



FOREIGN TRADE

CNSC AND GUCE SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Dear shippers,

The month of November 2025 ushered in the remarkable move by the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) and the Single Window for Foreign Trade Operations (GUCE) to strengthen their cooperation ties. The two public administrative establishments signed an information exchange agreement as part of efforts to boost Cameroon's foreign trade. This agreement covers digitalisation, awareness-raising and increased communication with actors of the logistics chain.

In the meantime, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council participated in other events, including the American program dubbed "US Maritime Port Security" which held in the United States and sought to improve maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea. The CNSC also organised its monthly capacity-building workshop - "Level Up Your Business", in Douala on the central theme: "Engage in entrepreneurship, be transformed and conquer African markets under the AfCFTA", and took part in the 7th edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Week Cameroon centred on "Productive Entrepreneurship and Opportunities under the Subcontracting Law".

To crown it all, November's edition of the Shippers' Newsletter revisits the awareness-raising and information campaign on male cancers, particularly prostate cancer. This campaign, which was one of the activities to commemorate "Blue November", the month dedicated to the fight against male cancers, culminated in a fitness walk organised in all CNSC regional offices.

Have an enjoyable reading!

Auguste Mbappe Penda

CNSC General Manager



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CNSC and GUCE sign partnership agreement to boost foreign trade promotion

Several SMEs participate in AfCFTA session organised by CNSC

SMEC 2025: Government works with CNSC to boost youth entrepreneurship

CNSC organises an awareness-raising campaign on male cancers for staff

Safety and Security

CNSC advocates for port safety

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Cameroon's delegation to the USA

At the invitation of the US Department of State, a Cameroonian delegation led by the Ministry of Transport and comprising the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**), the Port Authority of Douala (**PAD**), the Port Authority of Kribi (**PAK**), and the Douala Maritime District, took part in the International Visitor Leadership Programme (**IVLP**) in the United States from 8 to 22 November 2025.

This gathering took place under the US Programme on **“Maritime Port Security”**, and aims to strengthen maritime cooperation between Cameroon and the United States in the areas of maritime safety and port security. The Cameroonian experts seized the opportunity to gain practical exposure to American standards and best practices in counter-terrorism, risk assessment and ISPS Code enforcement.

They were equally enlightened on the national priorities and practices for port security, the enforcement of maritime regulations, compliance with international safety standards and inter-agency coordination on port security.

Trade Facilitation

CNSC and GUCE seal ties with agreement

Both institutions signed a partnership agreement to boost foreign trade promotion.



Signing of the CNSC-GUCE collaboration agreement

On 5 November 2025, the Douala Maritime Museum (**DMM**) hosted the signing ceremony of the collaboration and information exchange agreement between the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (**CNSC**) and the Single Window for Foreign Trade Operations (**GUCE**), represented by their respective General Managers - **Mr. August Mbappe Penda** and **Mr. Isidore Biyiha**. The ceremony was well-attended by staff of both institutions.

With the signing of this partnership agreement, the CNSC and the GUCE thus reaffirm their commitment to strengthening transparency and boosting Cameroon's foreign trade competitiveness among public administrative bodies, specialised bodies and private sector actors. Speaking at the event, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** stated that **“CNSC and GUCE share a common vision; that of contributing to trade facilitation in Cameroon's ports, airports, and border posts, while enhancing the country's competitiveness through seamless trade flows”**. With this agreement, both institutions aim to collaborate on training, awareness-raising, and communication with stakeholders in the logistics chain, while also ensuring the security of foreign trade procedures.

Training

CNSC trains SMEs

Seventy SMEs took part in the training session dedicated to accessing African markets.



SMEs receive training for access to AfCFTA

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council's (CNSC) **"Level Up Your Business"** workshop, organised on Thursday, 13 November 2025, brought together over 70 SME promoters and business persons for a training session on market access techniques and opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), as well as the pooling of skills to boost the development of SMEs.

The training took place at the Douala Maritime Museum under the theme **"Engage in entrepreneurship, be transformed and conquer African markets under the AfCFTA"**. It sought to raise awareness among SMEs about the benefits of joint initiatives and the need to seize opportunities and adopt strategic approaches to penetrating the AfCFTA market.

During the session, **Mrs. Armelle Makasso Belibi**, CNSC's Sub Director for Shippers' Assistance, delivered a presentation in which she reviewed the impact of strategic transformation and innovation on the increased competitiveness of enterprises. **Mrs. Aicha Maliki**, Sub Director for Trade Facilitation at the CNSC, in her presentation, attempted to enlighten participants on **"How to access African markets"**. **Mrs. Priscilla Njankou** from **"Africa NATURE Sarl"**, in her capacity as an invited expert, shared her experience as an entrepreneur, to enable participants to gain the tools to help them develop an entrepreneurship culture suited for the African context.

SMEC 2025

CNSC supports enterprise creation

Projects to promote entrepreneurship and youth engagement earmarked for the future.



Participants at the event

The official ceremony to launch the 7th edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Week (SMEC), took place in Yaounde on 18 November 2025 and was attended by **Mr. Auguste Mbatia Penda**, General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) alongside **Mr. Achille Bassilekin III**, Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts (MINPMEEESA), and **Prof. Marie-Therese Abena Ondo**, Minister of Women Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF), as well as a host of SME promoters.

Placed under the theme: **"Productive Entrepreneurship and Opportunities under the Subcontracting Law"**, this 7th edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Week Cameroon sought to create a platform to brainstorm and share opportunities offered by the legal framework of the subcontracting law. These actions stem from a drive to support the development of a nationwide entrepreneurship culture. As head of the institution that supports SMEs in AfCFTA implementation, CNSC's General Manager visited the various exhibition stands to encourage and discuss with SME promoters.

At the end of the session, it was announced that 70 new entrepreneurship clubs would be created in all ten regions of the country, 68 awareness-raising campaigns in schools and universities, and 1,000 youths would be accompanied to set up businesses.

Awareness-raising

A sound mind in a healthy body

A fitness walk was organised to raise public awareness on male cancers



Staff exercise for a healthy body

On Sunday, 30 November 2025, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) organised a fitness walk in its different branches and offices across the national territory. The physical exercise was to commemorate "**Blue November**", the month dedicated to the fight against male cancers. Given the importance of good health, these activities took place in Douala and at all CNSC regional branches in Yaounde, Garoua, Kousseri and Kribi. With a view to pique public interest in the importance of prevention and early diagnosis of male cancers, especially prostate cancer, this activity witnessed the huge participation of CNSC staff and many young volunteers engaged in the fight against this pathology.

Awareness-raising

Combating male cancers

An awareness-raising campaign was organised for CNSC staff.



Staff in attendance

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), together with Clinique Médico-Chirurgicale "**Le Berceau**" (CMBC), organised an awareness-raising campaign on the importance of early diagnosis and therapeutic solutions to combat male cancers. These diseases represent about 80% of cases diagnosed among men in Cameroon. This activity was to mark "**Blue November**", the month dedicated to the fight against male cancers, particularly prostate cancer.

The event was held at the Douala Maritime Museum on 28 November 2025, during which CNSC staff discussed men's health issues with sound advice and teachings from **Dr. Anselme le Grand Mang**, a general practitioner specialised in occupational health and safety. The first phase of this campaign was themed: "**Diagnosis, the act that saves**", and preceded a fitness walk which took place on 30 November 2025 at the Douala Parcours Vita.

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