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Association of Anglophone Alumni of Polytechnic Yaoundé

FIELD VISIT REPORT

Polytechnic Yaoundé — Advance Mission

Wednesday, 9 September 2026

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1. Visit Identification

Field	Details
Report type	Field Visit Report — Advance Mission
Organisation	ASPY Alumni — Association of Anglophone Alumni of Polytechnic Yaoundé
Visit date	Wednesday, 9 September 2026
Start time	12:00 noon
Location	Polytechnic Yaoundé (National Advanced School of Engineering)
Delegation	FONYUY Blaise — Vice President, ASPY Alumni | Eng. Wanyu Nehemiah
Report prepared by	FONYUY Blaise (VP)
Report date	September 2026
Status	FINAL — For circulation to ASPY Alumni Executive Bureau

2. Purpose of Visit

This advance mission to Polytechnic Yaoundé was conducted to:

- Formally submit the official correspondence to the Director of Polytechnic Yaoundé regarding the recognition and activities of ASPY Alumni.
- Establish initial contact with key departments and administrative personnel ahead of the formal partnership request.
- Gather ground-level intelligence on the current state of the school and the anglophone student community, to inform ASPY Alumni's strategic planning.

3. Chronological Account of the Visit

3.1 Letter Submission — School Secretariat (12:00)

The delegation arrived at Polytechnic Yaoundé at exactly 12:00 noon. The official ASPY Alumni letter addressed to the Director was submitted at the level of the school secretariat. A photocopy of the letter was retained by the delegation as a décharge (receipt of acknowledgement). The letter has therefore been formally lodged and is on record with the school administration.

3.2 Meeting with the Assistant Director — Prof. Mboyomo

Following the submission of the letter, the delegation proceeded directly to meet Prof. Mboyomo, the Assistant Director.

Key observations and points raised during this meeting:

- The visit coincided with a teachers' strike, which significantly disrupted the atmosphere of the school and limited the availability of administrative personnel.
- Prof. Mboyomo expressed deep concern about the declining state of the institution, noting that the school is "slowly dying".
- She emphasised strongly that for ASPY Alumni to build a formal and productive partnership with the school, the association must first obtain its official government registration. This legal recognition, she noted, would be the gateway to structured institutional collaboration.
- Prof. Mboyomo is currently a retired professor but is serving in an interim capacity, simultaneously holding two roles: Acting Head of Department (MSP) and Acting Assistant Director, covering for the Rector.
- Despite her personal workload and the institutional challenges, she expressed genuine warmth and willingness to support the association's mission in whatever capacity she can.

Additional contact obtained:

Prof. Mboyomo provided a referral contact for matters relating to student associations and cultural activities:

Mr. Nzoukou Felix

Role: Person in charge of Associations & Cultural Activities, Polytechnic Yaoundé

Contact: +237 6 97 54 72 58

Note: Due to time constraints on the day, Mr. Nzoukou Felix was not contacted during this visit. His contact is recommended for follow-up as part of the formal partnership outreach.

3.3 Visit to Génie Mécanique Department

The delegation visited the Head of Department of Génie Mécanique (Mechanical Engineering). The HOD gave the delegation a warm reception.

Key points raised:

- The HOD observed a marked decline in the academic performance and engagement of anglophone students in recent years.
- He attributed this partly to the discontinuation of the "cours de soutien" (remedial/support classes) that ASPY Alumni's predecessor generations used to organise — a programme that historically played a critical role in supporting anglophone students who struggled with instruction in French.
- His overall assessment of the school aligned with that of the Assistant Director: the institution is declining, and external support from alumni bodies such as ASPY would be valuable.

3.4 Visit to Génie Électrique Department

The delegation then visited the Génie Électrique (Electrical Engineering) department. The department has a new

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Head of Department.

Key observations:

- The meeting was difficult. The new HOD expressed frustration and complaints about virtually every aspect of the department's situation — staffing, resources, administration, and student engagement.
- While no specific actionable points were extracted, the overall picture reinforced the consistent narrative heard across all contacts on this visit: the school is under significant institutional stress.

Following the meetings with the two HODs, the delegation departed the school premises. The widespread administrative difficulties and the ongoing teachers' strike made further productive engagements impossible on that day.

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4. Key Findings & Observations

#	Finding	Source	Severity
F1	Official government registration is a prerequisite for any formal partnership with the school.	Asst. Director	CRITICAL
F2	Polytechnic Yaoundé is in institutional decline — confirmed independently by the Assistant Director and both HODs.	Multiple	HIGH
F3	Anglophone students are underperforming compared to previous cohorts, partly due to the absence of organised support classes (cours de soutien) that alumni once provided.	Génie Mécanique HOD	HIGH
F4	The school administration is stretched thin — key roles are being covered on an interim basis (including the Assistant Director role itself).	Asst. Director	MEDIUM
F5	The teachers' strike on the day of the visit created a hostile environment that constrained the delegation's ability to conduct further meetings.	Observed	MEDIUM
F6	Mr. Nzoukou Felix (+237 6 97 54 72 58) is the key contact for student associations. He was not met on this visit.	Asst. Director referral	NOTE

5. Vice President's Reflection

The following is a personal reflection from FONYUY Blaise, VP, recorded as part of this report:

"What we witnessed at Polytechnic Yaoundé was disheartening. The school that trained us is struggling. Teachers on strike, departments under-resourced, and a leadership stretched beyond its capacity. And what hurts most is that the anglophones — our people — are the ones feeling it most acutely.

As ASPY Alumni, we cannot afford to only focus on building our digital presence and collecting dues. We have a moral obligation to refocus part of our energy on engineering in Cameroon. If we can even buy a ream of A4 printing papers for the school, or restart the cours de soutien programme, the goodwill we will generate will be enormous — and the impact on current students will be real.

This visit has confirmed for me that ASPY Alumni is not just a networking association. We have a role to play in the survival of anglophone engineering education in Cameroon."

6. Recommended Actions

#	Action	Owner	Priority	Deadline
A1	Accelerate the official government registration of ASPY Alumni. This is a prerequisite for any formal school partnership and must be treated as a top-priority parallel workstream alongside the website.	President (EFUET ATEM)	**CRITICAL**	**ASAP**
A2	Contact Mr. Nzoukou Felix (+237 6 97 54 72 58) to introduce ASPY Alumni and request a meeting to discuss the association's re-establishment and planned activities.	VP (FONYUY Blaise)	**HIGH**	2 weeks
A3	Send a formal thank-you letter to Prof. Mboyomo acknowledging her time, her interim contributions to the school, and expressing ASPY Alumni's commitment to supporting the school's mission.	Secretary General (ALEMKENG)	**HIGH**	1 week
A4	Propose at the next General Assembly a "Give Back to the School" initiative — starting with a tangible, low-cost gesture such as providing A4 printing paper and stationery supplies to departments in need.	VP to table at GA	**MEDIUM**	At GA
A5	Explore the feasibility of reviving the "cours de soutien" programme for current anglophone students at Polytechnic Yaoundé, to be organised and funded by ASPY Alumni members.	Executive Bureau	**MEDIUM**	3 months
A6	Plan a second, more structured visit to the school once: (a) the government registration is confirmed, and (b) the website and self-registration system are live — so alumni can be directed to register on the spot.	VP + President	**LOW**	Post-GA

7. Contacts Established or Obtained

Name	Role	Contact	Status
Prof. Mboyomo	Interim Asst. Director & Acting HOD (MSP), Polytechnic Yaoundé	Obtained	Met in person — warm reception. Referral to Mr. Nzoukou.
HOD — Génie Mécanique	Head of Department, Mechanical Engineering	Not recorded	Met in person — positive reception, raised decline of anglophone students.

HOD — Génie Électrique	Head of Department, Electrical Engineering (new appointment)	Not recorded	Met in person — difficult meeting; general complaints raised.
Mr. Nzoukou Felix	Person in Charge — Associations & Cultural Activities	**+237 6 97 54 72 58**	**NOT yet contacted. Priority follow-up action (A2 above).**

8. Proof of Letter Submission

The ASPY Alumni official letter addressed to the Director of Polytechnic Yaoundé was submitted at the level of the school secretariat on 9 September 2026 at 12:00 noon.

A photocopy of the letter was retained by the delegation as a décharge (acknowledgement of receipt). This constitutes formal proof of submission.

The physical décharge is held by: FONYUY Blaise, Vice President, ASPY Alumni.

A scanned copy of the décharge should be attached to this report and archived in the ASPY Alumni Google Drive / Airtable records.

9. Report Certification

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