



OUR FIRST SPONSORSHIP AS A COMPANY: COLLABORATING TO EDUCATE NEW YOUNG MAPPERS IN CAMEROON

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In the first half of 2026, IVIDES DATA® had the opportunity to act as a sponsor of the *CityMapper Externship* project, coordinated by Modo Levo Engelbert Steve, ambassador of the Cameroon chapter of the UN Maps Community Ambassador Initiative, a program run by the United Nations Global Service Center (UNGSC). The project focused on collaborative urban mapping and took place from April 30 to May 30, with the goal of mapping features related to urban infrastructure. The program's strategy aligns with the sustainable development goals of the 2030 Agenda: SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), and aims to address a common need across many African countries: the systematic mapping of national territory, the generation of open data, and the training of young citizens.



Launch of the CityMapper Externship on 10 April 2026, Yaoundé Diver City Space.



“Africa will not be built solely by well-educated young Africans who grasp opportunities. I am very enthusiastic about this program, which can generate many other ideas on how to maintain volunteer engagement in the OpenStreetMap project and, beyond simply creating data, use it to address the key issues that define development for us Africans: **food for all, electricity for all, healthcare for all, water for all, and quality education grounded in our values and cultures for all.**”

-- Modo Levo Engelbert Steve

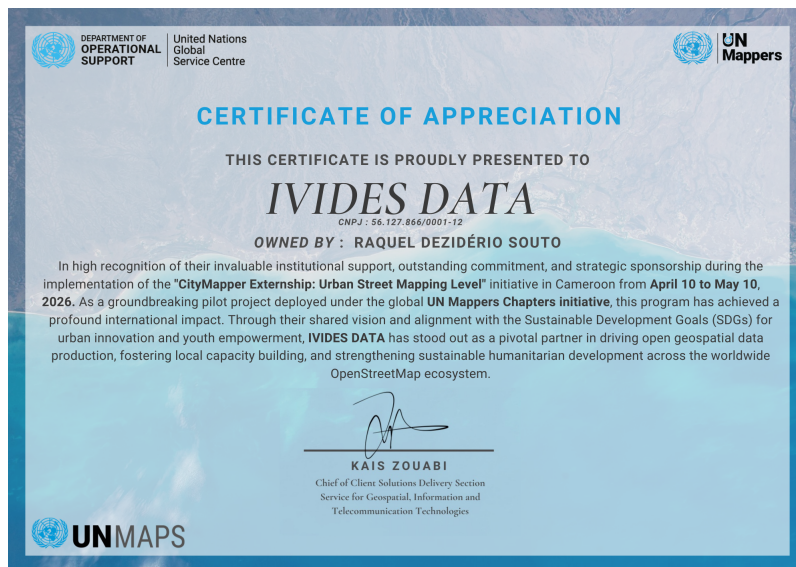
But my relationship with Modo and Africa community didn't start just now...

Two years earlier, while attending the State of the Map 2024, I had the opportunity to join the OSM Africa group, a vibrant and highly diverse community with members of various ages, faiths, hometowns, languages, professional backgrounds, and worldviews... This revealed just how important mapping with OSM is for promoting the generation of open geospatial data, but also for professional integration and training, community engagement, and corporate interest in collaboration. It is a virtuous cycle that encourages personal growth and the establishment of new relationships, groups, partnerships, and research & development initiatives.



Training session in April 11, 2026, held on Yaoundé Diver City Space.

Congratulations to everyone on this important achievement! We are delighted to be part of this journey and sincerely hope you find success in the remaining phases of the program. May the seeds planted today grow into fruitful trees, revealing in each young participant a vocation for map the world!



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