

Kreativ mit Deutsch! 2026

Under the motto of the IDO “ZusammenWachsen”

Call for Submissions to participate in the International German Olympiad (IDO) in Germany and the Summer Camp in Cameroon

The Goethe-Institut Kamerun all Cameroonian students of the “Série A” to take part in the second edition of the competition *Creative with German!*

The Theme

The motto of the IDO 2026 is “ZusammenWachsen”. That’s an interesting spelling, isn’t it?

The motto “ZusammenWachsen” is a word play. It can mean, for example:

- Standing together as a society
- Growing together and shaping the future

In the national preliminary round, you can explore this motto creatively.

What does “ZusammenWachsen” mean to you?

How do you experience it in your life? What significance does it have for you?

Which aspect of the theme would you like to explore in your creative contribution?

What is your task?

1. Create a collage on the theme “ZusammenWachsen”.
2. Present your collage in a video (2 to max. 3 minutes).
3. Speak freely in the video: briefly introduce yourself and explain your collage.

How will your contribution be evaluated?

There is an evaluation sheet – take a close look at it.

Who can participate?

You can participate if:

- You are in Seconde or Première (“Série A”)
- You are between 14 and 17 years old (born after 22.07.2008)
- Your teacher can help you prepare, but you must present alone.

What must you submit?

- Video (max. 3 minutes)
- Collage (as PDF, JPG or JPEG)
- Birth certificate (scan)
- Registration form (signed and certified by your legal guardians)

Your legal guardians thereby give permission:

- for you to travel within and outside Cameroon
- for you to submit your video as part of the competition.

How does the final round take place?

Participants with the best entries will be invited to the final in Yaoundé.

There:

- You will take part in a workshop (2 days)
- You will work in a group to create a new presentation:

Important Dates

- **30.11.25, 11:59 PM** – Deadline for submission
- **From 05.01.26** – Feedback from the Goethe-Institut via email to finalists (and reserve candidates)
- **04-08.02.2026** – Final in Yaoundé (including arrival and departure).

What can you win?

- 2 scholarships to participate in the IDO in July 2026 in Germany (Mannheim) at levels A2 and B1
- 15 spots for the 2026 Summer Camp in Cameroon
- Many exciting material prizes.

Still have questions?

Check the FAQ on the website.

There will also be info sessions for students and teachers. Watch for announcements.

Join in and show what you've got!