

Cameroon: Tender advert for security and guarding services

World news story

The British High Commission Yaounde is seeking security and guarding services for its Offices and Staff Residences in Yaounde.



The British High Commission in Yaoundé (BHC), Cameroon is seeking the security services for British High Commission Offices and Staff Residences in Yaoundé from a Service Provider that has the relevant professional skills, experience, technical resources and financial capability to provide comprehensive required services to ensure acceptable standard.

We invite competent and financially stable Service Providers to access the Invitation to Tender documents on the following link below [Bravo System](#) and navigate to Provision of Security Services for British High Commission, Yaoundé, Cameroon, CPG/3850/2021, ITT_4275, Project_6367. The Invitation to tender documents should be completed and uploaded on the Bravo System by 14.00 hrs CAT on the 29 April 2021. Contact Ndumiso.Mncube@fco.gov.uk for any queries. Kindly note that the responses will be required to be in English.

A compulsory site visit will be conducted in Yaoundé on Tuesday 13th April 2021. Tenderers are requested to meet the representative, Thomas Enokenwa of

the British High Commission, at Yaoundé – Avenue Churchill at 09:00hrs. The site visits will be conducted entirely at the Tenderers own risk and expense insofar as transport and accommodation are concerned. Tenderers shall make their own arrangements in this regard. Site visit registers will be completed in respect of all participating Tenderers and failure to attend the site visits will lead to automatic disqualification.

Please forward all the names of the representatives prior (by 10th April 2021 at 14:00) to attending the site visit to Ndumiso Mncube via sending a message on Bravo or Ndumiso.Mncub@fcdo.gov.uk. Kindly note that you will not be allowed on the premises if you have not forwarded or registered your name for the attendance of the briefing.

The BHC reserves the right not to select any service provider and will ONLY reply to the best-suited organisation. The BHC will not meet any expenses incurred in preparing your Invitation to Tender documents and attending the site visit meeting.

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[COP26 Climate and Development Ministerial 2020: Foreign Secretary's opening remarks](#)

Ministers, ladies and gentlemen, can I just offer a very warm welcome, particularly to those that weren't at the group earlier today, to the Climate and Development Ministerial. I'm pleased to have you with us today and that we could get together

I think this meeting is an important milestone on the road to COP26 in November.

We're running out of time to keep the 1.5 degree target within our grasp and the need to adapt is becoming, I think, more and more urgent.

On top of this, we've got the challenge of recovering from Covid, a public health but also an economic challenge.

We know budgets are severely drained. The debt burden, particularly in the developing world is growing.

So we need to take action.

We all know about the nature and the scale of the challenges that climate change poses. And today, instead of just talking about the problems, we want

to focus on the action we are going to take to solve them. We want to focus on what we need to do to enable ambitious climate change action.

So today is about hearing from those countries that are most vulnerable to climate change – those on the front line, if you like, of this struggle.

We need to identify the support that you need. We need to consider where international systems can do more to deliver urgent climate action.

So those here today – Foreign, Development, Planning, Finance Ministers from around the world – you've been invited to help identify the practical next steps and set the agenda for making progress in the lead up to COP26 in November.

As well as some of the most vulnerable countries, whose voice we need to hear, we've also got donor countries and international organisations here today, so I'm really looking forward to the discussion.

Now clearly there is a huge amount of excellent work already underway, particularly on adaptation and resilience.

In the UK we are committed to doing all that we can to support that important work.

The Global Commission on Adaptation has found that 24 hours of warning of a coming storm or heatwave can cut the damage by 30%, which is massive if you think about what that means for those who would otherwise be affected.

So the UK is supporting programmes to provide better weather forecasting and climate modelling to support vulnerable countries to take the early action that can save those lives.

We also working to support smallholder farmers, who are on the frontline of climate change. They farm some of the most vulnerable landscapes, like hillsides, river deltas and flood plains. The very resources that they rely on to grow their crops and tend their animals are under threat from climate change.

Through our contribution to the Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme, we are helping 6 million smallholder farmers in over 40 countries to increase their yields, to access commercial supply chains, and to ultimately increase their incomes and better their livelihoods. All this while, we're also helping them to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Those are just a couple of examples of the practical work that is being done, the practical work that we want to support.

And I think there is an urgent need to accelerate those efforts, and build on the 2019 Call for Action on Adaptation and Resilience, converting political promises into tangible delivery on the ground.

That's why my [Prime Minister Boris Johnson launched the Adaptation Action Coalition](#) back in January, together with our friends in Egypt, Bangladesh,

Malawi, the Netherlands and St Lucia.

I hope we will be discussing many more practical, real world projects and initiatives today, like that – and asking where you think more needs to be done.

Let me just turn now to climate finance – which is another key part of our agenda today.

We know that the lack of finance creates barriers to countries implementing the Paris Agreement. Combined with the challenge of recovering from the pandemic, this obviously risks setting back progress. And I think these issues are very clearly intertwined – so we need to tackle them together.

And I think the way forward must be to engineer a green recovery that delivers both for people of this planet but also for the ecosystems.

And the good news is that the economics of the transition to net zero emissions have transformed since the Paris Agreement was struck back in 2015.

For example, for most of the world, renewables, like solar and wind power, already undercut fossil fuels as the cheapest and most secure form of energy. And the energy sector is a good example of where there's a real opportunity here.

By boosting investment in renewable energy, we could see the number of jobs in the sector quadruple, to reach 42 million globally by 2050. Off-grid solar power alone supports over 350,000 jobs across the East, West and Central parts of Africa, and South Asia, with the potential to increase to 1.3 million in the next two years.

So there's an opportunity to make the green recovery about job creation, not an economic drain or burden.

Seizing such opportunities and getting the recovery right for the long term, will depend on improving access to climate finance – and the quality, as well as the quantity, of that finance that's made available.

Again, here in the UK we're doing our bit, we're responding.

We have committed £11.6 billion over the next five years in climate finance.

And, through our Presidencies of COP26 but also the G7, we are urging others to try and follow the example we set and galvanise that international action that's so necessary to tackle this challenge.

We're working closely with our G7 partners, with the G20 and with the Paris Club partners to agree an unprecedented response to alleviate the debt burden that has grown because of the pandemic.

The G20 scheme which we helped launch last year has suspended repayments from the most vulnerable countries worth \$5.7 billion.

I know that many of the other countries joining us today are making tremendous contributions to tackling these issues. So I hope we will also hear more about that today – and about a whole range of other ambitious actions in the months ahead. Again, we want to hear from those who need access to finance – what are your priorities in these different areas?

So this meeting is an opportunity to highlight the areas where more action is needed and how we drive that forward. I think it's also a chance to point the way to the outcomes that we want at the end of COP26. And it's a moment to focus on the practical solutions that we all want to see.

So let's get on with it. Thank you.

[UK Carrier Strike Group to sail with Netherlands Frigate on 2021 deployment](#)

News story

The Netherlands will be fully integrated into the UK sovereign Carrier Strike Group's maiden operational deployment later this year, Defence ministers have confirmed today.



HNLMS Evertsen

Royal Netherlands Navy frigate HNLMS Evertsen will join the UK Carrier Strike Group for the duration of its inaugural deployment – from the North Atlantic, through to the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean and on to the Indo-Pacific. The strike group will undertake a range of operations and training with allies and partners, including maritime missions with NATO in the Mediterranean and Coalition operations in the Middle East. As an Air Defence Frigate she will provide vital air defence protection to the Carrier and control air missions from her operations room.

Frigate Evertsen joins a squadron of US Marine Corps F35 jets and a US Navy Destroyer as a contribution from our NATO Allies to the 2021 deployment. They will be integral elements of the Carrier Strike Group, showcasing NATO's first 5th generation Carrier Strike asset and demonstrating NATO's credible deterrence through joint expeditionary capability.

CSG21 will be an ambitious deployment, covering over 20,000 nautical miles from the North Atlantic, through to the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean and on to the Indo-Pacific.

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said:

The Netherlands' participation adds another dimension to this UK sovereign deployment. Our NATO, JEF and European Ally's commitment signals the Carrier Strike Group's contribution to collective defence and credible deterrence.

This joint deployment will offer a unique opportunity for our forces to integrate and operate together in support of truly shared global defence and security challenges.

Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Ank Bijleveld-Schouten said:

I am very pleased that HNLMS Evertsen participates in the UK Carrier Strike Group. This provides the Royal Netherlands Navy with the unique opportunity to exercise in this type of international setting, in particular with the UK and the US, but also with other partners.

The UK is a strategic partner and important NATO ally of the Netherlands, also post-Brexit. Participation in the Carrier Strike Group enables the Royal Netherlands Navy to provide a valuable contribution to the NATO alliance in the near future. The Armed Forces of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands have worked together intensively for years. This new combined activity underlines our close ties.

HNLMS Evertsen is a highly sophisticated air defence frigate, equipped with weapons and sensors that will protect the Carrier Strike Group from hostile aircraft and missiles. She is also capable of conducting maritime security duties, operating either as part of the Strike Group or independently.

The Netherlands have played a significant role in the build up to the deployment through participation in a series of multi-national exercises throughout 2020, most recently Exercise Strike Warrior last October in the

North Sea.

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