



Dear shippers,

During the month of March, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), your partner, launched the Land ECTN (**Electronic Cargo Tracking Note**) at the CNSC East Regional Office in Garoua-Boulai, a stone's throw from the border with the Central African Republic.

In the course of this same month dedicated to celebrating women, the CNSC organised training seminars for female entrepreneurs aimed at empowering them economically. The women also received life lessons from experts drawn from administrative bodies, banks and associations, in addition to the economic and financial aspects of the training.

In prelude to the commemoration of Commonwealth Day, and capitalising on the enhancement of foreign trade, the Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC), **Lord Jonathan Peter Marland**, on a visit to Cameroon, was received by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, **Chief Dr. Joseph Dion Ngute**.

The CNSC and the University of Ebolowa (UEB) signed a partnership agreement which seeks to boost the professionalisation of teaching and prepare graduates of the transport, logistics and foreign trade disciplines for the job market.

This month's Shippers' Newsletter revisits the maritime incident that occurred at the port of Casablanca in Morocco, and which led to the official suspension of maritime traffic over a three-day period. The CNSC leveraged this incident to raise awareness among shippers on the importance of anticipating risks during carriage contract negotiations by choosing the appropriate incoterm.

Have an enjoyable reading!

Auguste Mbappe Penda

CNSC General Manager



## LAND ECTN

### LAUNCH OF THE LAND ECTN AT THE CNSC EAST REGIONAL OFFICE



IWD 2026: The CNSC organised a training seminar aimed to boost female entrepreneurship

CWEIC: Chairman received by the Prime Minister, Head of Government and strategic partners

Cooperation: CNSC and UEB seal partnership

Garoua-Boulai: Launch of the land ECTN at the CNSC East Regional Office

Maritime Transport : The appropriate Incoterm matters



## Training

### *CNSC supports female entrepreneurs*

*The seminar was organised as part of CNSC's activities to celebrate the 2026 IWD.*



*Participants at the training*

On 2 March 2026, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) organised a training seminar at its head office in Douala themed **“Women and Trade Facilitation: Easing Access to Funding and Networks for an Enhanced Economic Empowerment of Women.”** Facilitators for this seminar were drawn from public administrative establishments such as the Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF), banks like CCA Bank and associations, notably the group for experience sharing and empowerment of women's associations and business communities known as GIC-APEJEA, and the Cameroon Women Entrepreneur Network (CWEN).

The women were treated to a presentation on sustainable agriculture delivered by **Mr. Mekanda William**, an expert from GIC-APEJEA. **Mrs Cyrema Tchachue**, promoter of the SME Kabalan's, seized the opportunity to share her experience with the women who learned quite a lot from her.

During discussions, **Mrs. Nougoua Natacha Corinne**, CNSC's Service Head for Economic Analysis and Mapping, delivered a presentation on the institutional transformation of the CNSC and equally raised awareness among the female entrepreneurs on the importance of participating in trade exhibitions. The participants were also informed about various opportunities offered by the AfCFTA.

## Cooperation

### *CWEIC Global Chair received by the Prime Minister, Head of Government*

*Lord Marland, accompanied by CNSC's General Manager, visited strategic partner institutions.*



*Group picture*

On a visit to Cameroon in the prelude to Commonwealth Day celebrations, the Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC), **Lord Jonathan Peter Marland**, was officially received in some government institutions in Yaoundé on 2 March 2026. He was accompanied by the General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, who doubles as Chairman of the CWEIC Regional Hub for Cameroon, Gabon, Togo and Sierra Leone.

The day opened at FEICOM's head office in Yaounde with a working session that focused on the digitalisation of learning, attended by CWEIC strategic partners, among whom were representatives of regional councils and officials from public administrative bodies.

**Lord Marland** and his delegation then moved to the Ministry of External Relations for the official launch of activities marking the celebration of the 2026 Commonwealth Day in Cameroon. Following the ceremony, **Lord Jonathan Peter Marland** and **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** were received in audience by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, **H.E. Chief Dr. Joseph Dion Ngute**.

The day ended with a visit to two CWEIC strategic partner institutions, namely Cameroon Telecommunications (CAMTEL) and the Hydrocarbon Prices Stabilization Fund (HPSF).

These visits by the CWEIC Chair alongside CNSC's General Manager, aimed to mobilise strategic partners in view of upcoming events with other CWEIC member countries for discussions intended to help strategic partners find investment opportunities.

## Cooperation

### CNSC and UEB seal partnership

*Professionalising teaching and integrating graduates into the job market requires rigour.*



*CNSC and UEB Staff*

On Thursday, 5 March 2026, the General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, and the Rector of the University of Ebolowa (UEB), **Professor Jean Bosco Etoa Etoa**, signed a framework agreement between their two institutions

***"The signing of this Framework Agreement will enable close collaboration between public administrative bodies and State universities. It is proof of the willingness of both institutions to ensure the implementation of government policies in the domain of professionalising teaching."*** declared **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** in his speech.

This partnership, thus signed, seeks to boost the professionalisation of teaching and prepare graduates from the Advanced School of Transport, Logistics and Foreign Trade of the University of Ebolowa for the job market. Lecturers present at the signing ceremony acknowledged that discipline, rigour, innovation and a sense of responsibility, are all factors required for success in the sector.

## Consultations

### Launch of the Land ECTN at the CNSC East Regional Office

*A consultation meeting on Land ECTN was organised at the D.O.'s office in Garoua-Boulai.*



*Participants present at the meeting*

From 19 to 23 March 2026, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) organised consultation meetings in the East Region, first in the meeting room of the CNSC Trucker Accommodation Centre, then at the D.O.'s office, all chaired by the D.O. for Garoua-Boulai, **Mr. Asse Julien Martial**. These meetings were organised in view of the launch of the Land ECTN at CNSC's East Regional Office.

In the presence of administrative authorities and officials of the forces of law and order, **Mr. Mbang Mbang Sylvain**, Head of the CNSC East Regional Office and **Mr. Bikele Robert Clauzel**, Service Head for Maritime Export and Regularisation ECTN, presented the missions of the CNSC and the place of the ECTN in foreign trade operations. Discussions mainly focused on ECTN issuance fees at the different cargo entry and exit points in the East Region; the modalities and mechanisms for collecting ECTN fees and administrative competence with regard to the management of the ECTN.

One key recommendation of the meeting was that ECTN tariffs throughout the national territory should be harmonised.



## Awareness-raising

### Choosing the appropriate Incoterm

**An incident at the port of Casablanca underscores the importance of Incoterms.**



*Toppled containers*

On Wednesday, 25 February 2026, the Liberian-flagged container ship, Ionikos after crossing the harbour exit of the port of Casablanca in Morocco, was shaken by a heavy swell which toppled about 85 containers into the sea. This incident is quite rare but risks having potentially serious consequences on the regional supply chains as it caused a more-than-forty-hour temporary suspension of activities at the port of Casablanca.

The Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), as a true partner to shippers on the whole logistic chain, sees in this incident an opportunity to remind shippers about some peculiarities of their activity, characterised by port congestion, operational delays and climate constraints. The CNSC is thus raising awareness among shippers, business persons and freight forwarders on the importance of opting for the DAP or DDP Incoterm. Incoterms are a set of codified standard contract provisions regulating the carriage of goods. They state who bears any losses, delays or demurrage fees if such should occur.

Incorporating Incoterms is making a strategic decision with a direct impact on financial performance and resilience in the logistic chain. The shipper must therefore anticipate potential risks when negotiating carriage contracts.

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