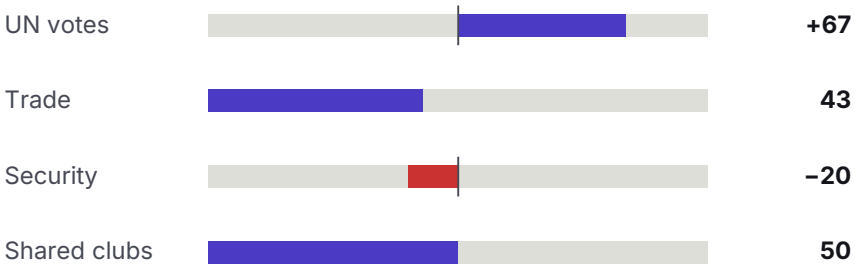
Nigeria & Cameroon

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Close

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

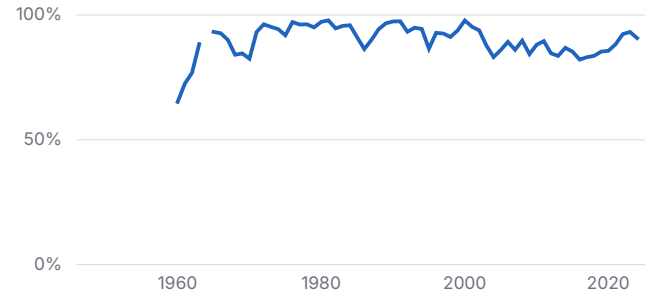


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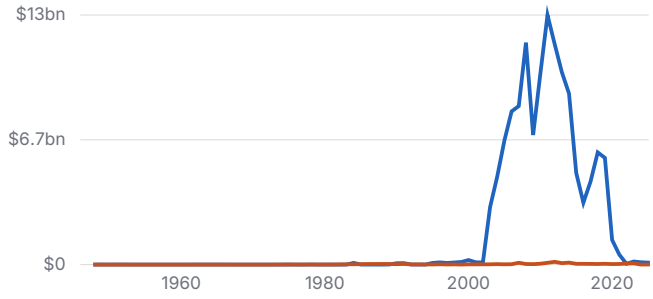
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, in 1996.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 92% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($158 million a year) is modest for Cameroon, much less so for Nigeria.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Cameroon names Nigeria far more often than the reverse (33 sentences against 10).
- 188,000 people born in Nigeria live in Cameroon (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 128,000 refugees and asylum seekers from Nigeria in Cameroon; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



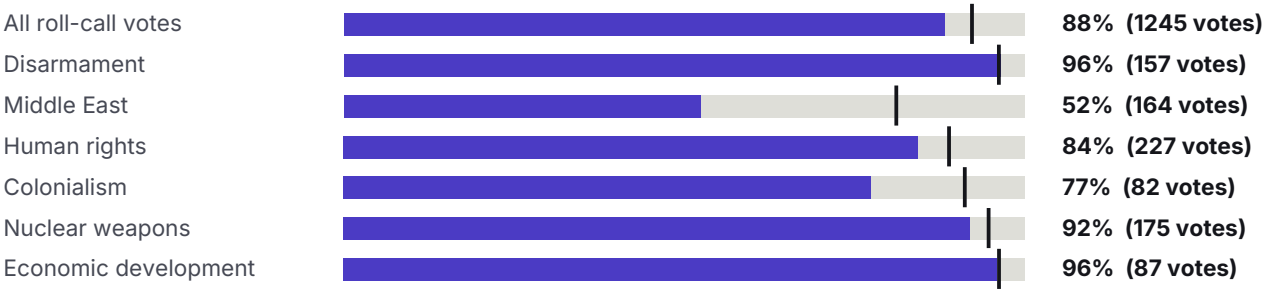
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Nigeria sells to Cameroon Cameroon sells to Nigeria

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on disarmament (96% of votes the same), furthest apart on Middle East (52%), against 88% on all votes since 2010.



Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes	At the UN, the vote agreement of Nigeria and Cameroon was 92% in 2022–2024. For Nigeria, Cameroon is the 60th closest voting partner out of 191; for Cameroon, Nigeria is the 4th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $158 million a year in 2023–2025: 0.1% of all Nigeria's trade and 1.1% of Cameroon's.
Words	Since 1946, Nigeria has named Cameroon in 10 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Cameroon has named Nigeria in 33.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (Cameroon, Nigeria, 1996).
People	188,000 people born in Nigeria live in Cameroon and 56,000 born in Cameroon live in Nigeria (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 26 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	212 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±7 points.
Trade	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**High**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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