

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

CASE OF CAMEROON

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Plan

- *Sources of revenue for the fund,*
- *How the fund is managed and*
- *Projects financed by the fund.*

SOURCES OF REVENUE

1. 3 % untaxed annual turnover of operators
2. State subventions?
3. Production of the universal directory
4. Budget surplus from TRB
5. % of entry fees for the sale/renewal of licences
6. Donations ?

HOW THE FUND IS MANAGED

- *Operators' contributions are collected by TRB and drop into an account in the central bank.*
- *Fund is managed using public accounting rules.*
- *Fund is audited by the Ministry in charge of Supreme state control and accounting bench of the supreme court.*
- *The Minister in charge of telecoms is the ONLY authorising officer of the fund.*
- *Minister reports regularly to the Prime Minister on the management of the fund.*

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

- *Minister is assisted by:*
 - *Technical secretariat and a committee that selects best projects;*
 - *Finance controller who validates expenses and*
 - *Accounting officer who pays all expenses.*
- *Bidders for projects are selected on competitive bidding as per the public procurement rules.*

CATEGORY OF PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE FUND

- 1. Universal service,*
- 2. telecom development and*
- 3. financial contributions to
Telecom/ICT international bodies.*

PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE FUND

- *Financed the state's contribution to:*
 - *the West African Submarine Cable,*
 - *« SMDSM »,*
- *Financed the*
 - *interconnection of ministerial departments ,*
 - *Construction of many community telecentres and*
 - *Part of the operations leading to the installation of the PKI infrastructure in Cameroon.*

PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE FUND

- *Is Financing part of the :*
 - *e-post project,*
 - *laboratory equipment and programs at the ENSPT and the*
 - *Preparatory work for the introduction of the 3rd mobile & transport operator(s)*

PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE FUND

- *Plans to :*
 - *connect low cost households using optical fibres*
 - *Optical urban fibre optic loop in all the 10 regional headquarters*



