

## Container management

### Congestion at Kribi Port

**CNSC and KCT discuss solutions to the problem.**

The General Manager of Kribi Container Terminal (**KCT**), **Mr. David Azra**, was received in audience on 22 April 2024 by the General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**), **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**. This meeting, also attended by Directors and other senior officials of the CNSC, was convened to discuss issues relating to the congestion that is progressively stalling operations at the Kribi container terminal. **Mr. David Azra** underlined the urgent need to shorten container dwell times to 11 days, given that the terminal is now **95%** full, with containers spending between 20 and 24 days at the terminal. To discourage such delays, he proposed that a



*Working session*

penalty should be levied on defaulters. The CNSC, well aware of the difficulties faced by shippers and the impact any additional charges could have on their cost of doing business, recommended that the administrative factors leading to congestion in the port should be eliminated and awareness raised on the subject. Following their discussions, both parties agreed to hold another meeting with all stakeholders in the days ahead, prior to the implementation of this penalty.



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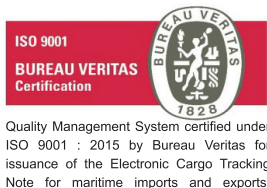
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## International Labour Day 2024

### CNSC staff take part in cultural and sporting activities

Dear shippers,

The month of April 2024 featured a series of remarkable events at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC). The General Manager of the Kribi Container Terminal was received in Douala by his counterpart from the CNSC to discuss issues on port congestion at the Port of Kribi. The Kribi port has already reached **95%** of its capacity, with cargo transit times ranging from 20 to 24 days. For both parties, it was time to take the bull by the horns and revitalise activities at the port of Kribi in order to reduce cargo transit times.

As a strategic partner of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC), the CNSC also welcomed the Vice-Chairman of CWEIC Global, **Lord Hugo Swire**, on his maiden visit to the CWEIC Hub for Cameroon, Gabon and Togo. He was accompanied by a delegation of Indian investors from the Confederation of Indian Industry. This visit led up to the first Global Advisory Council meetings held from 22 to 26 April 2024 in Libreville-Gabon and Lomé-Togo.

Moreover, CNSC staff joined in the festive celebrations of the 138<sup>th</sup> International Labour Day under the theme «**Constructive social dialogue: a vector of decent work and social progress**». It was an opportunity for staff to take part in a wide range of intellectual, recreational, cultural and sporting activities. The objective was to boost team spirit within the company.

Have an enjoyable reading!

**Auguste Mbappe Penda**  
CNSC General Manager



● **Activities organised at the CNSC to celebrate ILD 2024**

● **CNSC present at the Cameroon Investment Forum**

● **Commonwealth: CWEIC Vice-Chairman in Cameroon**

● **CWEIC Hub holds First Global Advisory Council for French-speaking Africa**

● **CNSC and KCT discuss solutions to Kribi Port congestion**

## Celebration

### *The 138<sup>th</sup> International Labour Day at the CNSC*

**CNSC staff take part in activities organised by staff representatives.**



*Team-building exercises*

«**Constructive social dialogue: a vector of decent work and social progress**» was the theme chosen for this year's celebration of the 138<sup>th</sup> International Labour Day in Cameroon. This was the theme around which CNSC employees were schooled by **Miss Ewombe Kalla**, a Labour Inspector in Douala. Her presentation, which took the form of an educational talk, touched on concepts such as constructive social dialogue, decent work, social progress, corruption, hygiene and health. This awareness-raising session was held on 29 April at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**) in Douala. As part of the recreational, cultural and sporting activities, CNSC staff took part in team-building exercises aimed at improving team spirit and innovation. Then, on 28 April 2024, the Douala Reunification Stadium hosted the final of the mini tournament organised by the General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council. The football match ended with a score of 3 goals to 2 in favour of captain **Jean Sylvain Mbang's** White Team. CNSC ladies also competed in a handball match where the Blue team, captained by **Agnes Ngono**, prevailed with a score of 3-2. These matches took place in the presence of CNSC's General Manager, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, along with a large number of spectators, most of whom were colleagues. **Mr. Abdourahamane Abba Kafougou**, Secretary General of the Union of African Shippers' Councils (**UASC**), was invited as a special guest to the event. At the end of these encounters, trophies were awarded to the winners and medals to all the participants. Staff working at CNSC branches and other service units were not left out as commemorative activities were equally organised in the towns of Kribi, Limbe, Yaoundé, Garoua, Kye-Ossi, Ngoulentang and Abang Minko'o. This 138<sup>th</sup> International Labour Day was crowned by a colourful parade at the Besseke Boulevard to the applaud of a host of authorities.

## Investment

### *Investment promotion*

**The CNSC present at the Cameroon Investment Forum.**



*Cross-section of participants*

**T**he Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**) was present at the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Cameroon Investment Forum (**CIF**) in Douala from 17 to 19 April 2024. The event, held under the high patronage of the President of the Republic of Cameroon, **His Excellency Paul Biya**, was organised by Cameroon's Investment Promotion Agency (**IPA**) and had as central theme: «**Attracting productive investment in the agriculture and fisheries value chains with a view to boosting the import-substitution dynamics in Cameroon**»: **Focus on the rice, maize, fish, milk and oil palm sectors**. Through its exhibition stand, the CNSC took advantage of its participation to further inform visitors about its various initiatives geared towards the promotion of import-substitution and the «**Made in Cameroon**» brand. The opening ceremony presided over by the Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, **Mr. Achille Basilekin III**, was attended by the Governor of the Littoral Region, **Mr. Samuel Dieudonné Ivaha Diboua**, and a host of invitees. Most of the issues addressed during the various panels focused on economic growth through import-substitution. Following these enriching discussions was the signing of MoUs between newly partnered institutions.

## Commonwealth

### CWEIC Vice-Chairman in Cameroon

He was accompanied by a delegation of Indian investors.



Indian delegation

In the run-up to the first Global Advisory Councils for French-speaking Africa, the Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (**CWEIC**), **Lord Hugo Swire**, paid a maiden working visit on 19 April 2024 to the Cameroon-Gabon-Togo CWEIC Hub hosted by the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**). Together with a delegation of Indian investors, they were received by **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC's General Manager and Chairman of the CWEIC HUB for Cameroon, Gabon & Togo. Some strategic partners of the Douala-based CWEIC Hub were present at this working session together with the Indian delegation led by **Mr. Aksay Kumar** from the Confederation of Indian Industries. Various sectors of activity in which the confederation hopes to forge partnerships were presented, including medicine, electricity, transport and information technology. **Lord Hugo SWIRE** reassured the audience of the CWEIC network's ability to satisfy these needs, not only on the African continent, but also across the world through the 56 member countries of the Commonwealth.

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## Commonwealth

### First Global Advisory Council for French-speaking Africa

Focus on business opportunities in Gabon and Togo.



Participants

A delegation comprising the Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (**CWEIC**), **Lord Hugo Swire**, the Country Director of the Cameroon-Gabon-Togo CWEIC Hub, **Mr. Cham Etienne Bama**, Cameroon's strategic partners and a number of Indian investors were recently in Gabon (22 - 24 April) and Togo (24 - 26 April). Throughout their stay, they held working sessions with senior officials from the Gabonese and Togolese Ministries of Transport, Trade, Health and the National Investment Promotion Agencies. The working sessions which featured presentations offered a platform for participants to inform the public about their business activities and sectors of interest. This was in a bid to match-make companies that could do business together, thereby promoting intra-Commonwealth trade - the main purpose of this GAC. Gabonese and Togolese authorities expressed their satisfaction with this CWEIC outreach initiative and reiterated their commitment to activities that promote cooperation and project financing. One fallout of the GAC in Togo was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) between the Republic of Togo and some Indian investors who were part of the official delegation from the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (**CWEIC**). Mainly focusing on the health sector, this MoU was drafted after the meeting between the Togolese Prime Minister, **Mrs. Victoire Tomegah Dogbe**, and the CWEIC delegation led by its Vice-Chairman, **Lord Hugo Swire**.