

## CONSULTATIONS

### DISCUSSION BETWEEN CNSC AND EXPERTS ON DIFFICULTIES ALONG ROAD CORRIDORS

Dear shippers,

The month of April at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) featured the institution's participation in the International Ports Ecosystem Salon (SIPORTS - 2026) in Morocco from 1 to 3 April 2026. The event which brought together enterprises and stakeholders in the ports ecosystem, was characterised by discussions on the future of ports in Africa. Also, the CNSC, attending the African Women Manufacturers and Innovators Economic Fair (FEMINA 2026), organised by Women Up Africa from 13 to 18 April 2026 in Garoua, emphasised its ongoing commitment to provide the necessary tools enterprises need to access international markets.

With regards to cooperation, the CNSC joined MINREX to co-organise the first edition of the Economic Francophonie themed "*Leveraging the AfCFTA to integrate SMEs into Regional Value Chains*". Mr. Achille Bassilekin III, Minister of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MINPMEESA), presided over the event's opening ceremony.

The CNSC equally organised a consultation meeting with experts of the ACA Expertise SARL and MONDOMOBE Consulting & Partners LTD consortium on the enhancement of cross-border trade. Worth mentioning is the consultation with the SME Promotion Agency (APME), which brought together several key administrative bodies for discussions resulting in a training envisaged for business persons.

To round off this month of April, the CNSC participated in the fourth edition of the Economic Actors and Local Development Fair (SAEDEL), organised from 18 to 25 April 2026 in Kribi, under the theme: "*Urban Development, Real Estate and Sustainability: Catalysts for Local Development*".

Have an enjoyable reading!

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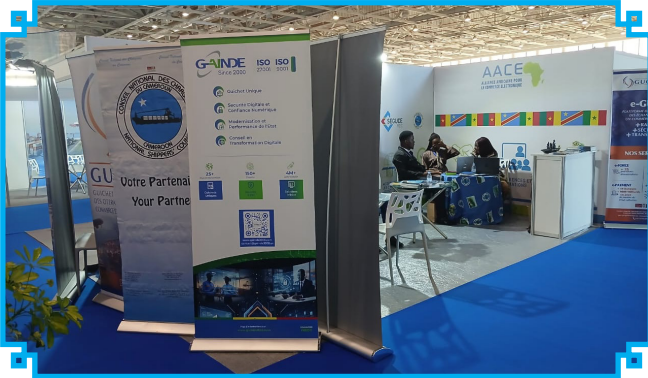
CNSC, guest of honour at the maiden edition of the Economic Francophonie

CNSC/APME: Incentive scheme tops the agenda

CNSC present at the 2026 Land-linked Zambia Conference

## Economy

### CNSC participates in the first edition of SIPORTS - 2026



*A view of the CNSC's stand*

The maiden edition of the International Ports Ecosystem Salon (**SIPORTS - 2026**) took place from 1 to 3 April 2026 at the MOHAMMED VI Exhibition Centre in El Jadida, Kingdom of Morocco. The official opening ceremony was presided over by the Moroccan Minister for Infrastructure and Water Resources, **Mr. Nizar Baraka**. SIPORTS is a high-level forum for reflection and dialogue, which brings together institutions and stakeholders from the port ecosystem for discussions on key issues surrounding the future of ports, particularly those in Africa. The event was attended by over 200 exhibitors drawn from about 20 countries and working in the African ports and maritime sector.

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**), invited to this get-together by the African e-Commerce Alliance (**AACE**), of which it is an associate member, exhibited alongside the Single Window for Foreign Trade Operations (**GUCE**) of Cameroon, Senegal and the Democratic Republic of Congo in the AACE pavilion. The CNSC informed visitors about its contributions to foreign trade via electronic tools, such as the "**Cameroon Trade Hub**", a digital portal for Cameroon's foreign trade. Visitors were also informed about the beginnings of the Port of Douala and the attractions of the Douala Maritime Museum, a project developed by the CNSC.

Over the course of three days, visitors and port stakeholders seized the opportunity to attend thematic presentations on port operations and management, the development of port infrastructure, connectivity and cooperation between ports, the optimisation of terminals and the streamlining of logistics flows, as well as the emergence of new professions in the sector. These stakeholders of the maritime sector, equally found in this meeting a moment for sharing experiences and establishing ties to enable them adapt to changes besetting the ports sector globally.

## Economy

### FEMINA holds first edition



*Experts invited by Women Up Africa*

The first edition of the African Women Manufacturers and Innovators Economic Fair (**FEMINA - 2026**) organised by Women Up Africa took place from 3 to 18 April 2026 in Garoua. The official opening ceremony was presided over by **Mr. Alim Garba**, Inspector General at the Governor's Office in the North Region in his capacity as personal representative of the Governor.

This economic and trade fair, showcasing the know-how and potential event of local sub-regional SMEs, witnessed the participation of several entrepreneurs operating in diverse sectors. The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**) was actively present at the fair, as one of its missions is to support SMEs. CNSC's delegation led by **Mrs. Ndomkeu Nya Solange**, Sub Director for SME Assistance was composed of **Mrs. Makasso Belibi Armelle Françoise**, Sub-Director for Shippers' Assistance and **Mr. Junior Okoumama**, Service Head for Archives and Documentation.

At FEMINA-2026, the CNSC delivered presentations on export procedures and SME support mechanisms, dwelling extensively on the ongoing commitment to provide female entrepreneurs with the technical and logistical tools necessary to access international markets.



## Consultations

### *CNSC samples expert opinions on difficulties along road corridors*



*Discussion session*

On 21 April 2026, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) welcomed a delegation of experts from the ACA Expertise SARL and the MONDOMOBE Consulting & Partners LTD consortium, led by **Mr. Sylvain Kuate Tameghe**, for consultations on the road transportation of goods.

The consultation session was chaired by **Mr. Fernand Douglas Nolga**, CNSC's Director for Trade Facilitation and Transports Observatory, and sought to collect data on the transportation of goods by road to Chad and the Central African Republic. Through discussions, the experts were able to better understand the difficulties faced by truck drivers along the Douala - N'djamena/Bangui and Kribi - N'djamena/Bangui corridors. Together, they proffered solutions aimed at improving conditions under which goods are transported by road.

In the end, the CNSC highlighted the key role it plays in promoting cross-border trade and presented some of its infrastructure, particularly those constructed along Cameroon's road corridors to facilitate cross-border trade.

## Cooperation

### *Maiden edition of the Economic Francophonie*



*Participants at this first edition*

On Tuesday the 21 April 2026, the first session of the Economic Francophonie, co-organised by the Ministry of External Relations, is holding under the theme: **“Leveraging the AfCFTA to integrate SMEs into Regional Value Chains”**. The session lasted two days and brought together administrative bodies and enterprises for discussions on issues affecting the activities of SMEs.

The opening ceremony was presided over by **Mr. Achille Bassilekin III**, Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicraft (**MINPMEESA**). The event was co-organised by the CNSC, given its mandate to promote Cameroon's foreign trade, with **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC's General Manager, ably represented by **Mr. Achil Yamen Tchendo**, Technical Adviser No. 3. In his welcome address, **Mr. Achil Yamen** highlighted the objectives of the gathering, stating that **“the goal is to examine opportunities offered by the AfCFTA, assess available funding mechanisms and make recommendations aimed at strengthening SME competitiveness”**.

Thanks to these trade-related discussions, it was observed that Cameroon hosts close to 460,000 SMEs, representing 80% of its national economy. **Mr. Achille Bassilekin III** called on these SMEs to fully seize the opportunity offered by the session to better structure and boost the 1 billion 400 million consumer-strong economy of francophone countries.



## Consultations

### Incentive scheme tops the agenda



Consultations underway

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNCS), in partnership with the SME Promotion Agency (APME), organised a consultation meeting in Yaoundé on Wednesday, 22 April 2026, bringing together several key government institutions, notably the Investment Promotion Agency (IPA), the Customs Department and Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS). The purpose of the meeting was to examine the difficulties faced by business persons (**big enterprises and SMEs**) authorised to operate in Cameroon under the Private Investment Incentives Scheme.

The discussions highlighted the responsibilities of each stakeholder, including those of business persons, who were particularly questioned on the compilation of the provisional lists for products eligible for customs duty exemption.

In the end, it was decided that training sessions would be organised for business persons, with a view to improving their understanding of applicable procedures, reduce information gaps and provide better services to investors. Thus enabling them to be better equipped to carry out their activities responsibly.

## Forum

### CNSC present at the 2026 Land-linked Zambia conference



Conference participants

The CNSC took part at the 5<sup>th</sup> Land-linked Zambia conference (LIZ 2026) held from 21 to 25 April 2026 in Lusaka, Zambia under the theme "**Beyond Borders: Re-imagining Africa's Transport Corridors for Prosperity**". The official opening ceremony took place on 24 April 2026 at the Ciêla Resort Hotel in Lusaka and was chaired by the representative of the Zambian President, **Honourable Frank Museba Tayali**, Minister of Transport and Logistics.

**Mr. Ngassa Nkegne Hermann**, Sub Director for Statistics and Transports Observatory, and **Mr. Bitolok III Joseph Martin**, Service Head for Foreign Trade Facilitation, both took part in this conference which was equally attended by transport ministers from the Southern African Sub-region, decision makers, investors, financiers, trade support institutions, and industry professionals, as well as experts in civil aviation, logistics, and transportation from 21 countries around the world.

Discussions mainly revolved around Transport Diplomacy, corridor and mobility policies, construction of an African intermodal transport system, funding the future of intermodal transport in Africa, the bankability of specific projects, mining logistics in 2031, the development of the central transport corridor, the importance of roads and railways in AfCFTA implementation, and the impact of States on the financing and development of transport infrastructure in Africa.

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