

CPS Houston Hub

October 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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The meeting started with discussions about the challenges faced in Cameroon, how we can work together to overcome those challenges and ended with some great suggestions on how CPS can successfully grow within the city of Houston and nationwide. Some of the recommendations from our guests included the following:

- Praising the accomplishments of Cameroon based initiatives rather than continuously criticize and chastise. One example proposed by Mr. Stephanou was that CPS should consider writing a letter to the Head of State in Cameroon praising the creation of the Cameroon Vision 2035 Vision document. http://cpsociety.org/congress2013/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Cameroon_VISION_2035_English_Version.pdf
- Encouraging past guests of CPS events to share their testimonials from the positive outcome from attending CPS professional events.
- Everyone suggestion we establish contact with Cameroon American Community of Houston (CAMCO) which currently has a large Cameroonian professional membership base in Houston to promote the CPS Houston hub as well the upcoming 2014 Congress.
- Another great suggestion was to establish E-groups to communicate consistently with local Cameroon groups.
- Lastly, to encourage our speakers to be more open and willing to address inquiries from with attendees even after the event is over. The ultimate goal is to empower Cameroon professionals.

We appreciate all the great suggestions and hope you would continue to propose more solutions as we continue to grow and expand not just in Houston but also nationwide. Please continue to email us your suggestions. The goal of the CPS hubs to meet on a monthly based for an informal meeting to continue with our professional discussions and immediately start launching our monthly events. We encourage everyone to make recommendations for the next meeting location as well as what you would like to discuss at the meeting. The next meeting can be either Saturday November 9 or 16. As mentioned in the meeting our goal is to ultimately establish a Houston professional hub for local Cameroonian and African professionals. I hope you would all consider attending future meetings and feel free to bring along other Cameroonian professionals.