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Dear shippers,

The month of June 2025 was characterised by the holding of the 2nd edition of the International Symposium on Marine Insurance, organised by the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) from 25 to 26 June 2025 in Kribi. This international conference, which featured thirteen (13) home-based and foreign experts, had as theme **“Relevance of general average in the settlement of marine claims”** and equally witnessed the attendance of close to 81 participants from countries such as Burkina Faso, Gabon, Ghana and Congo.

In the area of international cooperation, CNSC's General Manager met with the Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for a working session at the Congolese Chancellery in Yaounde. Discussions focused on the studies conducted by the Multimodal Freight Management Office (OGEFREM) aimed at operationalizing the Kribi – Zongo (North DRC) corridor, which passes through the Central African Republic (CAR).

This month's publication concludes with a review of other CNSC activities, including the celebration of the Feast of the Ram at the CNSC Dibamba Trucker Accommodation Centre where cross-border trade actors, cargo transporters and Muslim dignitaries communed with CNSC staff.

Have an enjoyable reading!

Auguste Mbappe Penda

CNSC General Manager

MARINE INSURANCE

CNSC ORGANISES INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN KRIBI FEATURING SEASONED EXPERTS



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● **CNSC GM holds working session with DRC Ambassador to Cameroon**

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Symposium

Marine Insurance

CNSC holds 2nd Symposium in Kribi.



Participants

The Minister Delegate at the Ministry of Transport, Mr. Njoya Zakariaou, officially launched the 2nd edition of the International Symposium on Marine Insurance on 25 June 2025 in Kribi. This symposium, organised by the CNSC, targeted international trade actors and was coordinated by its General Manager, Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda, Arbitrator with the Paris Maritime Arbitration Chamber.

For two days, from 25 - 26 June 2025, these professionals of the maritime transport sector met in Kribi for discussions on "The Relevance of General Average in the Settlement of Marine Claims". Through this initiative, the CNSC set out to sensitise shippers on the considerable losses they could suffer in the absence of, or inappropriate insurance coverage for cargo, following a major catastrophe that could lead to situations of general average.

To further equip participants from Ghana, Togo, Burkina Faso and Gabon, various panels were constituted based on the main theme, namely: Overview of general average in Africa, Damage appraisal for compensation in general average claims, Evolutions in marine insurance liability limitation and Marine insurance litigation.

Several national and foreign experts were present in Kribi to deconstruct these concepts. The conference was therefore an opportunity for shippers to learn how they can fully enjoy the benefits of marine insurance through guaranteed and reasonable compensation in the event of general average.

Infrastructures

Trade Facilitation

CNSC Garoua-Boulai Trucker Accommodation Centre to launch activities in September 2025.



Announcement by CNSC General Manager

The On the invitation of **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), **Mr. Gregoire Mvongo**, Governor of the East Region, took part in an inspection tour at the CNSC Trucker Accommodation Centre in Garoua-Boulai on 9 June 2025. CNSC's General Manager led the guided tour to assess work progress at the facility, which already has a fully functional lodging quarter, a prayer room, an eatery and an administrative building. The facility also has a borehole water supply system, a parking lot with a capacity of 200 trucks and a power generator, which all provide better comfort for users of the Douala/Kribi-Bangui road corridor.

It is worth recalling that the CNSC Garoua-Boulai Trucker Accommodation Centre is situated along the Douala-Bangui road corridor in the Lom-and-Djerem Division, East Region, a few metres from Cameroon's border with the Central African Republic. It is a logistics base that is meant to ease trans-border trade. The lodging facilities and other amenities provided to transporters ultimately seek to avoid road accidents resulting from the uncontrolled parking of trucks carrying cargo leaving or bound for the Central African Republic.

UNOC-3

Seabed preservation under focus

Cameroon Committed to Protecting Seabeds.



Minister Hele Pierre

After New York (2017) and Lisbon (2022), the city of Nice in France was host to the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) from 9 to 13 June 2025, co-organised by France and Costa Rica. The Conference, which took place at the Port of Nice on the overarching theme **“Accelerating Action and Mobilising All Actors to Conserve and Sustainably Use the Ocean”**, welcomed the participation of hundreds of delegates from all over the world. In his address, **Mr. Hele Pierre**, Minister of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development, who led Cameroon's delegation to Nice, recalled the country's unwavering commitment to combat ocean pollution. From the rostrum, he advocated for the sustainable management of marine ecosystems. Along with several African countries present in Nice was Cameroon, represented by the Port Authority of Kribi (PAK), The National Ports Authority (APN) and the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC). In light of its mission to promote international trade, the CNSC, present at the conference, endorsed the need to protect the oceans that serve as routes for cargo transport by sea. It is worth recalling that 98% of Cameroon's international trade travels via the seas and oceans. On the sidelines of this conference, the Maritime and Oceanic Law Centre (CDMO) at the University of Nantes, headed by **Pr. Martin Ndende**, organised a side-event on 10 June 2025 on **“Global Ocean Governance and Major Issues for the 21st Century”**, which focused on the protection of aquatic life against IUU fishing, the decarbonation of maritime transport and climate change challenges for the ocean.

Economic Cooperation

CNSC at DRC embassy in Cameroon

CNSC GM holds working session with DRC Ambassador to Cameroon.



CNSC GM and Ambassador hand in hand

On 11 June 2025, **H.E. Pierre – Kashadile Bukasa – Muteba**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to Cameroon, granted audience to **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) at his chancellery in Yaounde. Discussions during their meeting focused mainly on the institutional support of DRC's Multimodal Freight Management Office (OGEFREM).

In fact, OGEFREM, which is DRC's shippers' council, paid a working visit to the CNSC on 12 May 2025 in connection with the studies seeking to operationalise the Kribi-Zongo (North RDC) road corridor, passing through the Central African Republic (CAR). The successful outcome of this project would significantly reduce freight costs for goods coming into or leaving the northern part of DRC to the Port of Kribi. The Congolese diplomat lauded this healthy collaboration between the CNSC and OGEFREM, two institutions charged with promoting international trade in their respective countries. **H.E. Pierre – Kashadile Bukasa – Muteba** assured CNSC's General Manager of his commitment to mobilise all relevant stakeholders to bring this project to fruition.

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Celebration

Dibamba Trucker Accommodation Centre

CNSC GM celebrates Tabaski feast at Dibamba trucker facility.



Prayer time at the Trucker facility

The General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC),

Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda, celebrated the Feast of the Tabaski for the second consecutive time with truck drivers hauling goods along the Douala-Bangui and Douala-Ndjamena road corridors.

In accordance with Muslim tradition, two sheep were sacrificed during this grand celebration, which took place on 6 June 2025 at the eatery of the CNSC Dibamba Trucker Accommodation Centre.

A number of Muslim dignitaries took part in this common meal thanks to the coordination of **Mr. Garba Aoudou**, Service Head at the facility. CNSC's General Manager reaffirmed his determination to facilitate cargo transport along this road corridor and thanked these stakeholders for their commitment to the materialisation of this innovative concept to create community spaces dubbed «**Trucker Accommodation Centre**».



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