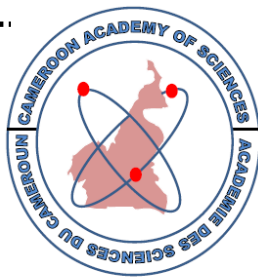


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## **THE CAS POSITION STATEMENT ON COVID-19 AND OUR NEXT LINE OF ACTION**

*Professor Timoleon C. Kofane*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

**Dear Fellows,**

*Dr. David A. Mbah*  
*Executive Secretary*

**On behalf of the Executive Committee of CAS, I would like to thank members of the Committee for the production of the CAS Position Statement on the Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for the sacrifices made to get the document ready for nationwide consumption.**

*Prof. Manguelle-Dicom E.*  
*Ass. Executive Secretary*

**Thanks also go to all Fellows who went through the document and made contributions to the final outcome.**

*Dr. Vincent N. Tanya*  
*Treasurer*

**We are pleased to inform CAS Fellows that the Cameroon Academy of Sciences on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March presented its position statement and additional commentary (by Prof Jean Claude Mbanya, Chair of the CAS Committee), to the Prime Minister- Head of Government via a special meeting of Members of CAS Executive Committee with the Secretary General in the Services of the PM (following instructions from the PM)**

*Prof. Vincent P. K. Titanji*  
*Editor-in-Chief*  
*Journal of the Cameroon*  
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**Our contribution was well received and appreciated by the SG -PM- and his collaborator during the interactive meeting. We are informed that the PM was receptive to our submission and subsequent decisions and actions of government are informed (in part) by our proposals in the position statement, commentaries and interactions during the meeting.**

*Prof. Jean Claude Mbanya*  
*Dean, College of Biological*  
*Sciences*

*Prof. Paul Wofo*  
*Dean, College of*  
*Mathematics and Physical*  
*Sciences*

**On the 31<sup>st</sup> of March there was a highly mediatized press conference during which members of CAS EXCO presented and discussed with members of the audiovisual and written Press, the CAS position, views, proposal and activities in the face of the nebulous pandemic.**

*Prof. Jean Emmanuel Pondi*  
*Dean, College of Social*  
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**We hereby make available to you the relevant documents in bilingual versions.**

**As CAS continues to reflect on and provide evidence-based advice, whatever information you deem necessary to bring to our attention on**

**COVIP-19 will be appreciated.**

**We invite you to make concrete proposals of projects related to point number 10 of our position paper attached which reads: The Academy** *“encourages government to invite and fund research in biomedical and social sciences in order to enhance understanding of the dynamics and local specificities of the spread of SARS-CoV-2 in Cameroon for the development of contextually appropriate and effective prevention and treatment strategies.*

**With the reasonable assumption that within the Solidarity Fund (we equally advocated for), some funds are available for research, what do you propose we do that is congruent with the COVID -19 research objectives above.**

**Counting on you and your suggestions.**

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Beban Sammy Chumbow**

**CASPresident**