

## Scrabble for Peace Initiative Cameroon Hosts Groundbreaking Event in Partnership with CAWAS Cameroon

The **Scrabble for Peace Initiative Cameroon**, led by former national Scrabble champion and active NASPA member **John Nforba**, recently partnered with **CAWAS Cameroon**, a vibrant community based nonprofit organization founded by current national Scrabble champion **Yaya Emilienne**, to organize a groundbreaking Scrabble event that has set a new benchmark for the game in the region.



Held in Cameroon, the event attracted over 80 Scrabble players and enthusiasts, creating a platform for intense competition, learning, and camaraderie. Participants engaged in numerous games, showcasing the growing interest and talent in the Scrabble community. In a significant gesture of support for the game's growth, over 40 Scrabble boards were distributed to individuals and Scrabble clubs in attendance.



The initiative's impact does not stop there. Building on the momentum of this event, the Scrabble for Peace Initiative plans to visit selected secondary schools within the region and beyond. These visits will focus on teaching the game and donating Scrabble boards to nurture young talent and promote Scrabble as a tool for education and peacebuilding.



This remarkable event and its future goals have been made possible by the generous support of the NASPA Youth Scrabble Grant Program, which awarded a grant to the Scrabble for Peace Initiative last year. Additional funding and support came from members of John Nforba's Scrabble club in Dayton, Ohio, USA, highlighting the global collaboration fueling this project.

The success of this event underscores the power of Scrabble to unite communities, inspire youth, and foster a spirit of collaboration and learning. As the Scrabble for Peace Initiative continues its mission, it is clear that the seeds of a vibrant Scrabble culture in Cameroon are firmly taking root.