



Dear shippers,

Amongst the key activities that kept the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) busy during the month of March 2025 was the refurbishment of the CNSC Kousseri Trucker Accommodation Centre. To this end, the recently created Joint Committee between the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) and the Special Reconstruction and Development Program for the Far North Region (PSRDREN) held its first meeting in Douala.

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council equally took part, alongside regulatory agencies, in the General Assembly of the African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR), held in Douala, Cameroon. One outcome of this important meeting was the admission of the CNSC, *Your Partner*, to the Continental Association of African Regulators.

Lastly, this publication also reports on the celebration of the 2025 edition of International Women's Rights Day under the theme: *"For all women and girls: rights, equality and empowerment"*. To commemorate this day, CNSC Ladies organised a series of activities including an awareness-raising seminar to reinforce women's empowerment, a donation to female inmates at the Douala Central Prison, and the provision of kits and basic necessities to widowed and abused women in Garoua.

Have an enjoyable reading!

Auguste Mbappe Penda

CNSC General Manager



INFRASTRUCTURE

CNSC PARTNERS WITH PSRDREN FOR RENOVATION WORKS AT THE CNSC KOUSSERI TRUCKER ACCOMMODATION CENTRE



IWD 2025: Many activities were organised to honour CNSC ladies

CNSC-PSRDREN joint committee created for renovation works at CNSC Kousseri trucker facility

Training: CNSC bolsters initiative by Women Up Association

CNSC organises training seminar to commemorate 2025 Commonwealth Day

CNSC designated Observer Member at AFUR

CNSC Ladies celebrate IWD

Many activities were organized to their delight.



GM CNSC poses with CNSC female staff

This year's celebration of the 40th International Women's Rights Day had as its central theme: "For all women and girls: rights, equality and empowerment". To mark the occasion, female staff of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) organised a series of activities to promote women's empowerment.

These activities kicked off on 4 and 5 March 2025 with an awareness-raising seminar at the Douala Maritime Museum on the theme "Empowering women to boost foreign trade". Some forty female SME promoters and members of the Women Up Association, CNSC Ladies and Association pour le Développement des Artisans Handicapés du Cameroun took part in the training.

Various presentations were delivered on some

policies and strategies put in place for the economic empowerment of women in Cameroon. These presentations were led by experts from the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and the Family, UN Women, the Ministry of External Relations and the CNSC.

This year's Women's Week at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) ended with a special lunch offered by CNSC's Management to the Ladies, in the company of their male colleagues. It featured several entertainment activities, including musical performances, fashion parades, etc. Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda, CNSC's General Manager, congratulated the ladies for their commitment and determination to works of charity. Mrs. Stella Maah Nkama, President of CNSC Ladies thanked the General Manager for all the support accorded to them.

In the morning of 8 March 2025, CNSC Ladies took part in an impressive parade at the Besseke Boulevard in Douala, under the watchful eyes of Mr. Samuel Dieudonné Ivaha Diboua, Governor of the Littoral region, and a large audience. The impressive parade by CNSC Ladies received its customary standing ovation from Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda, CNSC's General Manager, who was visibly delighted to see his collaborators march past with broad smiles and colourful outfits.

During the week-long celebration, CNSC Ladies carried out a wide range of charity activities to the benefit of their "sisters". One of these outreach activities was the presentation of various gifts to female inmates at the Douala Central Prison.

The ladies also paid a visit to the Douala Maritime Museum. These outreach activities moved to Garoua on 13 March 2025 where CNSC Ladies offered basic necessities to widowed and abused women in the north region of the country.



Infrastructure

Refurbishment of the CNSC Kousseri Trucker Accommodation Centre

CNSC-PSRDREN Joint Committee holds first meeting in Douala.



Committee members at the session

The Joint Committee created between the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**) and the Special Reconstruction and Development Program for the Far North Region (**PSRDREN**) met on 5 March 2025 at the CNSC head office in Douala. **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, CNSC General Manager and Chairman of the committee presided over the meeting. He was assisted by **Mr. Alhadji Magra Massou**, Vice-Chair and Technical Advisor No.1 at MINEPAT, and was attended by the main committee members.

The PSRDREN Chairman seized the opportunity to express his gratitude to **Mr. Ousmane Alamine Mey**, Minister of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development (**MINEPAT**), for the multi-faceted support accorded to the CNSC. The main objective of the program is to give a face-lift to the CNSC Kousseri Trucker Accommodation Centre. At the close of discussions, a number of recommendations were made, including that CNSC experts should visit the site within 2 weeks, and a second meeting should be convened in April 2025 at the trucker facility in Kousseri.

Training

Sub-regional workshop

CNSC bolsters initiative by Women Up Association.



CNSC and Women Up join forces

From 11 to 12 March 2025, the Garoua City Council hall hosted a training workshop organised by the Women Up Association on the theme: **“Women and trade: Improving conditions for success in development”**. The workshop was launched by **Mrs. Atta Julienne**, Treasurer at the North Regional Council and sponsor of the event. She was joined by **Mrs. Claire Onana Takouchop**, Personal Representative of the General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**).

The first presentation of the workshop was delivered by **Mrs Armelle Makasso**, Sub-Director for Shippers' Assistance at the CNSC, on the role of women in regional economic development, with particular emphasis on standards and certifications. To round off the series of presentations, **Miss Minsize Laetitia**, Service Head for Export Assistance, drilled the women on digital marketing and the need to use digital tools to promote and better sell products and services. The over 200 participants attending the training received participation certificates at the end.

CNSC. Your Partner!



Commonwealth 2025

CNSC joins celebrations

CNSC organises a seminar for participants.



Officials at the opening ceremony

This year's commemoration of Commonwealth Day was held on 3 March 2025 at the esplanade of the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX) under the chairmanship of H.E. Felix Mbayu, Minister Delegate to the Minister of External Relations in charge of cooperation with the Commonwealth. The event was attended by several government officials and High Commissioners from Commonwealth member countries accredited to Cameroon. Holding this year around the theme "**Together We Thrive**", the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), a strategic partner of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC), was represented at the event by Mr. Randolph Njume, Service Head for Translation and Bilingualism Promotion at the CNSC. In collaboration with the CWEIC Regional Office for Cameroon, Gabon, Sierra Leone and Togo, the CNSC also organised a seminar themed "**Building Resilient Economies through Intra-Commonwealth Trade and Investment**", and participated in a mini-trade fair and a round table discussion on the preservation of Cameroon's cultural heritage.

FORUM

Public Utility Regulators meet in Douala

CNSC designated Observer Member.



CNSC receives AFUR membership certificate

The 21st Annual Conference and General Assembly of the African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR) took place from 4 to 7 March 2025 in Douala, with the theme "**The Use of smart technologies in public services: How can regulators foster innovation while protecting consumers?**"

The opening ceremony was chaired by Mr. Njoya Zakariaou, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Transport, in the presence of Mr. Samuel Dieudonné Ivaha Diboua, Governor of the Littoral Region, Mr. Demanou Tapamo, President of AFUR, along with several Cameroonian and African administrations belonging to the Forum des Institutions de Régulation du Cameroun (FIRC) and numerous experts.

The proceedings concluded with the admission of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) as a member of the Continental Association of African Regulators. During the welcoming ceremony, Mr. Younoussou Soungui, Deputy General Manager of the CNSC representing the General Manager Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda, received the Certificate establishing CNSC's Observer Membership on behalf of the institutor. The status of observer member entitles the CNSC to participate in all AFUR working sessions. Alongside the CNSC, other Cameroonian companies such as ASRAN, CCAA, ANTIC, CNC, ANOR and RTA - also joined AFUR as observer members.

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