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Dear Shippers,

The year 2025 at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) was characterised by a series of activities designed to benefit you. Among our major achievements is the complete switch to the new Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (BESC 3.0) issuance platform and the opening of the 4<sup>th</sup> CNSC Trucker Accommodation Centre in Garoua-Boulai, East Region. The CNSC also remained faithful to its mission in training and assisting shippers to boost Cameroon's foreign trade. The icing on the cake for the CNSC in 2025 was the signing and publication of Decree No. 2025/314 of 16 July 2025 to transform the Cameroon National Shippers' Council into a public corporation (PLC). With the new status, CNSC PLC intends to establish itself as a major stakeholder in trade facilitation and a true partner to shippers. The new missions assigned to the CNSC place the institution at the heart of many projects, which will further incorporate assistance, trade facilitation infrastructure, and protection of shippers' interests on the whole multi-modal transport chain. The year 2026, therefore, sounds a wake-up call for every one of you, foreign trade actors. On behalf of CNSC's management and the entire staff, I wish every one of you a happy and prosperous year 2026 in all your activities to promote Cameroon's foreign trade.

Have an enjoyable reading !

Auguste Mbappe Penda  
CNSC General Manager

## 2025 IN RETROSPECT

### THE CNSC IN 2025



*The Management and staff of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council wish you a joyous and prosperous New Year 2026*

### Key Moments of 2025.



Cutting of the symbolic ribbon at the opening of the CNSC Garoua-Boulai Trucker Accommodation Centre by the Governor of the East Region, Mr. Gregoire Mvongo - 05 September 2025

## Retro

### January

The General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, chaired an awareness-raising session on the new ECTN platform dubbed "BESC 3.0" on **Monday, 27 January 2025**, in Paris, France. This version offers a simplified procedure for collecting and processing



data, as well as various electronic payment options.

On **29 January 2025**, the Deputy General Manager, **Mr. Younouss Soungui**, launched the training seminar themed "**Provisions of the 2025 Finance Law on tax and customs requirements relating to foreign trade operations in Cameroon**" in the CNSC training hall. This training brought together



150 business professionals who learned equally about the new features of BESC 3.0.

### February

The CNSC was part of the delegation led by Transport Minister **Jean Ernest Massena Ngalle Bibehe** to the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Blue Economy held in the Gambia from **19 to 21 February 2025**. More than 600 participants turned up to discuss the management of



and blue technologies for sustainable development.

**Mr Auguste MBAPPE PENDA**, CNSC's General Manager and Chairman of the CWEIC Hub, attended the official launch of activities for Strategic Partners of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) from **12 to 14 February 2025** in Kribi. This initiative aimed to boost investments and enable



Cameroonian businesses to integrate Commonwealth markets.

### March

The **CNSC - SPRDFNR** joint Committee met on **5 March 2025** at CNSC's head office in Douala. The meeting was chaired by **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC's General Manager, who doubles as the Committee's Chairperson. Amongst other objectives, the committee will oversee the equipping of the Kousseri Trucker Accommodation



Centre to ensure optimal performance.

The Women Up Association organised a training seminar from **11 to 12 March 2025** in the conference hall of the Garoua City Council, themed: "**Women and trade: Improving conditions for success in development**". **Mrs. Armelle Makasso**, CNSC's Sub-Director for Shippers' Assistance, delivered a presentation on the role of women in the economic development



of the Region with emphasis on standards and certifications.

### April

On **2 April 2025**, the Minister of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MINPMEESA), **Mr. Achille Bassilekin III**, launched activities of the national workshop to train foreign trade actors on Cameroon's import-substitution policy, organised by **Mr.**



**Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC's General Manager.

**Mrs Claire ONANA TAKOUCHOP**, CNSC's Director for Shippers' Assistance, led a CNSC delegation to the training workshop on the rules of maritime transport and maritime transport contracts, organised by the Mahbouli Law Firm in Paris, France, from **23 to 25 April 2025**. This workshop sought to enlighten participants on issues relating to maritime safety and



security, as well as the mastery of responsibilities incumbent on each actor in the maritime transport chain.

### May

Faithful to its mission to promote foreign trade, the CNSC provided immense support to female cassava farmers in the Sanaga Maritime Division. This support brought about the creation of the Sanaga Maritime Cassava Producers Association, created on **14 May 2025** and known by its French acronym PROMASAMACAM, with CNSC's General Manager,



**Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, as Honorary President.

On **12 May 2025**, CNSC's General Manager, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, received a delegation from the National Multimodal Freight Management Office (OGEFREM) of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), led by **Mr. Francis Bedy Makhubu**, Director Consultant. This delegation was seeking crucial information to operationalize the Kribi – Zongo (North DRC) road corridor, passing



through the Central African Republic (CAR), with a view to solving cargo transport issues for freight bound for or leaving the northern part of the DRC.

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### June

On 25 June 2025, the CNSC organised the second edition of the international symposium for maritime transport professionals in Kribi, themed: **"The Relevance of general average in the settlement of marine claims"**. The session was officially launched by the Minister Delegate to the Minister



of Transport, Mr. Njoya Zakariaou.

From 9 to 13 June 2025, the 3<sup>rd</sup> United Nations Oceans Conference held in Nice, France, on the overarching theme: **"Accelerating Action and Mobilising All Actors to Conserve and Sustainably Use the Ocean"**, with a focus on the sustainable preservation of oceans. Cameroon's delegation was led by Mr. Hele Pierre, Minister of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development,



and comprised delegates from PAK, APN, and CNSC.

### July

Mr. Auguste MBAPPE PENDA, CNSC's General Manager and Statutory Treasurer of the Union of African Shippers' Councils (UASC), attended the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of African Shippers' Day, which held on 14 July 2025 in Pointe-Noire, Congo, under the theme **"National Shippers' Councils and present-day challenges in Maritime Transport and International Trade"**. On the sidelines of this event was the ordinary session of the UASC Steering Committee and its 14<sup>th</sup> ordinary General



Assembly. At the close of these meetings, Mr. Dominique Candide Fabrice Koumou Boulasa was elected UASC president.

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) supported SMEs by providing a stand for them to showcase their **"Made in Cameroon"** products during the Annual Central African Cross-Border Fair (FOTRAC), held from 17 to 30 July 2025 in Kye-Ossi under the theme **"Transforming Central African corridors into secure gateways for achieving sustainable development goals and the AfCFTA"**. SMEs such as ETS OREM, PIMENCAM, QUEEN'S



FOOD, ADAHCAM, ASS-BIO and that of Mrs. Antoinette Ndong greatly benefited from this assistance.

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) attended the International Conference on Sustainable Blue Economy in the Gulf of Guinea, which held from 9 to 10 July 2025 at the Yaounde Conference Centre. Organised by the Government of Cameroon and the United Nations, the opening ceremony was presided over by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, Chief Dr. Joseph Dion Ngute. This event mainly



sought to raise awareness among coastal states of the region on the importance of the blue economy.

### August

On 12 August 2025, Mr. Achille Bassilekin III, Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, inaugurated the MINPMESSA North Regional Delegation and launched the first edition of the Region's SMEs cooperative market in a ceremony organised by the North Regional Network for Social and Solidarity Economy. A key



participant at this event, CNSC's North Regional office, seized the opportunity to present its mission.

Placed under the distinguished patronage of H.E. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon, WIMAFRICA's continental conference held from 27 to 28 August 2025 in Douala, and brought together women of the maritime sector from various African countries. The conference held on the theme **"Sustainable Blue Economy: Challenges and Opportunities for Women in Africa"**. At the end of the session,



Mrs. Sylvie Laure Sibe was elected President of the Association for a three-year term of office.

### September

On 2 September 2025, the Governor of the East Region, Mr. Gregoire Mvongo, inaugurated two newly constructed infrastructures of the CNSC - the CNSC Garou-Boulai Trucker Accommodation Centre and the CNSC East Regional Office in Yoko-Siré. Both facilities are located along National Road No.1, close to Cameroon's border with the Central African Republic, and facilitate cargo transit through Cameroon's ports. With the inauguration of these



infrastructures, the CNSC now has four trucker accommodation facilities and five regional offices in the country.

From 4 to 10 September 2025, the CNSC accompanied about 10 Cameroonian SMEs to the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF 2025) in Algiers. On the sidelines of this fair, Cameroon's embassy in Algiers organised a business event aimed at facilitating partnerships between business persons from both



selected were AUTHENTIC FOODS CAMEROON and NOHI CHOCOLATERIES.

From 26 September to 3 October 2025, the Douala Maritime Museum (DMM) set up a travelling exhibition at the CLUB PAD celebration ground as part of activities to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Port of Douala-Bonaberi. On display were artefacts reflecting Cameroon's maritime history through which visitors could discover the evolution and development of the port of Douala-



Bonaberi from 1800 to present day.

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### October

Under the patronage of **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC's General Manager, the Cameroon Road Transporters' Union (GTTC) donated about 60 mosquito nets and other basic needs to truckers at the CNSC Dibamba Trucker Accommodation Centre on **10 October 2025**. This initiative was in relation to a health



assistance programme dubbed **"together, let's protect road transport workers"**.

From **27 to 31 October 2025**, the CNSC participated in the interregional training seminar in Cotonou, Benin, on the **"handling of hazardous goods transported as bulk liquids"**. Organised by the Interregional Maritime Safety Institute (ISMI) under the coordination of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and with funding



from the German cooperation, this training focused on hydrocarbons, liquid foodstuffs, and IMO standards.

### November

On **5 November 2025**, the CNSC and GUCE, represented by their respective General Managers, signed a collaboration and information-sharing agreement at the Douala Maritime Museum. Through this partnership agreement, both institutions reaffirmed their commitment to



strengthening transparency and foster Cameroon's foreign trade competitiveness.

On the invitation of the US Department of State, a Cameroonian delegation comprising the CNSC, PAD, PAK, and the Douala Maritime District, took part in the International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) in the United States from **8 to 22 November 2025**. This gathering had as its objective to give Cameroonian experts the opportunity to gain practical



exposure to American standards and best practices in counter-terrorism and ISPS Code enforcement.

On **28 November 2025**, the CNSC, together with Centre Médico-Chirurgicale **"Le Berceau"**, organised an awareness-raising campaign on the importance of early diagnosis of male cancers, particularly prostate cancer, as part of activities to commemorate **"Blue November"** in the Douala Maritime Museum. The campaign



concluded with a fitness walk on **30 November 2025**.

**Mr. Auguste MBAPPE PENDA**, CNSC's General Manager, attended the official launch of the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Week Cameroon (SMEC), on **18 November 2025** in Yaounde. Holding under the theme **"Productive Entrepreneurship and Opportunities under the Subcontracting Law"**, this edition sought to promote opportunities offered by the legal framework of



the subcontracting law. At the end of the ceremony, CNSC's General Manager visited the various exhibition stands to encourage and discuss with SME promoters.

### December

On **4 December 2025**, FEICOM's head office hosted the second annual meeting of Strategic Partners of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) Regional Hub for Cameroon-Gabon-Togo-Sierra Leone, with the opening ceremony chaired by **Professor Pauline Nalova Lyonga**. **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC's General Manager and Chairman



and the Hub's strategic role in the Hub, underscored the youth/ female entrepreneurship importance of strengthening and SMEs inclusion.

On **24 December 2025**, the CNSC joined a Cameroonian delegation led by **Mrs Eveline Ekambi Priso**, Attachée at Cameroon's Embassy in Morocco, and **Mr. Donatus Boma**, acting General Manager of the IPA, to carry out actions aimed at promoting Cameroon as an investment destination. This trade



mission was organised by Cameroon's Investment Promotion Agency.

*CNSC, Your Partner !*

*Wishes you a joyous and prosperous New Year 2026*

