

## Cooperation

### *ECCAS High Business Council at the CNSC*

**The new organisation advocates for the free circulation of goods within Central Africa.**

On 10 July 2023, Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda, General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), granted audience to a delegation from the new Executive Bureau of the High Business Council of the Economic Community of Central African States (HBC-ECCAS), led by its Chairman, Mr. Eric Monga Mumba, who is also National Vice-Chairman of the Federation of Congolese Companies in the energy sector.

The meeting took place at CNSC's head office building in the presence of Mr. Daniel Claude Abate, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Agathe Missamou, Rapporteur; and Mrs. Gloria Kamanzi, Treasurer. Messrs François Kanimba and Honoré Tabuna, as well as some close collaborators of CNSC's General Manager were also present at the meeting. This initial meeting between the CNSC General Manager and representatives of HBC-ECCAS was an opportunity to exchange views on the launch and effective operation of this newly-created organisation.



*CNSC GM at meeting with HBC-ECCAS delegates*

Mr. Monga Mumba thanked the General Manager for making out time for them and assured him of his organisation's commitment to improving the business landscape in Central Africa. A brief presentation of HBC-ECCAS' new vision and missions was followed by discussions on the administrative, organisational and structural difficulties that have hitherto hampered the operation of the new organisation.

The main objective of the meeting was to increase trade between ECCAS member countries, at a time when Central Africa is lagging behind the continent's seven other economic communities. The organisation intends to tackle, in the long term, all the difficulties associated with transport corridors, multimodal transport and the movement of persons, among others. Cameroon, through the CNSC, was the first stop on a tour that will take the delegation to 11 other African countries.

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**AfCFTA**

Dear shippers,

**N**ews at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNCS) in the month of July 2023 was marked by the arrival of the first consignment of goods from Tunisia shipped under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) regime. An outstanding achievement in the movement of goods across Africa through customs dismantling, this operation also constitutes a major milestone in the mission entrusted to the CNCS whose General Manager chairs the Ad-hoc Sub-committee tasked with facilitating the implementation of AfCFTA's Guided Trade Initiative. This brings to mind the instructions of the President of the Republic of Cameroon, H.E. Paul Biya, during his traditional end-of-year address to the nation on Saturday 31 December 2022 during which he declared that **"the Government will continue to accord special attention to the coordinated implementation of the Import-Substitution policy, and make optimal use of the opportunities offered by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)"**.

As part of its mission to promote Cameroon's foreign trade and to support local businesses, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council was a key participant in major trade events organised in the month of July, such as the 12th edition of the Trade Fair for Government Action (SAGO) and the 14th edition of the Central Africa Annual Cross-Border Fair (FOTRAC).

In conclusion, this edition of the Shippers' Newsletter also reports on the meeting held between the CNCS and the High Business Council of the Economic Community of Central African States (HBC-ECCAS) in Douala, and on the various appointments made during the 41st Board Meeting of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNCS).

Have an enjoyable reading !

Auguste Mbappe Penda  
CNCS General Manager

## REDUCTION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES



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## AfCFTA

### Tunisian resins in Cameroon

#### The shipment enjoyed reduced customs duties.

On 17 July 2023, Cameroon's Trade Minister Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana was at the Port of Kribi to officially welcome the first shipment imported into Cameroon under AfCFTA. He was accompanied by Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda, Chairman of the Ad-hoc sub-committee in charge of facilitating the implementation of the AfCFTA Guided Trade Initiative and General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), as well as Mr. Patrice Melom, General Manager of the Port Authority of Kribi. Also present was His Excellency Karim Ben Becher, Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia, origin of the resin shipment.



Group picture

Imported by INODA Industries Sarl, a company specialising in the manufacture and supply of

paints and other coating materials, the goods received a 30% discount in customs duties. The processing of the above-mentioned shipment is of key importance, as it was conducted as part of the AfCFTA implementation test phase, of which Cameroon is among the eight pilot countries selected. The other seven being Ghana, Tanzania, Kenya, Egypt, Rwanda, Morocco and Mauritius, all of which have agreed to trade under AfCFTA.

This operation also testifies to the effectiveness of customs tariff dismantling in the country for imports from African countries. It should be recalled that AfCFTA seeks to guarantee the free circulation of goods and services produced on the continent or manufactured using raw materials from African countries.

## Trade Fair

### The CNSC at FOTRAC

#### The 2023 edition brought together many African countries.

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) took an active part in the 14th edition of the Annual Central African Cross-Border Trade Fair (FOTRAC) held this year. FOTRAC 2023 was officially launched on Thursday 20 July 2023 in Kye-Ossi, the tri-border town. The opening ceremony was presided by Prof. Metou Brasil Miranda, Secretary General at the Ministry of Trade, and was attended by authorities from Equatorial Guinea and Gabon. Besides Cameroon, several other countries were present at FOTRAC 2023, including Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Chad, Congo, Senegal and Mali. This multi-sector fair is intended to be a major opportunity for trade, business and networking between nationals of CEMAC countries. It is also a forum for women and



CNSC stand at FOTRAC

budding entrepreneurs, as well as public and private sector administrations and government institutions to showcase their activities. It is, in fact, an annual rendez-vous that aims to canvass innovative ideas that will drive the economic development of CEMAC countries and their socio-economic integration.

The 2023 edition of FOTRAC was themed **"Pursuing Africa's socio-economic integration with AfCFTA amidst multifaceted violence due to security, health and food crises, as well as climate change."** The CNSC, which has as one of its key missions to assist foreign trade professionals, is particularly concerned by such an event, especially now that its presence at borders is increasingly reinforced with the aim of promoting cross-border trade.



## Trade Fair

### The CNSC at SAGO

#### CNSC's trade facilitation efforts commended by the government.

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) took part in the 12th edition of the Trade Fair for Government Action (SAGO), held from 20 to 29 July at the Yaoundé multipurpose sports complex under the patronage of His Excellency, the Prime Minister and Head of Government Chief Dr Joseph Dion Ngute. The theme of this year's edition was **"Infrastructural development and structural transformation of Cameroon's economy"**. The opening ceremony organised on Monday 24 July 2023 was presided by Communication Minister Emmanuel René Sadi, special representative of the Prime Minister and Head of Government.



Transport Minister at CNSC's stand

Mr. Christopher Agwagwa, Head of the Communication and Public Relations Department welcomed the Prime Minister's representative to CNSC's stand where the minister and his entourage were given an overview of the missions and achievements of the CNSC, a major player in Cameroon's foreign trade promotion. Mr. Christopher Agwagwa also presented some CNSC projects to the visitors, notably the

construction of transport and international trade facilitation infrastructures, as well as CNSC's effective presence in 8 of Cameroon's 10 regions.

Talking about its achievements, the CNSC has successfully completed a number of key infrastructural projects. Emphasis is placed on the construction of trucker accommodation centres (Dibamba, Ngoulentang, Kribi, Kousseri) and warehouses (Tiko, Abang Minko, Industrial Zone - Bassa, Port of Douala) along the corridors linking Cameroon to Chad and the Central African Republic.

Similar projects are underway in Garoua-Boulai and Ngaoundere, where other infrastructures for road transporters are being developed.

Visiting the CNSC stand in the Ministry of Transport pavilion, Mr. Jean Ernest Massena Ngalle Bibehe, Cameroon's transport minister signed the visitor's register leaving the following words of appreciation: **"Great participation at SAGO, congratulations for your efforts along Cameroon's transport corridors"**.

## Administration

### New Momentum

#### New Directors appointed and installed at the CNSC

The Board Meeting of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNCC) convened in Douala on 16 June 2023 for its 41st session approved the appointment of new directors at the CNSC. The newly appointed directors were officially installed on 3 July 2023 by CNSC's Management.



Newly appointed directors

It was in a convivial atmosphere that the new appointees received

words of congratulation and advice from CNSC's General Manager.

Mr. Fernand Douglas Nolga was installed as Director of Trade Facilitation and Transport Observatory, Mr. Essombe Dinh Roger took up the post of Deputy Director of Foreign Trade Promotion, while Mrs. Mohamadou Rahimatou Bello will henceforth serve as Deputy Director of Operations.