



**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON PROBLEMS OF ROAD TRANSPORT OF
GOODS IN AFRICA**

CAMEROON NATIONAL SHIPPERS' COUNCIL (CNSC)

Organised by the

Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC)

In cooperation with World Road Association

Yaounde-Cameroon, Mont Febé Hotel,

14–15 May 2015

Second announcement

Introduction

The seminar on “Problems of Road Transport of Goods in Africa” is part of the action plan of the World Road Association which requires all Technical Committees to organise at least two seminars during the four-year cycle. To this effect, the Cameroon National Shippers’ Council (CNSC) as member of Technical Committee 2.3 “Transport of goods” is will host the abovementioned seminar at Mont Febe Hotel in Yaounde, Cameroon from 14 to 15 May 2015.

Objective

The seminar seeks amongst other to:

- Assess the economic issues in the transport of goods by road in Africa;
- Make an inventory of goods transport corridors;
- underscore the importance of road maintenance and the need to optimise the transport of goods by road;
- Address new funding for road infrastructure;
- Explore the existing legal framework for transport of goods by road.

Participants

The seminar participants and speakers will come from various transport and international trade-related sectors notably:

- Shippers (importers and exporters) from West and Central African countries;
- National shippers’ councils;
- Members of the World Road Association;
- Members of the Association of African Road Managers and Partners(AGEPAR) ;
- Administrations involved in foreign trade operations along the corridors (finance, trade, health, plant health, veterinary, planning, economy, transport, etc.
- Forces of Law and order ;
- Transport observatories (tasked with eliminating malpractices along corridors);
- Freight forwarders, licensed customs brokers and handling companies;
- Public and private cargo transport companies;
- Insurance companies and banking institutions;
- International organisations and institutions in Africa (AU, CEMAC, UEMOA, MOWCA, Global Shippers Forum (GSF), European Shippers Council (ESC), Asian Shippers Council (ASC), CNUCED, etc.).
-

Methodology

The seminar will comprise presentations and discussions.

Languages

The seminar will be conducted English and French with free simultaneous interpretation in the two official languages (English and French).

Programme

The seminar agenda will feature the following key topics:

- Session 1: opening ceremony
- Session II: Economic issues in road transport of goods.
- Session III: Road infrastructure planning, construction, management and maintenance
- Session IV: Optimising goods transport along corridors
- Session IV: Optimising goods transport along corridors
- Session V: The legal framework for carriage of goods by road
- Session VI: Closing ceremony

The detailed agenda is appended to this announcement.

Field visit

Brief description of the field visit

PIARC Special Fund

The PIARC Special Fund can cover up to 100% of travel expenses or up to 100% of accommodation expenses of participants from developing countries (lower middle income and low income countries). It can cover the expenses of one participant per PIARC member country, subject to the agreement of the First Delegate. Requests for Special Fund should be sent to PIARC General Secretariat, e-mail: info@piarc.org .

Transport service between hotel and airport

The CNSC will meet participants at the Yaounde Nsimalen International Airport and provide transport between the airport and hotels and between the hotels and the venue of the seminar. To this end, participants are requested to email their arrival and departure information to the CNSC through: info@cncs.cm

Accommodation

List of hotels with rates, location and contact details

Table to be provided

Programme for Companions

Brief description of organised tours and the rates and duration

Brief description of organised tours and the rate and duration.

General Information about the Host Country

The currency used in Cameroon is the CFA. Currency exchange is also available. The main currencies are the Euro and the US dollar. Most cash dispensers accept the Visa and MasterCard.

On entering into Cameroon international vaccination certificates required by international conventions are required including vaccines against yellow fever and poliomyelitis.

220V eclectic plugs and sockets are available and comply with the French standard. Participants are advised to take along adapters for devices that do not meet these standards. Running water is available.

The climate in Cameroon is moderately warm with temperatures between 20 ° C at night and early in the morning and 35 ° C during the day. Participants are advised to take along appropriate clothing.

Transportation within Yaounde is by taxi whose rate range between 2000 and 3000 CFAF per hour. Rental cars are available from car rental agencies and some hotels.

Obtaining a visa

Visas are issued at Cameroon diplomatic representations or on arrival to those holding prior approvals issued by the DGSN (General Delegation for National Security). Participants from CEMAC member countries and Nigeria do not need visa to come to Cameroon. The CNSC may send invitation letters to participants on request.

Registration

Registration is free. Registered participants are entitled to participant kit, seminar literature, local transport, lunch and tea/coffee during seminar, official dinner, field visit, etc. field visit, local transport, meals and drinks served during the meeting, etc.

Registration form

Registration Form Please return this filled-in registration form **before 30 April 2015**:

Cameroon National Shippers' Council
P.O. Box 1588 Douala – Cameroon
Fax : + 237 233 437 017
E-mail : info@cncs.cm

Personal Information

Participants: Title Surname First Name.....Organisation
.....Nationality.....
Passport No..... Address.....
Phone..... Fax Email

If you are author/presenter, please provide the title of your paper:.....

If you bring your companion, please provide the name and passport No..... of
your companion: Visa will be issued in:.....

Estimated time of arrival:.....

Registration Fees

- ⌚ Participants from lower middle income and low income countries:
 - Non-members of the World Road Association:
 - Individual or collective members of the World Road Association (*):
- ⌚ Participants from upper middle income and high income countries:
 - Non-members of the World Road Association:
 - Individual or collective members of the World Road Association (*):
- ⌚ Students:
- ⌚ Companions:

(* Provide the PIARC membership number when applying for reduced rate for members.

The registration fee includes participant kit, seminar literature, local transport, lunch and tea/coffee during technical sessions, official dinner, field visit, etc.

Payment

Registration is free.

Cancellation Policy: There is no cancellation fee.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON PROBLEMS OF ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS IN AFRICA

CAMEROON NATIONAL SHIPPERS'S COUNCIL (CNSC)

Yaounde-Cameroon, Mont Febe Hotel, 14–15 May 2015

Agenda

MONDAY 11 – WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

Arrival and reception of delegations in Yaounde

Day 1 – Thursday, 14 May 2015

8 :30 – 09 : 00 a.m.

Registration of participants

9 :00 – 10 :30 a.m.

Session I: Opening ceremony

- *Welcome statement by the Government Delegate to the Yaounde City Council*
- *Statement by CNSC General Manager*
- *Statement by AIPCR representative*
- *Background paper/ on the main theme: “Problems of Road Transport of goods in Africa”*
- *Opening address by the Cameroon Minister of Public Works*
- *Group photographs*

Opening cocktail

11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Session II: Economic issues in road transport of goods.

- *Presentation 1: The share of road transport in the carriage of goods (UNCTAD)*
- *Presentation 2: overloading, the main cause of road degradation (Syndicate)*
- *Presentation 3: Problems faced by carriers along transport*

corridors (Corridor authorities)

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.:

Lunch Break

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Session III: Road infrastructure planning, construction, management and maintenance

- *Presentation 1: Planning: a key tool for road development (SSATP, MINEPAT, MINTP, CUD, CUY)*
- *Presentation 2: Funding of road infrastructure (MINEPAT, the World Bank, SSATP, African Development Bank, the Road Fund)*
 - ❖ *The role of Road Funds in road infrastructure development*
 - ❖ *Recourse to public borrowing (MINFI, MINEPAT)*
 - ❖ *Recourse to au public – private partnership (CARPA)*

4:30 – 4:50p.m.

Coffee break

4:50 – 5:30p.m.

Session III: Road infrastructure planning, construction, management and maintenance (cont'd)

- *Control and monitoring of the implementation of road infrastructure (MINTP)*
- *The importance road infrastructure maintenance (MINTP)*

8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Welcome diner hosted by CNSC

End of day 1

Day 2 – Friday, May 15, 2015

9:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Session IV: Optimising goods transport along corridors

- *Through road safety (the World Bank)*
- *Through trade facilitation*
 - ❖ *The MOWCA Sealed Grid System*
 - ❖ *The GPS of the Cameroon Customs*

- *Through the development of suitable infrastructure (the experience of some shippers' councils)*

- ❖ *Multimodal platforms;*

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Coffee break

11:45-12:30 p.m.

Session IV: Optimising goods transport along corridors

(cont'd)

- *Through the development of suitable infrastructure (the experience of some shippers' councils) – (cont'd)*

- ❖ *Dry ports ;*

- ❖ *Stores and warehouses.*

12:30-2:30 p.m.

Lunch break

2:30-3:45p.m.

Session V: The legal framework for carriage of goods by road

- *Carriage of goods by road contract*

- ❖ *At the CEMAC / UEMOA sub-regional level*

- ❖ *At the OHADA regional level*

- *Transit procedures*

- ❖ *At the CEMAC / UEMOA sub-regional level*

- ❖ *The TIR (IRU) carnet*

3:45-4:30p.m.

Coffee break

Drafting of seminar report

4:30-5:30p.m.

Session VI: Closing ceremony

- *Reading of seminar report*
- *Reading of votes of thanks*
- *Words of appreciation by the CNSC General Manager*
- *Closing address by Minister of Public works*
- *Closing cocktail*
- *End of seminar*

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

10:00a.m.-12:00 noon

- *Visit to the National Museum (Yaounde)*

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

Departure of delegates
