

The First 100 Days — A Window-Seizure Protocol

Appendix H of the blueprint: a pre-drafted programme for the moment a political window opens.

Political windows in Cameroon are likelier to open abruptly than gradually — a succession, a negotiated transition, a government seeking rapid legitimacy. Windows of this kind open fast and close fast. This protocol exists so the blueprint can move at the speed of the moment. It is written to be adopted wholesale by any transitional or reform government searching for a credible national programme it did not have time to write.

The standing assets

Three assets are held in readiness by the Imagining Cameroon Trust (Appendix I) and refreshed annually: a pre-drafted legislative package — Genuine Special Status deepening, the National Stewardship Board statute and the NARC decree, aligned with the constitutional pathway of Section 7.3; a nominated shadow secretariat for the NSB — vetted trustees and technical leads who can be formally appointed within days; and the current State of Readiness report, identifying which communities are Day One Ready and which quick wins are shovel-ready.

Days 1–10 — Signal

The government announces adoption of the blueprint as its national programme. The NSB statute and NARC decree are laid before parliament or enacted by ordinance. The shadow secretariat is appointed. The reconciliation gesture that costs little and means everything is made: school reopening dates announced for conflict-affected regions, with security guarantees.

Days 11–40 — Prove

The first NARC clemency window opens. The five most advanced Tier 1 communities receive matched national funding — visible, audited, broadcast. Kupe-Muanenguba is formally designated the national pilot, converting its shadow work to national status overnight. Regional Reconciliation Commissions are established in the North West, South West and Far North.

Days 41–100 — Anchor

The Quick Wins portfolio (Table 13.1) launches nationally. The scorecard goes live on a public portal, seeded with the readiness baselines. The constitutional consultation for the federal transition (Section 7.3, Stage 1) is announced with a published calendar. By Day 100, the Trigger Year conditions of Section 13.6 are met — T is declared not as a promise, but as a description of facts already on the ground.

One protocol, three effects

The government gains a programme with evidence behind it. The communities gain the state joining work already begun. The blueprint gains what stagnation denied it: a start date.