

Green Ports Conference a Roaring Success



PMAESA Secretary General, Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa (right) addresses delegates during the opening session. Seated (from left): Mr. Twalib Khamis, Harbour Master, KPA and Mr. Harry Barnes-Dabban, Executive Coordinator PENAF.

The 1st Eastern and Southern African Port Managers Environmental Conference ended in Mombasa, Kenya on Wednesday and was hailed as a landmark by the delegates drawn from Africa and Europe.

The high caliber of managers attending and the wide range of topics covered was a clear indication of the importance that stakeholders in the regional ports and REC's accorded it.

At the end of the conference, delegates set out terms of reference to be used in setting up a continental forum to

regulate and monitor environmental challenges inside the African ports.

The initiative is expected to be formally launched during the 8th Pan-African Association of Ports Cooperation to be held in December in Arusha Tanzania.

The conference was organized by the Port Management Association for Eastern and Southern Africa in collaboration with the Ports Environmental Network-Africa (PENAF), a non-profit organization with an interest in environmental perfor-



mance in African ports.

It was also supported by Kenya Ministry of Environment and the UNEP/Nairobi Convention. It was attended by ports in Eastern and Southern Africa as well as Western and Central Africa with facilitators and presenters from Africa and Europe.

The theme of the conference was "Creating a Platform for Information and Experience Exchange to Improve Environmental Performance in Port Area and Hinterland Logistics."

The conference initiated a platform aimed at stimulating discussions on environmental challenges facing Eastern and Southern Africa ports and sharing good practice experiences in environmental protection and management.

Several opportunities for furthering good environmental management practice in the ports were identified among them the benefits of partnering with other stakeholders.

Several key environmental challenges

facing the ports were identified and discussed. Two focus areas were waste management, including responses to emergency incidents such as oil spills, and the management of ballast water, specifically the risks associated with the potential introduction of alien invasive species to the ports.

To download the conference speeches and presentations please visit: www.pmaesa.org/green

SOMALI PIRATES CONVICTED IN KENYA

Seven Somali nationals were last week sentenced to five years in Kenyan prisons after being found guilty of piracy off the notorious Horn of Africa.

The conviction relates to the attack on the Merchant Vessel Anny Petrakis on 7 May 2009. The Master of the Vessel called for help and a Spanish warship, the Marques de la Ensenda, operating in the area under the command of European Union Naval Force Somalia (EU NAVFOR), was able to intervene.

The warship sent its helicopter to the scene to repel the pirates. They only surrendered when the helicopter fired several warning shots. The pirates were subsequently apprehended and transferred to Kenya for prosecution.

EU NAVFOR welcomed the second judgement, which was delivered Thursday 23 September by a Kenyan court.

EU NAVFOR has to date transferred 9 groups of suspected pirates comprising 75 individuals to the Kenyan authorities for prosecution in the Kenyan national courts. Earlier this month, the first of the 9 cases was concluded when the Chief Magistrate sentenced another 7 men to 5 years imprisonment.

October and November are expected to be busy months for the Kenyan courts with a variety of hearings being held in the other 7 ongoing cases including a final judgement in one of them.



photo: Joe Okanga

Five of the seven suspected pirates in court

Prosecutions are conducted by Kenyan prosecutors under Kenyan Law before a single magistrate. EU NAVFOR officers work closely with Kenyan prosecutors and the local police with regard to the preparation of the prosecution case.

The maximum sentence upon conviction for piracy offences in Kenya is life imprisonment; under Kenyan Law and indeed as a precondition for suspected pirates being transferred by EU NAVFOR capital punish-

ment is not available.

EU NAVFOR Somalia - Operation ATALANTA's main tasks are to escort merchant vessels carrying humanitarian aid of the 'World Food Program' (WFP) and vessels of 'African Union Mission in Somalia' (AMISOM), and to protect vulnerable ships in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean and to deter and disrupt piracy. EU NAVFOR also monitors fishing activity off the coast of Somalia.

TRANSNET PORTS IN BUSINESS SURGE

The port terminals operated by Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) in Port Elizabeth, South Africa are riding the waves of success after handling impressive volumes during the month of August.

The new Ngqura container terminal, due to celebrate its first anniversary in October, handled a record 46,836 TEUs during August. Of this, 34,067 TEUs, or 72%, was transshipment cargo being transported between regional ports. The remaining cargo volumes at Ngqura container terminal comprised 12% imported cargo and 16% exports.

The year to date figures for the one year old terminal suggest that Transnet's strategy of positioning the port as a major transshipment hub for Southern Africa, is working well.

Year to date figures since October 2009 show the cargo mix as 58% transshipment, 22% imports and 20% exports.

At the neighbouring Port Elizabeth Container terminal, 36,626 TEUs in container cargo were handled during August, up from 32,532 TEUs during July. The last record was achieved in July 2008 at 42,400 TEUs.

The August container cargo at Port Elizabeth's container facility comprised 13,102 TEUs (or 36%) imports, 10,396 TEUs (or 28%) exports and 13,128 (or 36%) transshipments.



Transnet National Ports Authority CE, Mr. Khomotso Pihlela



With a total of six new Liebherr ship-to-shore cranes in place, Berth 601 offers high productivity container handling.

Siya Mhlaluka, Transnet Port Terminals' Terminal Executive Manager for the Eastern Cape Region, attributed the high volumes to the increase in market demand for automotive components which are part of the manufacturing contracts won by local OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers).

He said the peak season for refrigerated (reefer) cargo had also driven volumes.

Meanwhile, the five-year expansion programme at the Cape Town container terminal is expected to double the ports productivity by 2012.

Major dredging, deepening and refurbishment work on the second of four berths is well underway and will be completed by May 2011. The first 100m of Berth 602 has been handed over recently to terminal operations. Coupled with the already refurbished Berth 601, this affords the terminal 420m of berth space to accommodate one large 305m vessel along its long quay.

The upgrades to all four berths and the Ben Schoeman Basin will enable larger new generation vessels to enter and 'park' safely at the container facility.

Inside the terminal, the fleet of harbour cranes has been beefed up to improve the efficiency of container handling. On Friday, 27 August, the fifth and sixth Liebherr ship-to-shore cranes were commissioned and worked on their first vessel on Monday, 30 August.

APAPA TERMINAL AUTOMATES GATES FOR SECURITY

The Apapa Terminal in Nigeria will be fitted with an 18 gate automated system to streamline entry and exit of traffic.

Apapa is the largest container terminal in West Africa, and APM is investing in new infrastructure and equipment to support further growth.

APS Technology Group, Inc., a leading provider of optical character recognition (OCR) and process automation technology solutions for marine and intermodal terminals, announced APM Terminals is implementing the APS Automated Gate System at Apapa.

APM Terminals is implementing the APS fully automated gate system, including four OCR and damage inspection portals, 18 driver kiosks with high-security access control barriers and a biometric security system to register and validate drivers at entry and exit. The solution is



APM Terminal at Apapa, Lagos

the first of its kind in any West African terminal.

"We are pleased that APM has chosen APS for this groundbreaking project in Lagos," said Russ Scheppmann, APS Technology President. "This investment shows APM's continued commitment to West Africa and their industry-leading approach to delivering world class terminal operations to support their customers' trade growth."

APM Terminals is proactive in its technology adoption and security initiatives. The Company was named the winner of the Safety at Sea International Award in the

category of Management and Operations for 2010. APM was also named the "Terminal Operator of the Year" by Lloyd's List for the current year.

NDUA TAKES OVER KPA

The President of the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) Mr. Gichiri Ndua has a new feather in his cap.

Mr. Ndua was recently appointed Managing Director of the Kenya Ports Authority which is one of the bigger ports in the Eastern and Southern African region.

He is the first African to head the IAPH a feat he achieved even before he was appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the port.

Mr. Ndua, 54, holds a Master of Arts degree in Economics from University of Nairobi. He joined the KPA as a project analyst 26 years ago and rose to the position of principal planning officer by 1989.

He got further promotion to the position of business and development coordinator in 1996. In 1999, he was elevated to become the personal assistant to the managing director, KPA and was appointed the principal of Bandari College in 2000. In 2009, he was elected the president of the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) after serving as its deputy since 2005.

Mr. Ndua rose to position of corporate services manager in 2000 until February this year when he was appointed acting MD after Mr. Mulewa was sent home by the board.

The port is currently stretched almost to its full capacity of 20 million tonnes per year. Last year, the port handled a total throughput of 19.06 million tonnes of



Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki (right) with KPA Managing Director, Mr. Gichiri Ndua tour the KPA exhibition during the Mombasa International Show

cargo up from 16.415 million tonnes handled in the year 2008, representing a record growth of 16.1%. Experts warn that the port will not be able to handle the growing volumes of cargo unless the planned expansion is fast tracked.

Immediately after his appointment, he addressed a press conference where he outline a slate of major expansion projects to propel the port of Mombasa into the modern age in line with other regional developments.

The Japanese government is financing the Sh23 billion second terminal, currently at the design stage, to the tune of Sh16 billion with the rest being contributed by the government.

The port handles is currently handling over 650,000 Twenty Foot Equivalent Units (Teus), which is projected to increase to one million by 2013. The new terminal will have a capacity to handle 1.2 Teus capacity.

Ndua will also steer the dredging of the port channel to create capacity for the port to handle larger vessels that are currently in manufacture and preferred by

the shipping lines.

The process of dredging the channel is already underway and tenders to identify a firm that will carry out the task as well as assist in raising the Sh7 billion required for the project started in April this year. The dredging is expected to begin before the end of this year, Mr. Ndua said KPA has invited bids for the construction of berth 19 and an adjacent stacking yard to allow berthing of larger vessels. Documents that show technical and financial capability by firms expressing interest must be received by the authority before September 30 2010.

The government intends to privatise 100 per cent stevedoring services and development of berths 11 to 14 at the port and the Eldoret Container Terminal.

This will require physical restructuring of the berths including strengthening of the quay to sustain the weight of the cranes. The terminal will then be leased to a private operator while KPA remains the landlord, according to the planned privatisation.



Mr. Ndua addresses the media

The Conference in Pictures



Above: Delegates pose for a group photo after the opening session



Above and Below Delegates follow the proceedings keenly



The Guinean Delegation



The Conference in Pictures



The South African Delegation



From Left: Mrs. Nancy Karigithu, DG KMA, Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa, PMAESA Secretary General and Mr. A.Y. Jim Fugar, Ghana Ports & Harbours Authority during a break in proceedings



The Ghanaian Delegation



Delegates at a cocktail



Delegates briefed by Capt. Geoffrey Namadoa of KPA during a tour of the Mombasa port pollution control unit



Maputo Dredging To Start



An aerial view of the port

The dredging of the Port of Maputo is now on the cards with the arrival of the vessel *TSHD Pallieter* which docked on Monday the 20th September 2010.

The dredging to be performed by Mascarenes Dredging & Management Services ("Mascarenes"), will take between 4 and 6 months to complete and will result in the depth of the Port being increased from the current 9.4m to 11m.

This project will allow the Port to handle fully laden Panamax vessels

with a gross tonnage of up to 70, 000 tonnes, greatly enhancing its attractiveness to potential port users through greater efficiencies, wider market access and improved port accessibility.

The project is a joint venture between CFM, Grindrod and DP World, the joint owners of port operating company MPDC. The project has been funded by equity contributions from the shareholders and by external debt provided by the Standard Bank of South Africa.

Visitors Corner



Mr. Imed Zammit, Maritime and Inland Water Transport Unit, African Union holds talks with PMAESA Secretary General, Mr. Ntibarekerwa, during a recent visit to the PMAESA Secretary General

From left background: Mr. Ntibarekerwa, PMAESA Secretary General, Mr. J. Kizito-Kabanguka, Transport Economist, World Bank, Mr. I. Onyango, PMAESA Statistics Officer, Foreground: Ms. T. Kgare, Transport Specialist, SSATP and Mrs. J. Mwanyumba, PMAESA Project Development Officer during a recent visit to the PMAESA Secretariat



Events

Dredging Technologies
Dates: 4th - 5th October
2010
Venue: Antwerp, Belgium

FIATA 2010 World Congress
Dates: 4th - 8th October
2010
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

Port and Terminal
Technology USA 2010
Dates: 4th - 6th October
2010
Venue: Long Beach, USA

ACI Optimising Port
Development,
5 - 6 October
Venue: Dubai - UAE

PAPC 2010
6 - 9 December 2010, Snow
Crest Hotel,
Venue: Arusha, Tanzania

Africa Development Forum
11 - 15 October 2010,
Addis Ababa.

105th IMO Council meeting
1 - 5 November 2010
Venue: London.

2nd Annual Africa
Ports, Logistics and Supply
Chain Conference 2010
3 - 4 November 2010,
Venue: Accra, Ghana.

5th Maritime
Communication Technology
6 - 7 October 2010
Venue: London, UK

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