



Press Release**UNOWA/CNMC/2004/2****Between Lake Chad and Bakassi Peninsula : more than 1000 km of Land Boundary**

17 February 2004 - The Sub Commissions on Affected Populations and on Demarcation of the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission, are currently visiting the southern portion of the Land Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria.

The visit, by representatives of Cameroon, Nigeria and the United Nations which started on 16 February 2004, already covered Nyame Nyame, Adamawa State. It will include villages and regions in both Nigeria and Cameroon (Dorofi, Yang, Bissaula, Danare, Budam, etc.). According to the ICJ ruling of 10 October 2002, an important number of villages in the area, now under Cameroonian administration, should be transferred to Nigeria. Before ending on 1 March 2004, this joint mission, logistically supported by the two host countries, will visit the Bakassi Peninsula.

The Sub-Commission on affected populations will assess the situation of the border communities, and the Sub-Commission on Demarcation will take necessary steps in view of the demarcation activities.

This is not the first field trip by the Sub-Commission on Affected Populations. It already visited the Lake Chad area and other sections of the land boundary where it met numerous border communities. During the latter visits, the populations met expressed their desire to continue to live in peace with brothers and sisters across respective border.

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