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Dear shippers,

**J**uly 2025 at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) witnessed a major event; the publication of Presidential Decree No. 2025/314 of 16 July 2025 to transform the CNSC into a public corporation. This transformation, which would bring about a change in CNSC's mode of operation given its new Articles of Association, managerial system, and assigned missions, will go down in the annals of the institution.

The Cameroon National Shipper's Council participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the African Shippers' Days in Pointe-Noire - Democratic Republic of Congo, and the ordinary session of the Union of African Shippers' Councils (UASC) Steering Committee. At the close of the sessions of the 14<sup>th</sup> UASC Ordinary General Assembly, **Mr. Dominique Candide Fabrice Koumou Boulas**, General Manager of the Congolese Shippers' Council was appointed UASC President.

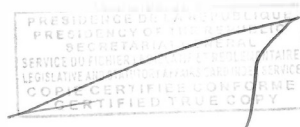
Moreover, the CNSC organised a consultation meeting in Kribi, which brought together business persons, freight forwarders and shippers using the Port of Kribi. The goal of the meeting was to take stock of the malfunctions susceptible to hinder external trade and propose solutions for better output. To conclude, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council, Your Partner, major actor in the facilitation of transborder trade, supported and accompanied SMEs specialised in Made in Cameroon products, by providing them with an exhibition stand at the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual Central African Cross-Border Fair (FOTRAC) which took place in Kye-Ossi.

Have an enjoyable reading!

**Auguste Mbappe Penda**  
CNSC General Manager

## CHANGE OF STATUS

### DECREE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TRANSFORMS CNSC INTO A PUBLIC CORPORATION



### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE CAMEROON NATIONAL SHIPPERS' COUNCIL (CNSC)

• **UASC: New President takes the reins of the Union of African Shippers' Councils**

• **FOTRAC: CNSC offers stands to SMEs for the exhibition of Made in Cameroon products**

• **Digitisation: CNSC helps empower local SMEs**

• **CNSC participates in the International Conference on Sustainable Blue Economy in the Gulf of Guinea**

• **CNSC's General Manager meets with key stakeholders at the Kribi port**

• **Football: CNSC registers a 2-0 victory in a friendly with the National Navy**

## UASC

### *New President at the helm*

*Sessions addressed various themes.*



*UASC's new President*

**T**he 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the African Shippers' Days held on 14 July 2025 in Pointe-Noire - Congo, on the theme: ***"National Shippers' Councils and present-day challenges in Maritime Transport and International Trade"*** The event, organised by the Congolese Shippers' Council together with the Union of African Shippers' Councils (UASC), was chaired by **Mrs. Ingrid Olga Ghislaine Ebouka Babakas**, Congolese Minister of Transport, Civil Aviation and Merchant Navy. On the sidelines of this event, attended by **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) and UASC Statutory Treasurer, held the ordinary session of the Union of African Shippers' Councils (UASC) Steering Committee and the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the its ordinary General Assembly. At the close of these sessions, **Mr. Dominique Candide Fabrice Koumou Boulas**, General Manager of the Congolese Shippers' Council was appointed UASC President. Discussions, during the sessions, targeted several issues including: Challenges and stakes in sustainable transport, Digitisation and artificial intelligence at the service of transport, Empowering Shippers' Councils to fight against high freight rates and other related costs, AfCFTA, Development of corridors and the role of shippers' councils, Corridor competitiveness and New challenges in trade facilitation.

## FOTRAC

### *CNSC supports SMEs*

*CNSC offers stands for the exhibition of Made in Cameroon products.*



*Governor visits CNSC's stand*

**T**he 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual Central African Cross-Border Fair (FOTRAC) took place from 17 to 30 July 2025 in Kye-Ossi, located at the borders between Cameroon, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea. The 2025 edition held under the theme ***"Transforming Central African corridors into secure gateways for achieving sustainable development goals and the AfCFTA"***. Participants came from 7 African countries, namely: CAR, DRC, Senegal, Gabon, Chad, Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon. The delegation from the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) to the event, comprising staff from the Head Office in Douala and the CNSC Regional Office in Kribi, was led by **Mr. Dippah Kayesse**, Head of the Communication and Public Relations Division. Besides its main stand, CNSC graciously provided an additional stand of 25 m<sup>2</sup> to SMEs for the exhibition of their 'Made in Cameroon' products. SMEs such as **ETS OREM, PIMENCAM, QUEEN'S FOOD, ADAHCAM, ASS-BIO**, and that promoted by **Mrs. Antoinette Ndong**, benefited from this offer to showcase their know-how in the processing of various products in sectors such as agrifood, textile, crafts, pharmacopoeia and cosmetics, including massage ointments. ***"We express our sincere thanks to the CNSC's General Manager for this support"***, declared **Mrs. Antoinette Ndong** on behalf of these SMEs. On the site hosting FOTRAC, CNSC staff sensitised local and foreign SMEs on the advantages of attractive packaging and product presentation for export.



## Training

### Discussions focus on digitisation

*Local SMEs empowered to face market challenges.*



*Participants*

**T**he Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) organised a capacity-building workshop for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), complementing an initiative by **"Women Up Africa" and A & M Foundation**. This workshop held from 23 to 24 July 2025, in the CNSC Training Hall at the Douala Maritime Affairs Centre in Bonanjo. The workshop, which focused on aspects such as marketing, e-commerce and branding, emphasised on export logistics and product traceability. Participants followed presentations from experts who came in from several administrative bodies, including the **Ministry of Trade, ANOR and GS1 Cameroun**. Among the key speakers was **Mr. Sone Makoge**, Service Head for Import Assistance at the CNSC, who delivered a presentation on preliminary logistics and documentary requirements for export. His presentation highlighted challenges faced by enterprises and suggested concrete solutions to overcome them. Other themes addressed during the workshop touched on certification, compliant labelling, as well as product traceability using bar codes and QR codes. These tools have become indispensable in modern trade and enable enterprises to enhance product management and strengthen their brand strategy. CNSC thus demonstrated its commitment to contributing to the development and growth of local SMEs.

*CNSC, Your Partner!*

## Sustainable blue economy

### Cameroon hosts international conference

*CNSC delivers a presentation to edify shippers.*



*Panel at the conference*

**T**he Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) participated in the International Conference on Sustainable Blue Economy in the Gulf of Guinea, held from 9 to 10 July 2025 at the Yaounde Conference Centre. The Conference, organised by the Cameroon government in partnership with the United Nations, was solemnly launched by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, **Chief Doctor Joseph Dion Ngute**, personal representative of the Head of State, **H.E. Paul Biya**. The opening ceremony was equally attended by eminent multilateral diplomats, among whom **H.E. Philemon Yang**, President of the 79<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly, and **H.E. Amina J. Mohammed**, UN Deputy Secretary General. The CNSC was represented at the conference by its Director for Trade Facilitation and Transport Observatory **Mr. Fernand Douglas Nolga**, and the Service Head for International Cooperation **Mr. Thierry Mebara**. During the conference, **Mr. Fernand Douglas Nolga** delivered a presentation on maritime governance and the promotion of the blue economy for the benefit of Cameroonian shippers. The conference aimed to enable states endowed with coastlines in the Region to better assimilate blue economy policies in order to generate wealth from the seas, oceans and inland waters, while sustainably preserving the environment.

## Consultation

### Finding solutions to issues at Kribi Port

#### CNSC meets with key stakeholders.



Participants at the meeting

**M**otivated by the difficulties expressed by the Kribi Freight Forwarders and Shippers Association (ATCK), **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), convened a consultation meeting on 8 July 2025 in Kribi. This meeting brought to the table several key officials, amongst whom **Mr. Norbert Belinga** - Head of the South 2 Customs Sector, **Mr. David Azra** - Director General/CEO of the Kribi Container Terminal (KCT), **Mrs. Christelle Tsam** - ATCK President, and representatives of various port administrations. The objective was to identify operational issues and, together, find solutions. Participants identified several problems, such as the absence of Internet connection for the port information system (SIP), the absence of shipping line services in the city, failure to comply with demurrage-free times, and congestion at offloading terminals. Noting these issues, CNSC's General Manager suggested that various administrations and shippers should pool their efforts in the search for effective solutions. The meeting concluded with parties agreeing to collaborate towards restoring an atmosphere of trust and efficiency at the Kribi port. This initiative, welcomed by participants, falls in line with CNSC's mission to assist shippers and promote Cameroon's external trade.

## Football

### CNSC and the National Navy take to the pitch

#### A friendly encounter.



A moment in the game

**T**he On 18 July 2025, a football game pitted the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) against the National Navy on the playground of the Douala 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Military Region. This friendly football encounter resulted from the healthy relationship between the Douala Maritime Museum and the National Navy. In June 2025, the National Navy completed its training on how to use the maritime navigation simulator at the Douala Maritime Museum. The football match was played in the presence of several guests, including **Mr. Dippah Kayesse**, Head of CNSC's Communication and Public Relations Division, there to represent the General Manager, and other representatives of the military hierarchy. The encounter ended with a 2 – 0 victory for the CNSC. Beyond the score, this encounter was instrumental in strengthening ties between the two institutions.

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