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Dear shippers,

During the month of February at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), activities featured the organisation of the first capacity-building training session for business persons, themed **"Understanding and mastering customs and tax innovations in the 2026 Finance Law, and their impact on foreign trade formalities and operations"**. Participants also learnt more about the new version of the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note issuance application (**BESC 3.0**).

The global football legend and President of the Cameroon Football Federation (FECAFOOT), **Samuel ETO'O**, visited the CNSC and the Douala Maritime Museum, where he rediscovered Cameroon's maritime and port history. The CNSC was at the heart of Cameroon-Turkiye business talks attended by some thirty business persons.

Two major events closed the chapter for this month in the life of the CNSC - the working visit of CNSC's General Manager to Kousseri in the Far North Region and the opening of the **"Matrimoine"** exhibition, which aims to showcase the works of female visual artists, organised by the CNSC as part of activities to celebrate International Women's Rights Day.

Have an enjoyable reading!

Auguste Mbappe Penda

CNSC General Manager

2026 FINANCE LAW

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THE 2026 FINANCIAL YEAR



● Finance Law 2026: Shippers attend the training seminar organised by the CNSC

● The football icon, Samuel ETO'O Fils, visits the Douala Maritime Museum

● WIMA CAMEROON: CNSC officials take on strategic positions within the organisation

● Foreign trade: The CNSC participates in Turkish-Cameroon business talks in Douala

● Working visit: CNSC's General Manager in the Far North Region

● "MATRIMOINE": Female visual artists display their artworks at the Douala Maritime Museum



Training

2026 Finance Law

Shippers attend training seminar organised by the CNSC.



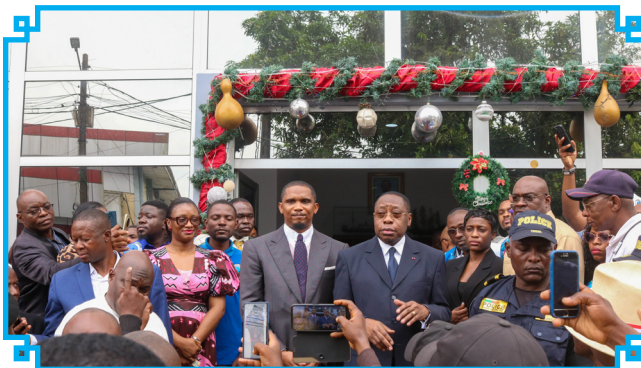
Participants at the session

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**) organised a capacity-building training session for business persons on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 January 2026, in the Multi-purpose hall of the Douala Maritime Museum. Holding under the theme: **“Understanding and mastering customs and tax innovations in the 2026 Finance Law, and their impact on foreign trade formalities and operations,”** this training was attended by a good number of promoters of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (**SME**) and licensed customs brokers. During the session, **Mrs. Boaba Franca**, CNSC's Unit Head for Information System Operation and Production, delivered a presentation on the new version of the ECTN issuance application (**BESC 3.0**). Other speakers included representatives from TRANSLANTIC D. S.A., the Single Window for Foreign Trade Operations (**GUCE**), and Société Général de Surveillance (**SGS**), who delivered presentations on aspects of trade facilitation and security. **Mr. Paul Olivier Libii**, Senior Customs Inspector, delivered a presentation on the elaboration of the 2026 Finance Law, its major guidelines and budget. His presentation highlighted mechanisms to combat fraud, strengthen tax relief measures for business persons, and boost youth employment.

Visit

Samuel Eto'o Fils at the Douala Maritime Museum

World-class football icon staged a striking appearance amid cheers from fans.



Fans crowd the Douala Maritime Museum premises

On 28 January 2026, the global football legend, **Samuel Eto'o Fils**, visited the Douala Maritime Museum, his first. This visit of the football icon, who is also President of the Cameroon Football Federation (**FECAFOOT**), shall long be engraved in the minds of the impressive crowd that turned out to see their idol. **Samuel Eto'o Fils**, accompanied by the General Manager of the Cameroon national Shippers' Council (**CNSC**), **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, was led on a guided tour of the different artefacts on display. These items recount Cameroon's maritime history and early trade exchanges between the coastal peoples and the Europeans. He was edified on the strategic role the Port of Douala plays in the national economy. **Samuel Eto'o Fils** equally captained the navigation simulator. **“The Douala Maritime Museum is our history. Here, we have the opportunity to see what existed before. I call on all who love Cameroon to come and visit the museum”**. These were his remarks at the end of the visit. CNSC's General Manager named **Samuel ETO'o Fils “Ambassador of the Douala Maritime Museum”** in recognition of his interest in promoting the history of Cameroon, offering him a sculpted miniature canoe as a souvenir of this great moment. 24.

WIMA CAMEROON

Elective general assembly in Douala

Mrs. Claire Onana Takouchop takes the reins of WIMA-CAMEROON.



New Executive Bureau takes over

On 23 January 2026, the Cameroon chapter of the association, Women in Maritime Africa (WIMA), held its general assembly at the Douala Maritime Museum, during which the women elected a new executive bureau. This general assembly saw the election of **Mrs. Claire Onana Takouchop**, CNSC's Director for Shippers' Assistance, to the position of National President of WIMA-CAMEROON. She takes over from **Mrs. Gwendoline Moussongui**, senior staff at the National Ports Authority to whom the women of WIMA CAMEROON paid heartfelt tribute for her commitment and various initiatives geared towards the empowerment of women in the maritime sector during her three-year term. Several other CNSC ladies were elected to positions within the new bureau. The position of Vice-President in charge of Communication came to **Mrs. Catherine MELLA KAMDEM**, while the position of Vice-President in charge of the AfCFTA went to **Mrs. Aicha Maliki** and the Vice-President in charge of legal affairs went to **Mrs. Gaelle Eboupeke Mbassi**. **Mrs. Solange Ndomkeu**, Statutory Auditor, **Mrs. Armelle Makasso** and **Mrs. Lewono Mbassi**, respectively Technical Advisers No. 1 and 5. The new executive bureau took up office in a ceremony chaired by **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC's General Manager and honorary president of WIMA CAMEROON. **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, in his remarks, praised the association for the ground covered since its creation in 2015. The newly constituted WIMA CAMEROON executive bureau comprises women drawn from administrative bodies and companies of the port community, such as CNSC, PAD, PAK, DGD, GUCE, APN, CMA, CGM, MAERSK and Super Maritime.

Foreign trade

CNSC joins Turkish-Cameroon trade talks

CNSC General Manager headed a delegation to the Turkiye-Cameroon trade mission.



Word from CNSC's General Manager

On 4 February 2026, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) participated in the opening session of the Turkiye-Cameroon trade mission organised by Turkish Electro Technology in Douala. The delegation was led by **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC's General Manager, while the Turkish business delegation was headed by **H.E. Volkan Öskiper**, Turkish Ambassador to Cameroon. The Governor of the Littoral Region **Mr. Samuel Dieudonné Ivaha Diboua**, in his capacity as representative of Trade Minister **Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana**, presided over the opening ceremony of this trade mission aiming to organise B2B meetings between Cameroonian importers and Turkish exporters, particularly in the electricity, electronic and energy solutions sectors. Speaking at the event, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** underscored the important role the CNSC plays in providing assistance and facilitating import and export operations for business persons. About thirty Cameroonian enterprises took part in these discussions in the hope of benefiting from the expertise of Turkish Electro Technology delegates as well as exploring new business opportunities.

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Cross-border trade

CNSC's General Manager on a working visit

CNSC GM pays a working visit to the Far North Region.



Group picture

Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda, General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), visited Kousseri in the Far North Region, accompanied by some close collaborators. From 17 to 19 February 2026, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** was received by the traditional authorities of the locality, precisely **His Majesty Mahamat Abba**, Sultan of Kousseri. He equally had working sessions with some public administrative officials in Kousseri, among whom **Mr. Fombele Mathias**, SDO for Logone-and-Chari; **Abadam Djibrine**, Secretary General of the City Council; and **Mr. Rebeka**, DO for Kousseri. The General Manager was equally received by the Deputy Commander of the Gendarmerie Legion, **Colonel Leumani Joël** and the Commissioner of the Central Police Station, **Mr. Ze Samuel**. Discussions primarily focused on CNSC activities and projects that seek to promote cross-border trade between Cameroon and Nigeria in this tri-border region. Other issues discussed included the uncontrolled parking of trucks along the roads in Kousseri and the promotion of cross-border trade. Security issues at the borders and along the corridors were equally discussed with a view to encourage regional integration and enhance the competitiveness of Cameroon's economy. This visit by CNSC's General Manager is in line with the institution's strategy of collaborating with local administrative authorities in boosting the local economy and promoting cross-border trade with neighbouring Chad and Nigeria.

IWD 2026

Douala Maritime Museum hosts "MATRIMOINE" exhibition

Female visual artists display their works.



A tour of the art objects

The Douala Maritime Museum has been hosting an art exhibition dubbed "**MATRIMOINE**" since 27 February 2026. This art exhibition highlights the creative talent of nine female visual artists and aims to showcase about thirty paintings by these women. The art exhibition is organised by the CNSC as part of activities to mark the celebration of the 41st edition of International Women's Rights Day. The exhibition was launched on 27 February 2026 in the presence of **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), and attended by many dignitaries and guests, among whom the Douala City Mayor, **Dr. Roger Mbassa N'Dine**; the Consul General of France in Douala, **Mr. Jean-Charles Ledot**; the **Honourable Albert Dooh Collins**, 1st Vice President of the Littoral Regional Council; **HRH Gaston Epee Mbodi**; and the Deputy Director of the Douala General Hospital, **Prof. Kedy Koum Mangamba**. CNSC's General Manager and his guests gazed into the paintings of the female artists who signed up and were selected for the initiative, namely: **Alida Ymele**, **Bienvenue Fotso**, **Kaeth Fouda**, **Lauriane Yougang**, **Brenda Juine**, **Stéphanie Nyangono**, **Suzanne Epea**, **Winnie Songmene**, and **Leuna Noubimboo**. At the launch, the ladies took turns to praise this initiative and express their gratitude to CNSC's General Manager.

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