world, and may continue doing so if it is not robustly engaged and held to account.

The goal of the EITD Research RJJR Programme is to expedite achievement of MDGs with the view to helping Cameroon live up to the mandate of its Constitution, by using various political processes and public interest litigation to robustly engage the justice system and hold it to account continually.

The RJJR Programme website (address: [www.rjjr.eitdr.org](http://www.rjjr.eitdr.org)), launched today, is easy to access and contains useful information on issues the programme is set up to tackle, objectives and activities of the programme, related news and events, resources including contact details, strategy and action plans, jobs, funding and other support opportunities. The website is to serve as a quick and easy reference that will be updated regularly.

EITD Research is a private non-profit making non-governmental research and policy education institution with head quarters in Kumba, Cameroon, working on development issues related to technology, enterprise and industries since its founding in 1992.

EITD Research seeks solutions to pressing development concerns and assists society to take, with responsibility, opportunities offered by science in the use of technology for development via enterprise and industry. In addition to providing field services and technical support in resources management, EITD Research develops and circulates information on a wide range of issues, advocating strategies and making policy recommendations.

The EITD Research Revival of Justice and Judiciary Reform (RJJR) Programme website address is: [www.rjjr.eitdr.org](http://www.rjjr.eitdr.org).