Transport & Transit Facilitation

CAMEROON’S EXPERIENCE IN CEMAC

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Context & Issues

GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

- Country with open sea
- Natural trading door for landlocked countries of CEMAC (CHAD, CAR)
- Trade flows with the north of Congo
- Major advantage of Cameroon, the Port of Douala (PAD), which provides 95% of national port traffic, is also the first port of CEMAC, serving with preferential rates, Chad and Central African Republic
Cameroon is like Chad and the Central African Republic where are transiting 80% of their imports and exports.

According to the National Shippers' Council of Cameroon (NSCC), the transport sector generates an overall activity estimated at 15% of Cameroon's GDP.
“Despite its position [...] Central Africa Subregion remains one of the least integrated of the continent in terms of inter-state trade flows, movement of persons or interconnection of physical infrastructure”

2009, Mamadou Hachim Koumaré,
Director of the Sub-regional Office for Central Africa UNECA

CEMAC: The internal trade is less than 1% of GDP
## TOUGH TRADING ENVIRONMENT

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<th>ECONOMY</th>
<th>Trading Across Borders rank</th>
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Facilitation Initiatives

INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS & CONSULTATIVE BODIES

MARITIME FACILITATION COMMITTEE (FAL)

MONITORING INTEGRATING ROAD NETWORK COMMITTEE

TRANSPORT & TRANSIT FACILITATION NATIONAL COMMITTEE

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE PAPERLESS IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

SINGLE WINDOW

PORT SYNTHÈSE

NATIONAL BUREAU OF LAND FREIGHT MANAGEMENT
## Facilitation Initiatives

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<td>Agreement for Mutual Administrative Assistance between Cameroon, Chad and the Central African Customs; Bilateral Consultations between Cameroon / Chad and Cameroon / CAR Customs</td>
<td>Bilateral Agreement on Land Transport of Goods between Cameroon / Chad and Cameroon / CAR Customs</td>
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<td>Bilateral Consultations between Cameroon Customs and Logistics Operators</td>
<td>Seminars on Capacity Building and Facilitation of Transit</td>
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### Facilitation Measures:
- Safe-Conduct International
- Thumbnail for Transporters
Facilitation Initiatives

MODERNIZATION OF CROSS BORDER TRADING

**ASYCUDA++ (CUSTOMS)**
- Electronic Manifest
- Electronic Transit Declaration

**NEXUS+ (CUSTOMS)**
- GPS Tracking System (Corridors)

**CARGO (PORT)**
- Electronic Billing of Port Taxes

**BESC ONLINE (NSCC)**
- Electronic Cargo Tracking Slip

**E-GUCE (SINGLE WINDOW)**
- Electronic Manifest
- Container Tracking Notifications
- Cargo Arrival Notification
- Used Cars import
- Importer/Exporter registration
- e-Payment
- e-Insurance
- Electronic Signature
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TRANSPORT & TRANSIT FACILITATION PROJECT IN CEMAC

Directives of Heads of State of CEMAC, for the implementation of policies and measures to facilitate intra-and extra-regional

FASTRAC PROJECT ADOPTED IN 2006 BY CAMEROON-CHAD-CAR
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TRANSPORT & TRANSIT FACILITATION PROJECT IN CEMAC

FASTRAC PROJECT

ROAD & RAILWAY COMPONENT
- MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
- CAMRAIL COMPONENT

FACILITATION COMPONENT
- MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT COMPONENT
- CUSTOMS COMPONENT
- PORT OF DOUALA COMPONENT
- SINGLE WINDOW COMPONENT
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Key Achievements: Road & Railway Component

Before December 11

After June 2012

- From 53 to 67 % of good roads from douala to Bangui
- From 40 to 65 % of good roads from douala to Ndjamena
- Average Time of Transit reduced from 8,6 days to 6 days
- 495 Km of road is to be constructed or rehabilited
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#### Key Achievements: Facilitation Component

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<td>• Study on the establishment of rest and assistance parking areas to the transporter along corridors Douala - Bangui and Douala-N'Djamena</td>
<td>• Modernization of Customs Offices along the borders (Garoua Boulai, Touboro, Kousseri, …)</td>
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<td>• Definition of implementation plan for the transport sector in Cameroon</td>
<td>• Feasibility study form the implementation of cargo tracking systems for the various means of transports</td>
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**Port Authority of Douala**

- Logistics Base for goods in transit
- Optimization of traffic in the port, its signalization and its regulation.

**Study and Implementation Risk Management Solution for Customs**
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Key Achievements: Transit Procedures in Single Window

- STUDY FOR SIMPLIFICATION & HARMONIZATION OF EXTERNAL TRADE PROCEDURES
- CAPACITY BUILDING
- CARGO TRANCKING SLIP
- ICS FORMALITIES
- MANIFEST
- PORT AUTHORITY’S DUTIES & TAXES
- ELECTRONIC PAYMENT FOR CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES
- CONSIGNMENT LETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION
AGENDA

CONTEXT & ISSUES

FACILITATION INITIATIVES

TRANSPORT & TRANSIT FACILITATION

RELEVANT RESULTS

CONCLUSION
Relevant Results

Manifest Exchange between customs

- DATA EXCHANGE THROUGH ASYCUDA
  - CAR – CHAD
  - Anticipation for the good clearance processes in landlocked countries
Relevant Results

GPS Tracking System

- Improvement the timeliness of releasing bank guarantees
- Securing revenue from customs
- Optimization of traffic management on conventional corridors
Relevant Results

E-Payment

- CASH
- CHECK
- IPV
- e-Guce PAYMENT SYSTEM
AGENDA

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Facilitation is a necessity for countries in CEMAC

- Apply all the regional conventions
- Capacity building concerning trade facilitation
- Avoid redundant facilitation tools
- Enhance regional trade flows
- Implement SW in land locked countries to guarantee data exchange efficiency
Conclusions

PERSPECTIVES

FINALIZE ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT

OPERATIONALIZATION OF TRANSIT PROCEDURES

LEAD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGIONAL SINGLE WINDOW IN CEMAC (AAEC)
THANK YOU

MORE INFO?

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