

## African Ports Urged to Publicize their Activities



A container vessel docked at a port in Africa

The President of the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH), Mr. Gichiri Ndua has appealed to African ports to publicize their development, plans and programme through Ports and Harbours magazine which is the official mouth piece of the Association.

Mr. Ndua, who is also the current PMAESA Chairman, said in an open letter that a lot of exciting events and development are happening at African ports currently.

"These are realizations and milestones that are worth telling and IAPH is keen to let the rest of the world know about them."

Mr. Ndua urged African Port executives to seize the opportunity and convey to the Association's Ports and Harbours magazine the successes and challenges if any that they experienced in 2010, their development plans and programme for the coming decade.



Mr. Ndua

"Africa has a huge potential for growth and development during this decade. Let us make 2011 the year when African ports raise their international profile in the rest of the world," said Mr. Ndua who is also the Managing Director Kenya Ports Authority.

Mr. Ndua's appeal has come at a time when concern has been raised from different quarters from within and outside the continent about the lackluster publicity African ports got from the international media even at a time when they are enjoying an era of dynamic growth.

"We believe ports and maritime companies in other parts of the world should know more about the great things that are happening on the continent's shores and rivers" added Penny Thomas the editor of the bi-monthly publication that covers IAPH issues.



# COMESA's 4th Investment Forum set for Dubai

In an effort to promote investment and trade opportunities in the region, IC Events in partnership with Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry has concluded arrangement to hold the 4th Investment Forum of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern African States, COMESA from 23rd to 24th March 2011 in Dubai.

The Port Management Association for Eastern and Southern Africa, whose 14 member countries are also part of the 19 member state COMESA will be fully represented at the forum.

Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa, the Secretary General of PMAESA is expected to present a paper highlighting challenges and investment opportunities in the Eastern and Southern African ports.

Mr. Ntibarekerwa will talk on factors driving traffic growth in the PMAESA region, challenges with logistics chain, port performance in South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Angola, Namibia and Djibouti among other key issues.

Mr. Ntibarekerwa has appealed to the PMAESA member ports and potential investors to participate in this important event with a view of attracting more investment in the region.

According to the organizers, the Forum will bring together

key policy makers and business leaders from some of Africa's most successful companies to showcase new projects and highlight the business potential and opportunities within COMESA's 19 member states.

In addition, participants are expected to discuss ways to contribute to Africa's long term economic growth through close collaborations between local and foreign investors and the public sector.

The Investment Forum is an initiative of COMESA (Regional Investment Agency) the investment promotion arm of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa.



Mr. Ntibarekerwa

COMESA has quickly become Africa's largest economic community. With its 19 member states, population of 430 million (2008) and an annual import bill of around US\$ 152 billion (2008) and an export bill of over US\$ 157 billion (2008), COMESA forms a major market place for both internal and external trading.

The member states include; Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Zambia, Zimbabwe (all members of PMAESA).

Other members include Swaziland, Uganda, D.R. Congo, Egypt and Libya.



**4<sup>th</sup> COMESA INVESTMENT FORUM**  
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**Dubai to Africa: Unlocking the Markets of the Future**  
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## BEIRA BUILDS A NEW COAL TERMINAL



The existing coal terminal at Beira port

The Mozambican government is planning to build a new coal terminal at the port of Beira with capacity to process between 18 and 24 million tons per year, a coal sector source has said.

The source said that Australian group Riversdale Mining had already sent the government a letter manifesting interest in funding, developing and using the coal terminal to be built in Beira, the capital of Sofala province.

At the moment the only viable short and midterm option to transport the coal is the Sena railroad that links to the port of Beira, and the coal terminal and dock 8 at the port of Beira, which is currently undergoing refurbishment.

The work to refurbish dock 8 is being financed by Riversdale Mining and by Brazil's Vale, which plan to export 6 million tons of coal per year via the dock.

Riversdale Mining has also said it plans to transport some of the coal on barges from Benga to Chinde on the Zambezi river, as a mid and long term option. The environmental impact study is in the final stages, and the final report is currently being produced.

A technical study was also carried out at the same time as the EIS and for this a self-propelling vessel was built for this purpose, as well as a further three acquired for carrying out studies on the river. Riversdale Mining sees transporting coal on barges as a way of complementing rail transport. Due to the potential of the Moatize basin and believing that the capacity of the port of Beira will not be enough for the quantities of coal produced by all the players involved, Riversdale Mining has said that other transport methods will be needed, such as using the port of Nacala.

Source: MacaHub

# Ngqura Container Terminal Posts a Record Performance



Ships docked at the Ngqura container terminal

The new Ngqura Container Terminal (NCT) operated by Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) has started the year with impressive operational performance, the highest since its opening in October 2009.

During January 2011 shifts working at the terminal consistently achieved 28 Moves per Gross Crane Hour (GCH). GCH is the common measure of productivity in the container handling business and represents the number of containers each crane moves per hour.

NCT also enjoyed growth in container volumes. January 2011 saw the terminal handle 30 879 Twenty Foot Equivalent Units (TEU's) of which 4 930 was imports, 6 934 exports while 18 985 was transshipment cargo destined for other regional ports.

A TEU (twenty foot equivalent unit) is the standard measure of container volumes, usually the volume of a 20 foot or six metre shipping container.

The terminal's previous highest GCH was achieved in December 2009, just two months after opening, when operators topped 25GCH handling container volumes of 4 748 TEUs.

TPT's Eastern Cape terminal executive manager Siya Mhlaluka said NCT's GCH performance had been made possible by teamwork, additional staff and improvements in vessel and yard planning.

"It is pleasing to witness that as volumes grow the performance of our operations teams also improves. We want to offer a consistently excellent service to all our clients, by ensuring quick turnaround of vessels. Already these great improvements are the result of teamwork and integrated planning systems among all key role players to enable an efficient service offering," he said.

The terminal has employed 376 operational staff who are split over three shifts. This excludes support services staff.

# PMAESA's 2011 Work Plan Approved

**P**MAESA's 2011 work plan was approved by the Association's board members during the recent 36th Council meeting in Arusha, Tanzania.

The work plan anchored on five key objectives will focus mainly on the Association's visibility to be engineered by its Mombasa based secretariat, development of human resources, financial resources, development of ports activities integrated to transport corridors and respect for international norms and conventions.

According to the PMAESA Secretary General Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa, the objectives will aim at improving the visibility and image of the Association, by the implementation of an appropriate communication policy within the members of the Association on one part and the

partners on the other part; to contribute to the development of maritime and port expertise in the sub-region and to make efforts at improving the financial resources of the Association and ensure their efficient usage.

The other objectives will include contribution to the improvement, coordination and harmonization of the port services and activities of the sub-region, in a bid to improve the effectiveness of their benefit to vessels and goods and to reinforce the cooperation with the hinterland countries and international organizations and finally to contribute to the ratifying and implementation of international norms in the port and maritime domain by the member countries.

## Visitor's Corner



From Left: Mr. George Sunguh, PMAESA Communications Consultant, Mr. Lambert Nyoni, Managing Director, MAGERWA, Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa, PMAESA Secretary General, Mr. Adam Iskounen, General Manager, Portek, Mr. Isaac Onyango, PMAESA Ports Statistics Officer and Mrs. Jemimah Mwanyumba, PMAESA Project Development Officer during a recent visit to the Secretariat.

## Events

PIANC COPEDEC VIII  
Madras, India  
20-24 February

11th Annual TPM conference  
Long Beach, CA, USA  
7-8 March

5th Africa Economic Forum  
2011, Cape Town, South  
Africa  
7-9 March

WMU-IMO Conference - Oil  
Spill Risk Management  
Malmö, Sweden  
7-9 March

TOC Asia 2011,  
Tianjin, China  
15-17 March

AAPA Spring Conference  
Washington, D.C. U.S.A  
21-22 March

COMESA 4th Investment  
Forum, Dubai,  
23 - 24 March

World Ports & Trade  
Summit ADNEC, Abu Dhabi  
28 -30 March

5th Indian Ocean Ports and  
Logistics, Antananarivo,  
Madagascar  
30-31 March

SMM India 2011  
Mumbai, India  
7-9 April

The International Maritime  
Transport & Logistics  
Conference, "A vision for  
Future Integration",  
Alexandria, Egypt  
10-12 April



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