

PMAESA TO INTENSIFY ANTI AIDS DRIVE



The Wellness Centre at the Kenya Ports Authority

The PMAESA Secretariat will intensify the drive to curb HIV AIDS by setting up more wellness centres in the regions ports and corridors.

Secretary General Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa confirmed this during a meeting held at the PMAESA boardroom and which brought together a wide range of local and international stakeholders.

He disclosed that since the project started last year, wellness centres had already been set-up at the ports



Jerome Ntibarekerwa addresses the stakeholders flanked by Wellness Centre representatives, (left) Isaac Onyango(PMAESA), Eva Mwai(North Star Alliance) and John Kazungu(Kenya Truck Drivers' Union)

of Mombasa, Dar es Salaam and Durban.

“Our Board is satisfied with the outcomes from the existing wellness centres and this year we shall extend the same services to other ports.” He said. He said that there was need to look at the economic impact of HIV Aids in the regions transport systems and especially analyse how it reflected on the ports budgetary allocations to its control.

He called for the establishment of a coordinating unit



at the PMAESA secretariat to monitor how the ports were dealing with the scourge. The North Star Alliance Country Director Mrs. Eva Mwai who was the convenor of the meeting said that interviews to fill some of the vacant staff positions would be held soon to make the Mombasa centre more efficient. The Alliances Africa director MR. Paul Mathew said that the organisations centres scattered in many parts of the region would soon be networked by computer for easier data analysis. He said that factors like location of the centre could affect its accessibility by the targeted users but said a comprehensive outreach programme including the training of commercial sex workers had yielded results in some areas. The meeting resolved to involve the Kenya Transporters Association (KTA) because of



Eva Mwai (North Star Alliance), John Kazungu, Ahmed Omar and Nicholas Mbugua (Kenya Truck Drivers' Union)

their strategic relationship with the industry which was crucial in the fight against the spread of AIDS. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Long

Distance Truck Drivers Association, World Food Programme (WFP), the Ministry of Health and Medical Services as well as Kenya Ports Authority.



The delegates pose for a picture after the stakeholder's meeting.

NAMPORT SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH TRANSNAMIB

Namport has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation and Agreement with national rail and road carrier TransNamib Holdings Limited to increase efficiency in the transport sector.

Announcing the agreement, the NAMPORT Chief Executive Officer Mr. Bisey Uirab said that there was need to create synergies through information sharing in vital market areas to ensure strategic business growth.

"We believe that closer, focused cooperation between Namport and TransNamib Holdings is long overdue, and we are excited about the giant step that we are taking today. Together, we will be in a strong position to take on our challenges and lobby support to our shareholder and all other stakeholders."

Namport, he disclosed was finalizing a major feasibility study to expand the container terminal at the Port of Walvis Bay whose construction was expected to start next year and be at the end of 2012.

"Once this new terminal becomes



Namport CEO, Mr. Bisey Uirab and Kalmar's (Cargotec) Mr. Desi Moodaly during the handing over of the RTGs at Walvis Bay. Below: The RTGs

fully operational, Namport will be in a position to double its container throughput at the port of Walvis Bay. This growth at the Walvis Bay port will certainly create a great opportunity for TransNamib to transport more cargo." He added.



Secretary General Bereaved

The staff at the PMAESA Secretariat is sad to notify all our readers of the bereavement of the Secretary General who lost his dear mother in a road accident in Burundi. Mama YondiYondi Domina was 64 at the time of her demise on Sunday the 31st of January 2010. The deceased was buried in Bujumbura on 2nd February 2010. Messages of condolence from PMAESA Members and the Board of Directors have continued to be received at the secretariat.

We join Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa and his wider family in this moment of sorrow and grief and offer our heartfelt condolences.

- Secretariat Staff

DJIBOUTI-ETHIOPIA RAILWAY GETS SUPPORT

Ethiopia has launched an aggressive campaign to seek support for the building of the refurbishment and expansion of the railway line linking it to Djibouti which is its main access to the sea-routes.

The government is engaging with a number of international companies before the tender is given for the vast project.

Among them are some Indian and Chinese companies.

The Ethio-Djibouti Railways is the successor of the Imperial Railway Company of Ethiopia and jointly owned by the governments of Ethiopia and Djibouti which received the French shares after its independence in 1977.

The single 781 km railway has a 1,000 mm gauge, most of it on Ethiopian territory and about 100 km in Djibouti.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi tackled the



The Addis-Djibouti railway line

project with the visiting Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Shashi Tharoor recently on the sidelines of the African Union summit in Addis Ababa.

According to officials, the Ethiopian Prime Minister had specifically sought India's help in establishing a link to Djibouti as it is a landlocked country.

The Ethiopian government has recently signed an agreement of understanding with four foreign companies, including India's

Overseas Investment Alliance and two Chinese groups, to undertake studies for the railway project.

The project will be awarded to the company that comes up with the financing first.

The Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway is part of the government's plan to lay down 5,000 km of track along seven different routes of economic importance. The next phase will see another track linking Ethiopia to Kenya.

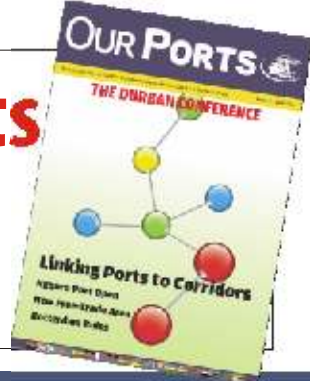


Ethiopian Prime Minister, Mr. Meles Zenawi



Djibouti President, Mr. Ismail O. Guelleh

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NGQURA RIGHT ON COURSE



The quay-side at the new Port of Ngqura

Just four months after its inauguration, the new port of Ngqura is making significant strides in the transshipment market in South Africa and the region.

Transshipment volumes from the Far East, South America and the rest of Africa began arriving at the facility for the first time in January, bumping total vessel calls up to 43 and total cargo volumes up to 35,403 TEU's since the terminal's operational launch in October 2009.

January alone saw 18 ships arrive at the terminal, compared to an average of seven over the months October to December.

The Port of Ngqura has a deep-water port with a depth of 16.5 metres alongside the berth and an 18 metre draft at the entrance channel, which can accommodate



Ms. Nozuko Caroline Ndevulana at the controls of one of the massive cranes at Ngqura Port

the new generation container vessels.

Currently shipping lines MSC and MOL have included the Port of Ngqura in their regular ports of call. Other lines are also negotiating contracts with Transnet.

Transnet is on course to meeting

its volume targets for the facility. It had set out to handle 50,000 TEU's in the first six months of operation and 100,000 TEUs by the end of the first year.

The terminal started off cautiously, handling only 2,960 TEU's in October but maintained steady growth and had handled 19,606 TEU's in January. Some volumes have been moved from the neighbouring Port of Port Elizabeth although there are still service lines calling at PE container terminal.

The average GCH (gross crane hour, or the number of containers moved per crane per hour) at the terminal is currently 22 with December performance peaking at 26.

To date Transnet has invested in excess of R10 billion to develop the state-of-the-art Port of Ngqura.

Visitors Corner



Councillor Bady Twalib, Chairman of the Shipping Committee at the Mombasa Municipal Council is received by PMAESA Secretary General, Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa during a courtesy call at the Secretariat

Dr. Bani Orwa a researcher and consultant on HIV/AIDS receives a copy of Our Ports Magazine from Editor Mr. Njuguna Mutonya as PMAESA's Mrs. Lucy Onyango looks on



Durban Conference

A jolly moment: as Tanzania's Mr. Iddi R. Mkwata (Dar Port Manager) and Commercial Director, TPA, Ms. Fransisca Muindi(right) share a joke with Mr. Martey Emmanuel, Deputy CEO of Ghana Shippers Council at the 35th Annual PMAESA Conference in Durban, South Africa last year.

Events

26th International Conference on Seaports & Maritime Transport Alexandria, Egypt 7-9 Feb

1st Rail Freight Conference Antwerp, Belgium 11 Feb

Green Port 2010 Stockholm, Sweden 24-25 Feb

Seminar on Break Bulk Cargo Antwerp, Belgium 22 Feb-5 Mar

Seminar on Port Security Antwerp, Belgium 8-19 Mar

TOC Asia 2010 Shanghai, China 16-18 Mar

3rd China Maritime Conference Hong Kong, China 16-18 Mar

17th IALA-AISM Conference Cape Town, South Africa 21-27 Mar

Transport Events Management 4th Indian Ocean Ports and Logistics 2010, Hilton Mauritius Resort Mauritius, 25 - 26 Mar



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