



United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

MEDIA ADVISORY

Official visit of UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) – Ms. Vera Songwe to Cameroon

What

The Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) – **Ms. Vera Songwe** will pay an official visit to the Republic of Cameroon from **17 to 19 April 2019**.

The visit would enable her strengthen the Commission's cooperation ties with the Cameroon, especially in support of its efforts toward inclusive and sustainable development, structural transformation, economic diversification, regional integration and trade, as well as the digital economy.

Who

Vera Songwe (PhD), from Cameroon, took up her role as the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) on 3 August 2017 at the level of Under Secretary-General.

She brings to ECA and the position of Executive Secretary, a long-standing track record of providing policy advice on development and a wealth of experience in delivering development results for Africa, as well as a demonstrated strong and clear strategic vision for the continent.

Collective and one-one interviews for a limited time (given her tight schedule) are possible.

Ms. Vera Songwe's biography: <https://www.uneca.org/pages/biography>

Ms. Vera Songwe's photo: <http://bit.ly/Songwe-pic-Mar-19>

When: 17-19 April 2019

- ✓ 17 April (morning) – arrival and audiences with Cameroon officials
- ✓ 17 April (12.45) – Ms. Songwe to give closing remarks at AfCFTA Forum - Hilton
- ✓ 18 April (16.00) – Ms. Songwe to give lecture on Regional Integration and the digital Economy – IRIC, Obili

- ✓ 19 April (10.30) – Press Conference at Yaounde Hilton – IRIC (media that have requested on time will get a few one-on-one interviews)

Where: Multiple locations in Yaounde, but note Hilton (17 Apr) IRIC (18 Apr), Hilton (19Apr)

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