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CNSC delegation poses with ESTLC staff

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Dear Shippers,

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council **(CNSC)** continues to stay the course of promoting foreign trade, particularly cross-border trade. In June 2026, the General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council **(CNSC)**, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, and his counterpart from the National Observatory on Climate Change **(ONACC)**, **Prof. Joseph Armathé Amougou**, had a working session in Yaounde on Friday, 12 June 2026. Following this meeting, both institutions are looking forward to establishing a consultation framework for enhanced collaboration.

In line with its mission of promoting cross-border trade, CNSC's General Manager, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, paid a working visit to the South Region from 16 to 19 June 2026. Besides meeting with administrative authorities of the Region, CNSC's General Manager visited some CNSC infrastructure constructed by the CNSC to promote cross-border trade.

Also, shippers, licensed customs brokers, freight forwarders and managers of shipping lines received training on the new procedures for obtaining the ECTN dubbed BESC 3.0 during a consultation meeting held at the CNSC on Wednesday, 4 June 2026.

From 12 to 21 June 2026, the CNSC participated in the Yaounde International Business, SME and Partnership Exhibition **(PROMOTE)**. Through this participation, the CNSC informed the public about its new missions and equally supported some SMEs by offering them a platform to showcase their activities.

The month of June ended with the celebration of the feast of the Tabaski at the CNSC Dibamba Trucker Accommodation Centre. A moment of communion where CNSC's General Manager joined road transporters for the traditional meal marking this celebration.

Have an enjoyable reading !

Auguste Mbappe Penda,
CNSC General Manager

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Cooperation

CNSC and ONACC seal partnership

The two General Managers held discussions on avenues for collaboration between their institutions.



General Managers of CNSC and ONACC

The General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council **(CNSC)**, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, paid a working visit to the Head Office of the National Observatory on Climate Change **(ONACC)** in Yaounde on Friday, 12 June 2026, where he was received by ONACC's General Manager, **Prof. Joseph Armathé Amougou**. Discussions focused on opportunities for collaboration between the CNSC and ONACC in areas such as the carbon market, climate finance, the green transition and monitoring the carbon footprint in transport and logistics activities.

During their meeting, ONACC's General Manager underscored the growing importance of environmental data in providing support to public policies and economic activities. CNSC's General Manager, on his part, highlighted the possibilities that lie in the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note **(ECTN)** with regard to tracking cargo flows. At the end of the visit, both officials agreed to set up a consultation platform with a view to exploring possibilities for further collaboration.

The ONACC is a special administrative public establishment whose mission is to support the State in monitoring and managing the socio-economic and environmental effects of climate change. It suggests preventive, mitigation and/or adaptation measures against the harmful effects and risks related to climate change.

Cross-border trade

CNSC's General Manager on working visit to the South Region

CNSC facilities for cross-border trade in the South Region undergo renovation works.



CNSC's General Manager visits the Abang Minko'o warehouse

A delegation from the Cameroon National Shippers' Council **(CNSC)** led by its General Manager, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, was on a working visit to the South Region from 16 to 19 June 2026. This visit took the delegation to Ambam, Abang-Minko'o and Kye-Ossi; towns hosting CNSC service units and infrastructure designed to facilitate and promote cross-border trade. The visit also provided an opportunity for CNSC's General Manager and his team to visit infrastructure constructed by the CNSC for the benefit of cross-border trade actors.

In Ebolowa, where the visit began, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** had a working session with the Governor of the South Region, **Mr. Felix Nguele Nguele**, and later with several local administrative authorities. CNSC's General Manager held working sessions with representatives of partner administrations such as the Ministry of Trade, the Ministry of Transport, the Customs Department, the Police, the National Gendarmerie, the Phytosanitary Office and the Land Freight Management Office **(BGFT)**, aimed at strengthening collaboration. Another consultation was also held with leaders of associations and local business persons to understand the difficulties they face as well as their expectations. The goal is to tailor support to their daily needs.

Partnership

CNSC'S General Manager on working visit to ESTLC



Working session

CNSC delegation in working session with ESTLC officials.

During his working visit to the South Region, the General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council **(CNSC)**, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** and his delegation were received at the Higher Institute for Transport, Logistics and Trade **(ESTLC)** of Ambam, attached to the University of Ebolowa. Upon arrival, they were received by **Prof. Mezui Christophe**, Vice-rector in charge of Internal Control and Assessment at the University of Ebolowa.

The CNSC and ESTLC held an important working session with focus on the development and profitability of logistics infrastructure **(trucker facilities and warehouses)** constructed by the CNSC, executive certification programmes within ESTLC in partnership with the CNSC and support to SMEs through the use of digital tools for the development of their activities and promotion of international trade.

One major activity during this visit to ESTLC was the Master Class dispensed by CNSC's General Manager in an amphitheatre filled with students. He presented the CNSC along with its missions, achievements and projects, in service to the interests of actors of the logistics chain. In his presentation, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** dwelled on opportunities offered by their specializations. The Master Class was more than just a simple meeting; it was a relaxed, friendly and interactive moment with the students fully participating in the discussions. These students greatly appreciated the presence of CNSC's General Manager and all the advice he gave them

Consultations

Procedures for Export ECTN reviewed

Assessing deadlines for obtaining export BL and management of short-ships.

Shippers, licensed customs brokers, freight forwarders and managers of shipping lines participated in a consultation organised at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council **(CNSC)** Head Office in Douala on Wednesday, 4 June 2026. The working session was chaired by **Mr. Fernand Douglas Nolga**, CNSC's Director for Trade Facilitation and Transport Observatory. Focus was on the assessment of the period for obtaining the export Bill of Laden **(BL)** and the management of short ships.



A cross section of the participants

Participants at the consultation meeting were able to list the hassles shippers go through to obtain the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note **(ECTN)** for exports. It was revealed that human factors, unstable internet connection and delays in obtaining phytosanitary certificates mainly caused the delays in obtaining the Bill of Laden. As for constraints related to short ships, shippers called out double payments, causing them to incur a loss.

In a bid to seek solutions, **Mr. Fernand Douglas Nolga** underscored the impossibility of extending the 10-day deadline for the submission of the final export ECTN following the departure of the vessel. However, he announced actions carried out within and ongoing consultations aimed at resolving issues related to the various bottlenecks. In the end, shippers were advised to reach out to the CNSC in the event of any difficulties.

PROMOTE 2026

CNSC holds workshops and supports SME promoters at PROMOTE 2026.

CNSC present at the 10th Edition in Yaounde

On Monday, 15 June 2026, the 2026 edition of the Yaounde International Business, SME and Partnership Exhibition **(PROMOTE)** was launched at the esplanade of the Yaounde Conference Centre on the theme ***"Private Enterprises and the Business Environment: What Benchmarks Should Be Used to Address National and International Economic Challenges?"*** The official opening ceremony was chaired by **Mr. Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana**, Minister of Trade and Government's representative. In attendance were members of Government, diplomats, general managers, foreign and national business persons.



Awareness-raising session

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council **(CNSC)** was among the 1,500 enterprises present at the event exhibiting their products, know-how and services. In one of the two stands decorated in the company colours, CNSC staff were on hand to present the institution's missions, actions, achievements and projects to visitors. In the second stand, graciously made available to SMEs by the CNSC, about ten SMEs specialised in the processing of local products were there to exhibit their Made in Cameroon products.

During the PROMOTE fair, the CNSC organised three workshops on: ***"CNSC's contribution to the promotion of SMEs"***, ***"Digital trade facilitation tools made available by the CNSC"*** and ***"Digitalisation as lever for competitiveness"***. Added to these was an exhibition of some objects from the Douala Maritime Museum. The goal was to make known the museum, a place of culture that recounts Cameroon's maritime history.

Feast of the TABASKI

CNSC celebrates Tabaski at the Dibamba Trucker Facility



Logistic chain actors

CNSC's General Manager celebrates the Tabaski with transporters at the CNSC trucker facility.

On Friday, 29 May 2026, the General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council **(CNSC)**, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** offered a family meal to the Muslim community at the Dibamba Trucker Accommodation Centre. This time of sharing and warmth was to mark the traditional celebration of the Feast of the TABASKI at this CNSC trucker facility. This year, the moment brought together many actors of the Cameroonian, Central African, Chadian and Nigerian logistics chain, as well as a few guests.

Upon arrival, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** was led to the mosque located within the trucker facility where he participated in the prayers for peace said by a Muslim dignitary. Thereafter, these actors of the logistics chain, truckers and transporters were joined by **Mr. Ibrahima Yaya**, National President of the Cameroon Road Transporters Association **(GTTC)**, and all sat down to a meal mostly comprised of mutton. At the end of the meal, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** expressed joy at seeing the many road transporters mobilised for the event. He equally called on them to place their confidence in the CNSC, considering the facilities and equipment made available to them by the institution. The Dibamba Trucker Accommodation Centre offers bedrooms, parking spaces and a canteen which has just been renovated.