

SYNAVAMAB (Syndicat National des Vendeurs et Vendeuses et Assimiles des Marches du Benin)

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Formed in 1992.

Membership: Formed by the UNSTB trade union centre. Open to street and market vendors in the markets of Benin and street hawkers. It has 9 015 members.

Objectives:

- Organise the market and street vendors of Benin;
- Working for improvement of markets (infrastructure; management; child-care facilities; sanitation; electricity; security etc). In the Dantokpa Market in Cotonou where there are 18 500 vendors with selling sites and approximately 8 000 other mobile hawkers and wholesalers, the union works with the trade union USYNVEPID which is organised by a different trade centre, on several joint activities: negotiations training; project management skills (also developing a manual); literacy classes; building a pre-school and a programme on child labour with the involvement of the ILO.
- Lobbying government for lower taxes on market vendors.

Office bearers: Secretary General - Justine Chodaton; Vice-Secretary General - Aboh Jacques; Vice-Secretary General - DA Lokonon Pascal; Treasurer - Chodoton Anastasie espe Aboh.