

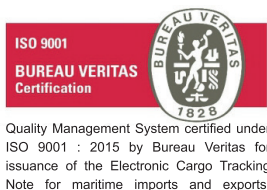


The Shippers' Newsletter



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Dear Shippers,

The year 2024 at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) has definitely come to an end. In spite of the difficult economic terrain, achievements recorded were quite satisfactory and promising. Activities at the CNSC in the course of the year 2024 were marked by a number of national and international events. The CNSC successfully accomplished its core mission to promote foreign trade through the provision of assistance and support to shippers.

In keeping with its commitment to build trade facilitation infrastructures on the national level, the CNSC opened a regional office in Garoua, wanting to be closer and to better assist business persons of the North region. With regard to assistance, training seminars were regularly organised to better equip and inform professionals of Cameroon's foreign trade sector.

The Ad hoc sub-committee charged with implementing the AfCFTA guided trade initiative in Cameroon, chaired by the CNSC, made significant strides in 2024 with the first containerised export of 100 tonnes of aluminium ingots to Algeria under the AfCFTA regime. This achievement by the CNSC, **Your Partner**, attracted warm words of congratulation from Cameroon's Trade Minister.

The year 2025 kicked off with the launch of the new ECTN application BESC 3.0, designed to further simplify import/export procedures. Note that the CNSC has many other exciting projects in store for you this year. Whilst thanking you for your contributions to the advancement of foreign trade in Cameroon, the Management and staff of the CNSC wish you the very best of health, success and fruitful collaboration in 2025.

Best wishes for the year 2025

Have an enjoyable reading !

Auguste Mbappe Penda
CNSC General Manager

2024 IN RETROSPECT

THE CNSC IN 2024



The Management and staff of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council wish you a joyous and prosperous New Year 2025

Highlights of 2024.



Cutting of the symbolic ribbon at the opening of the CNSC North Regional Office by the Governor of the North Region, Mr. Jean Edji Abate.
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January

On 26 January in Yaoundé, the CNSC was awarded a certificate of merit by the World Customs Organization. This certificate was personally presented to CNSC's General Manager **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** by **Mrs. Minette Libom Li Likeng**, Cameroon's Minister of Posts and Telecommunications.



The CNSC, a leading player in trade facilitation, took part in a workshop in Kribi on 9 January to "review the implementation of recommendations of the 3rd Tripartite Forum", which emphasises on the regular dissemination of trade facilitation documentation.



February

On 17 February, **Mr. Younouss Soungui**, CNSC's Deputy General Manager, led a CNSC delegation to the 9th edition of the PROMOTE trade fair at the Yaoundé Conference Centre under the theme "Private sector, evolution and structural transformation of Africa's economies".



The High Commissioner of Bangladesh visited the CNSC and the CWEIC Hub for Cameroon, Gabon and Togo on 14 February in Douala to discuss avenues for collaboration between businesses from both countries.



March

On 4 March, the CNSC was in Yaoundé for the official flag-raising ceremony to launch activities for the 2024 edition of Commonwealth Day. The ceremony was presided over by **H.E. Felix Mbayu**, Minister Delegate to the Minister of External Relations in charge of Cooperation with the Commonwealth.



On 5 March, the CNSC organised a hybrid awareness-raising seminar themed "Networking for the economic empowerment of women" at the Douala Maritime Museum, to mark the celebration of the 39th



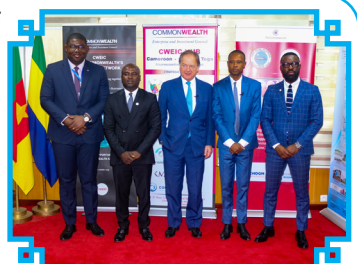
edition of International Women's Rights Day.

On the same occasion, CNSC Ladies offered donations to internally displaced women in Douala-Littoral region, on 7 March.



April

The Vice-Chair of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC), **Lord Hugo Swire**, visited the Cameroon-Gabon-Togo CWEIC Hub at the CNSC head office on 19 April, where he was received by **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC's General Manager, and **Mr. Cham**



Etienne Bama, Country Director of the CWEIC Hub.

On 23 April, the US Coast Guard visited Cameroon to assess the implementation of recommendations made in 2021 regarding the implementation of the ISPS Code.



May

The Governor of the North Region, **Mr. Jean Edi'i Abate**, officially opened the CNSC North Regional Office in Garoua on 7 May.



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From 13 to 18 May, a CNSC delegation carried out a Benchmarking mission in Abuja, Nigeria, with the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment. This was within the framework of the management of the "Cameroon Trade Hub", a digital trade information portal.



The Secretary General of the Union of African Shippers' Councils (UASC), **Mr Abdourahmane Abba Kafougou**, and **Mr Patrice Melom**, General Manager of the Port Authority of Kribi (PAK), met in Yaoundé on 13 May for a working session.



June

The Governor of the Littoral Region, **Mr. Samuel Dieudonné Ivaha Diboua**, launched an international seminar in Douala on 4 June to discuss the importance of maritime freight rates for African shippers.



On the occasion of the Feast of Tabaski on 17 June, CNSC's General Manager **Mr Auguste Mbappe Penda** was at the CNSC Dibamba Trucker Accommodation Centre to share a common meal with truck drivers and their assistants, who ply the Douala-Bangui and Douala-



Ndjamena road corridors.

On 21 June, CNSC's General Manager **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** received a delegation of 23 experts from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank, the Common Market for Eastern



and Southern Africa and a number of African academics.

July

On 1st July, CNSC's General Manager **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** and the Honorary Consul of Italy in Douala, **H.E. Mauro Battistella**, solemnly inaugurated the new Storm Room of the Douala Maritime Museum.



CNSC's General Manager and Chairman of the Ad hoc Sub-Committee charged with monitoring the implementation of the AfCFTA Guided Trade Initiative, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, was commended at the Port of Douala by Trade Minister **Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana**, during the inaugural ceremony for the first containerised



export shipment from Cameroon to Algeria under the AfCFTA regime on 5 July.

The CNSC was one of 200 exhibitors present at the esplanade of the Yaoundé Multipurpose Sports Complex during the 13th edition of the Government Action Fair, which took place from 20 to 27 July in Yaoundé.



On 26 July, the SDO of the Nyong et Mfoumou division officially launched the first CNSC periodic market at the CNSC Ngoulentang Trucker Accommodation Centre along National Road No.10, accompanied by CNSC's General Manager, **Mr Auguste Mbappe Penda**,



and a host of other guests.

August

On 16 August, the newly renovated **Chantal Biya** dredger docked at the Port of Douala from Port Harcourt in Nigeria, and was received by **Mr. Cyrus Ngo'o**, Director General of the Port Authority of Douala (PAD), together with a host of invited guests.



On 19 August, a CNSC delegation led by the General Manager **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, attended a series of meetings in Garoua geared towards the rehabilitation of Garoua's river port.



The 14th edition of the "Fun and Educational Holidays" programme at the Douala Maritime Museum came to a successful close on 16 August, with a fun-filled ceremony.



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On **17 September**, CNSC's General Manager was at the BEAC headquarters in Douala for the opening ceremony of the first meeting of the Committee of National and International Experts to draft the new CEMAC Regional Economic Program.



Indian businessmen from the Confederation of Indian Industries, accompanied by the CWEIC-Hub, were received in Yaoundé on **20 September** by the Prime Minister and Head of Government, H.E. Chief Dr Joseph Dion Ngute.



October

On **21 October**, Transport Minister **Jean Ernest Massena Ngalle Bibehe** opened the national workshop on **"IMO Liability and Compensation Conventions"** organised by the CNSC in Yaoundé.



CNSC Ladies made a major donation of back-to-school supplies on **24 October** to pupils of the Lendi nursery school in Kribi.



Within the framework of the African Continental Free Trade Area, the District Officer of Pouma, **Mr. Nelson Yonkouma Gamsi**, launched a capacity-building seminar for female entrepreneurs specialised in the production, processing and marketing of cassava.



November

At the invitation of the ANGO Tourisme Sans Frontière, the Douala Maritime Museum took an active part in the 15th International Tourism and Travel Fair held from **9 to 11 November** at the Colmar Exhibition Centre in France.



Following a strike announced by phytosanitary treatment companies at the Port of Douala, the CNSC hosted an important consultation meeting on **14 November** in search for solutions.



On **19 November**, CNSC and GEPMARE signed an agreement to use the Douala Maritime Museum's (DMM) navigation simulator for the hands-on training of students and future sailors.



From **20 November 2024** to **17 January 2025**, the Douala Maritime Museum hosted the **"Soul Makossa Man"** exhibition presented by the photographer and journalist **Samuel Nja Kwa** in tribute to Manu Dibango, internationally renowned



Cameroonian saxophonist.

December

On **6 December**, the CNSC and the National Association of Actors in the Banana-Plantain Sector of Cameroon (FBPC) signed an MoU in Douala at the launching ceremony of the International Banana-Plantain Festival organised under the theme **"Banana-Plantain in the service of import-substitution and SND30"**.



From **17 to 19 December**, the CNSC took part in the 5th Ordinary General Meeting of the Cameroon Road Transporters Union (GTTC) in Bafoussam, West region of Cameroon.



On **17 December**, about 60 SME promoters specialising in Made in Cameroon products participated in a training session to learn about facilities offered by banking institutions enabling SMEs to access funding for exports.

