ICENECDEV spearheading war on desertification in Cameroon

From Amos Faying in Buea

The International Centre for Environmental Education and Community Development, ICENECDEV, which has as mission “Empowering People to Protect the Environment” has launched a war against desertification in Cameroon. All this, the nongovernmental organization holds, is to ensure the sustainability of Cameroon’s forest reserves while combating climate change, a 21st century major challenge.

Speaking to this reporter this week in Buea upon his return from the 13th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP13) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the chief executive officer of the Buea-based nonprofit organization, ICENECDEV, Fongoh Eric, explained that the unscrupulous cutting down of trees without any attempts to replant them could be far more costly and catastrophic than what meets the eye.

To him, his organization whose main aim centers around protecting the environment, has after strategizing, adopted several measures to combat desertification in all ten regions that make up Cameroon.

ICENECDEV’s participation at COP13 in China

The International Centre for Environmental Education and Community Development, ICENECDEV, staged a memorable participation at the 13th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP13) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). The ceremony which took place in Ordos, China, ran from September 6 to the 16, 2017.

After participating in the youth and civil society organization forum, Fongoh Eric, who represented ICENECDEV, noted that it was high time stakeholders worldwide had a rethink and stand as one to fight desertification.

The conference ended with the adoption of the voluntary guidelines on responsible governance of land tenure, fisheries, and forest in the context of national food security, embracing land governance approach in the future strategic framework of the UNCCD. A national action plan on land degradation neutrality targeted towards an effective sustainable implementation of the UNCCD was equally highlighted.

The inclusion of civil society organizations in the implementation of the strategic framework of Land Degradation Neutrality, LDN, to meet targets at country’s levels and also to ensure access to funds for local actors and small-scale project on sustainable land management.

There was equally an adoption of the youth declaration which aims at including youths in the strategic framework and the consolidation of scientific knowledge on the state of lands in countries and local territories.

ICENECDEV CEO, Fongoh Eric at COP13 in China