

## Consultations

### Maritime transport costs

#### UASC holds strategic meeting in Douala

From 8 to 9 June 2023, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNCS) hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Union of African Shippers' Councils (UASC) Expert Committee on transport costs at its head office in Douala. The opening ceremony was presided over by CNSC's General Manager, Mr Auguste Mbappe Penda, who also happens to be UASC's Statutory Treasurer, and was attended by UASC's Secretary General, Mr Giscard Lilian Ogoula.

The Experts' committee set up by Standing Committee No. 1 is tasked with carrying out in-depth studies on the impact of high maritime transport costs and other additional costs on the passage of goods through ports in West and Central Africa. The ultimate goal is to propose effective measures to reduce these costs.

Mr. Agu Cajetan, representing the Chairperson of Standing Committee No. 1, held by a Nigerian,

outlined the objectives of the meeting which are to determine the components of transport costs and other logistics costs in the supply chain in West and Central Africa, and to identify all surcharges and tariff headings applicable in West and Central Africa. In addition, the

Expert Committee needs to find justifications, or otherwise, for all surcharges and tariff headings identified in the sub-region, and to pinpoint the factors responsible for delays and high costs in customs cargo clearance in West and Central Africa. Lastly, the experts



#### GM CNSC opens working session

were expected to examine the factors responsible for high transport costs in West and Central Africa, and recommend appropriate measures to remedy the incidence of high transport costs. This session was a follow-up to the first two meetings held in Lagos, Nigeria, on 27 and 28 June 2022, and in Accra, Ghana, on 25 and 26 April 2023.

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## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN KRIBI

Dear shippers,

In keeping with one of its key missions, which is to train foreign trade professionals, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNCS) organised an international symposium for foreign trade professionals from 21 to 23 June 2023 in Kribi. The opening ceremony of this international symposium on **«the challenges of maritime insurance in African countries»** was chaired by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Jean Ernest Massena Ngalle Bibehe. The panel included national and international experts in the fields of maritime law and insurance.

With the current context marked by a number of crises, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNCS) felt obliged to create a forum for discussions on the realities and challenges of the maritime insurance market in Africa today. It was therefore of paramount importance for the CNCS to provide Africa's business community and other stakeholders with the necessary tips and skills to take full advantage of maritime insurance to guarantee fair compensation in the event of an unfortunate incident.

You can see, dear shipper, dear supply chain professional, that your interests are at the centre of our concerns. Besides the scientific and economic discussions held at the symposium, participants also had the opportunity to share opinions and network. In addition to this top news item, this edition of the Shippers' Newsletter also reports on the Douala meeting that convened Shippers' Councils to discuss transport costs and its impact on trade.

Have an enjoyable reading !

**Auguste Mbappe Penda**  
CNCS General Manager

## MARITIME INSURANCE AND COMPENSATION



- **The CNCS organises an International Symposium**
- **Several thematic presentations delivered on-site and via zoom.**
- **A plethora of national and international experts**
- **Remarkable turn out of African shippers' councils ;**

- **Statement: "We must sell CIF and buy FOB to better master our foreign trade" ;**
- **PRODEL: The CNCS delivers training on the facilitation of trade procedures in Cameroon ;**
- **UASC reviews transport costs.**

## International Symposium

### Maritime insurance

#### The CNSC rallies experts to Kribi



Group picture

On 21 June 2023, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Jean Ernest Massena Ngalle Bibehe, presided over the opening ceremony of the International Symposium organised by the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) under the coordination of its General Manager, Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda. For 3 days, from 21 to 23 June, professionals of the maritime transport sector converged in Kribi to discuss on «**The challenges of maritime insurance in African countries**». Through this symposium, the CNSC seeks to equip Africa's business persons and other stakeholders with cutting-edge tips and skills, so that they can take full advantage of the benefits of maritime insurance, guaranteeing fair compensation in the event of an incident. Invited panellists discussed topics such as the general framework of maritime insurance in Africa, the outline of limited liability in marine insurance, the diversity of maritime insurance, the technical aspects of maritime insurance, additional compensation schemes derived from IMO conventions, and on aspects relating to maritime insurance litigations. A total of 13

maritime law experts attended both in person and via zoom, including Professors Philippe Delebecque (**President of the Association Française du Droit Maritime and Chairman of the Maritime Arbitration Chamber of Paris**) and Martin Ndende (**Professor of Private Law and Criminal Sciences in French universities specialising in Law of the Sea and maritime activities**), and Director of the Maritime and Oceanic Law Centre (CDMO) at the University of Nantes). Shippers, import/export managers, customs brokers, customs declarants, logistics managers, transit agents, purchase managers, business persons involved in international trade, professionals and academia with particular interest in maritime insurance in West and Central African countries were fully satisfied with both the discussions and lessons drawn from this symposium, as well as the warm welcome that was accorded them. «**The CNSC has taken away the veil, and now we understand better**», a number of participants remarked visibly satisfied.



Experts



Working session



Award of certificates

## Statement

*“A law was enacted in Cameroon making local insurance compulsory, and similar laws have been passed in other African countries.”*

**Prof. Martin Ndende, International Expert, Director of the Maritime and Oceanic Law Centre at the University of Nantes - France.**

**W**hat should we take home from this symposium ?

The first thing we should take home from this symposium is that we lose a lot of money on the international market because our goods are insured by foreign insurance companies. However, in 1975, a law was enacted in Cameroon making local insurance compulsory, and similar laws have been passed in other African countries. We must now aim for the effective implementation of this law which will enable us to grow our local insurance market. That is why we should sell CIF and buy FOB so as to better master our foreign trade, protect it and strengthen our local

market. The second lesson resides in our overview of the different types of insurance.



*Prof. Martin Ndende*

## Training

### **PRODEL**

#### **The CNSC delivers training on the facilitation of trade procedures in Cameroon**

**A**t the invitation of the Minister of Trade, Mr. Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**) played a key role in the capacity-building seminar organised for entrepreneurs, beneficiaries of PRODEL funding, with a focus on Cameroon's foreign trade, the challenges of the import-substitution policy and marketing techniques. The seminar took place on 31 May 2023 at the Regional Office of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Crafts (**CCIMA**) in Yaoundé.

Organised by the National Trade Facilitation Committee (**CONAFE**), with funding from the World Bank, the seminar also featured presentations by experts from MINCOMMERCE, MINEPIA, Cameroon Customs, GUCE and ANOR, just to name a few. CNSC's Centre Regional Branch Manager, Mr. Nolga Fernand Douglas, delivered a detailed

presentation on CNSC's role in the facilitation of import cargo transport to Cameroon. The aim of the presentation was to provide participants with information on the various procedures of international maritime transport for imported goods, and to highlight the CNSC's contribution in facilitating these procedures in Cameroon.



*Training session*

It is noteworthy that the Livestock Development Project (**PRODEL**) seeks to improve the productivity of selected production systems, market their products to targeted beneficiaries and provide a rapid and effective response in the event of a crisis or emergency in the livestock sector. In recent times, a series of factors such as poor training, health issues, poor counselling services, limited access to credit or financing, and limited access to processing and marketing infrastructure, have led to low productivity and production among livestock farmers.