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 Cameroon is a country located in Central Africa and is home to many ecosystems such as forests and savannas. Cameroon’s economy mostly depends on agriculture, mining and forestry. These are activities that help the economy grow but harm the environment. Cameroon is aware of these challenges and is planning to integrate green principles into its development.

Green jobs are jobs that help to protect the environment, fight climate change, and support sustainable development. Organic farming, solar panel installer and recycling coordinator are some examples of green jobs. A green economyis an economic system which prioritizes environmental sustainability and also supports economic growth. It focuses mostly on decreasing carbon emissions, preserving natural resources, and encourage comprehensive development.

In alignment with Vision 2035 Cameroon’s national development strategy focuses on sustainable industrialization and job creation. The government has introduced new policies to support renewable, sustainable energy and agriculture showing Cameroon’s commitment to a green economy. Despite the remarkable progress, Cameroon faces several obstacles trying to enhance green jobs and a green economy. The transition to a green economy requires investments in technology and funding. Unfortunately, Cameroon lacks resources to meet these requirements. Cameroon’s economy depends on fossil fuels and traditional farming, so it will not be easy to switch into green options quickly. It is also difficult to create green jobs in a country where informal sectors are all over the place. In order to get ahead of these problems Cameroon has performed some initiatives. Projects like the Lom Pangar Dam and other solar energy programs aim to increase access to sustainable energy. The forest law of the country offers sustainable logging and a forest management which is completely community based. Also training programs and seminars about renewable energy and sustainable agriculture have been initiated in order to prepare employees for green jobs. Creation of international funds are required to support green economy projects in the country. Cameroon also knows the importance of cooperating with other nations to transform into a green economy. As part of the Paris Agreement and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Cameroon is working hard to decrease emissions, protect biodiversity, and aid sustainable development. Cooperation between African nations for the purpose of combining resources in order to achieve a sustainable development should be encouraged. Cameroon has also been actively working on several reforestation projects to overcome some environmental adversities such as climate change and deforestation. Cameroon is planting millions of trees all over the country. These projects are being managed for the purpose of bringing back the forests and protecting the wildlife. Local projects like Lom Pangar Dam and international organizations like CAFI also aim to prevent deforestation in the country. Cameroon plans to continue these projects and organizations to fight deforestation.

Cameroon confirms its dedication to sustainable development and recognizes the important role of green jobs and a green economy. With the help of the international community, Cameroon targets to handle its challenges and supports a sustainable transition which will benefit our people and planet.

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