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BIANNUAL MEETING OF STRATEGIC PARTNERS OF THE CWEIC REGIONAL HUB FOR CAMEROON - GABON - TOGO

Dear shippers,

The month of December at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) unfolded with a plethora of initiatives and strategic actions, all consistent with the institution's unwavering commitment to strengthening efficiency in logistics and providing support to foreign trade actors. On 5 December 2025, the CNSC took part in The Investors' Dinner organised by the Cameroon Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) in Yaounde. The business event, attended by members of government, diplomats and investors, sought to strengthen Cameroon's logistics competitiveness and stimulate a favourable business climate.

Furthermore, the CNSC organised several training sessions on the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN) for business persons, SMEs and shippers with a view to improving the traceability, fluidity and efficiency of foreign trade operations. Ending the year in style and in the true spirit of its resolve to be a true partner to shippers and the general public, the CNSC organised a fun-filled activity dubbed "**Christmas at the Douala Maritime Museum**" which took place on 20, 21 and 24 December 2025. These activities, targeting children aged 3 to 15, were characterised by clown shows, presentations, guided tours, exhibitions, gifts and a family meal.

For 2026, the CNSC will continue efforts towards building an ever-more innovative, inclusive and sustainable foreign trade. CNSC's Management and staff wish you good health, success and happiness for the new year.

Have an enjoyable reading!

Auguste Mbappe Penda

CNSC General Manager



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CWEIC Hub

Toward better cooperation



Participants at the meeting

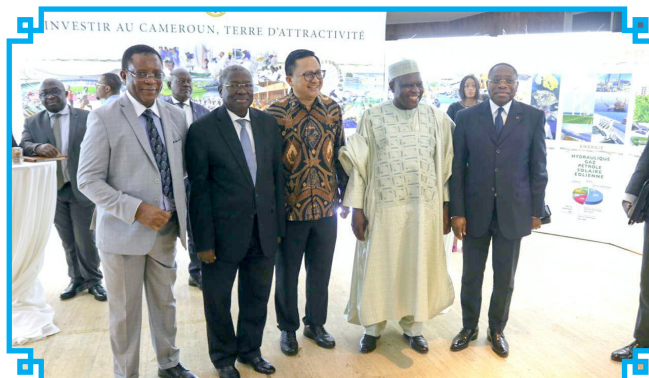
On 4 December 2025, the head office of the Special Council Support Fund for Mutual Assistance (FEICOM) hosted the second annual meeting of Strategic Partners of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) Regional Hub for Cameroon, Gabon, Togo and Sierra Leone.

The opening ceremony was presided over by **Professor Pauline Nalova Lyonga**, Minister of Secondary Education, flanked by representatives of the Prime Minister, Head of Government, the Minister Delegate in charge of Cooperation with the Commonwealth (MINDELCOM), the Minister of Decentralization and Local Development (MINDDEVEL), as well as ambassadors from Commonwealth member states accredited to Cameroon.

In his keynote address, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), who doubles as Chairman of the said CWEIC Regional Hub, reiterated the importance of strengthening economic cooperation within this hub. He underscored the Hub's strategic role as a platform for opportunities at the service of youths, female entrepreneurs, and connects SMEs to the international trade networks. In his closing remarks, the Director of the CWEIC Regional Hub, **Mr. Etienne Cham Bama**, called on all partners to adopt the Commonwealth's 2025-2030 strategic plan to fully benefit from CWEIC networking and investment initiatives.

Investment

CNSC supports import substitution and logistics competitiveness



Discussion session

The General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, took part in the second edition of The Investors' Dinner organised by the Cameroon Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) on 5 December 2025 in Yaounde on the theme: ***"Increasing Private Sector Contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)"***.

The event brought together investors, diplomats, economic partners and several members of government, amongst whom **Mr. Gabriel Mbairrobe**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and **Dr. Taiga**, Minister of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries.

Discussions focused on investment challenges and opportunities in Cameroon, import-substitution policies developed within promising sectors, and the prospects for enhanced synergy among actors of the public and private sectors.

CNSC's General Manager seized the opportunity to reiterate the institution's commitment to supporting all initiatives aimed at improving Cameroon's logistics competitiveness. He further assured all present of CNSC's support to business persons, through services tailored to ease their import and export activities.

Maritime Single Window

CNSC commits to facilitating port traffic



CNSC's representative

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**), on 8 December 2025, participated in the sub-regional workshop on the setting up of the Maritime Single Window, organised in Abidjan - Côte d'Ivoire. The meeting, placed under the auspices of the Ivorian Government, received technical support from the International Maritime Organisation (**IMO**) and the World Bank.

CNSC was represented at the workshop by **Mr. Nolga Fernand Douglas**, Director for Trade Facilitation and Transport Observatory. Along with other African delegations, he took part in the session that sought to support IMO member states in making operational the Maritime Single Window, a technical tool designed to make international maritime traffic more fluid.

This tool is strongly recommended by the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (**FAL Convention**), and seeks to harmonise port rules, simplify administrative procedures for the arrival, stay and departure of ships so as to speed up maritime operations. IMO requirements, which became obligatory in January 2024, are designed to ease the modernisation of port logistics chains.

CNSC's participation in this workshop reiterates its commitment to ensuring Cameroon's logistics competitiveness and supporting all international initiatives that favour transparency, efficiency and digitalised foreign trade procedures.

Training

CNSC trains business persons on import and BESC 3.0



Interactive discussions

On 10 December 2025, the CNSC organised a training seminar at the Douala Maritime Museum on the theme: **"Understanding and Mastering Administrative and Customs Import Procedures for Enhanced Shipper Competitiveness"**. The session sought to strengthen the capacities of business persons on the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (**BESC 3.0**), an important digital tool used to trace and monitor imported goods.

Mrs. Ngo Ndenga Ntjam Flore, CNSC's Unit Head for Operations, delivered a presentation on the innovative BESC 3.0 procedures, which include making procedures completely paperless, integrating logistics documents, and centralising data on the CNSC on-line platform. The seminar also provided clear insights on the steps for the issuance of ECTNs, which has now become indispensable for all import operations in Cameroon.

Technical partners, including the Directorate General of Customs (**DGD**), the Single Window for Foreign Trade Operations (**GUCE**), Société Générale de Surveillance (**SGS**), the Container Terminal Management (**RTC**) and the MSC shipping company, delivered presentations on related procedures, particularly those for the issuance of Certificates of Conformity (**RVC**) and Import Declarations (**DI-RVC**), port tariffs, management of delivery notes and cargo valuation. This training equipped participants with concrete tools to enable them optimise their operations and become compliant with regulatory requirements.

Economic diplomacy

CNSC promotes Cameroon's image in Morocco



Participants at the session

On 24 December 2025, a Cameroonian delegation was in Rabat, Morocco to participate in several activities promoting Cameroon as an investment destination. Organised by the Investment Promotion Agency (IPA), this initiative sought to strengthen economic cooperation between Cameroon and Morocco by showcasing Cameroon's attractions to Moroccan and other foreign investors. The Cameroonian delegation, headed by **Mrs. Eveline Ekambi Priso**, Attaché at the Cameroonian Embassy in Morocco, and **Mr. Donatus Boma**, Acting Director General of the IPA, held several business meetings with officials of the Regional Investment Center Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaer and with the Rabat-Salé-Kénitra Regional Council.

During these discussions, Cameroon was showcased as a land of opportunities, thanks to its mineral resources, dynamic youthful population, strategic geographical location in the Gulf of Guinea, vast agricultural potential, and its infrastructure development.

CNSC's delegation, headed by **Mrs. Claire Onana Takouchop**, Director for Shippers' Assistance, highlighted the institution's commitment to promoting foreign trade through training targeting SMEs and business persons, projects to construct accommodation centres for road transporters of cross-border trade, as well as technical assistance and logistics services. This outstanding participation of the CNSC further strengthens its role as a key actor in the development of Cameroon's international trade.

Douala Maritime Museum

Father Christmas brings delight to children



Happy children pose with their gifts

As has been the case each end of year, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) organised its flagship event dedicated to children, named: **"Christmas at the Douala Maritime Museum"**. From 20 to 24 December 2025, more than three hundred children aged between 3 to 15 took part in festive and educative activities organised at the museum. The children visited the museum's attractions, discovered the Storm Room, and had a feel of the marine world through interactive and exciting displays.

The event was graced by the presence of CNSC's General Manager, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**; the Director General of Canal 2 International, **Mr. Eric Fotso**; as well as representatives of sponsors such as CAMLAIT and La Cuisine de NOUNOU, who teamed up to make the children experience the magic of Christmas.

Clowns and Father Christmas thrilled the children with fun-filled activities, games, and educational quizzes, under the coordination of the cultural association **"Les Gazelles"**, run by **Mrs. Lydienne Bilong**. The children equally performed Christmas carols in both English and French in a friendly and festive atmosphere. At the end of these activities, the children went back home with smiles on their faces and gifts in their hands, after having shared a family meal offered by the CNSC.

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