

President's Welcome Speech – Penn Trade Mission

Good evening Distinguished Guests, Members, Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the American Chamber of Commerce Cameroon, I welcome the delegates of the United States Trade Mission from the great state of Pennsylvania!

My name is Eddie Ford Brown; I am the Chairman of the board of AmCham.

AmCham is non profit business association that has been bringing together the business community in Douala and Yaoundé for 20 years.

Our vision is to be the centrepiece in the USA to Cameroon corridor of business. We recognize the amazing potential for business and forging partnerships in Cameroon, which is why we are all here.

Our mission is to facilitate investments in Cameroon by bringing in businesses to this region who share our value of doing **good** business-- And you will find the American Chamber of Commerce members are capable and energetic partners you can trust.

They are internationally renowned who helm the largest companies in: oil and gas, banking, mining, insurance, shipping, manufacturing and more.

And the timing could not be more perfect! This is a great moment to be in the forefront of business in Cameroon as more signs of development appear every day. The presence of the businesses here today is truly encouraging because the best time to be a major player in an emerging economy such as Cameroon is to be there at the beginning.

AmCham has a major role to play in improving the business environment so as to increase investments and I commend UASG, CCIMA and GICAM for their partnership in matters of mutual commercial interest, so men and women of Pennsylvania, you've come to the right place...

And on behalf of our AmCham members, welcome again, and we look forward to the B2B sessions on Friday and many more events in the future. Pennsylvania indeed has a friend in AmCham Cameroon!

Thank you.