

New Dates for PMAESA Council Meeting



Mr. Fer van de Laar



Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa



Mr. Bisey Uirab

PMAESA Secretary General Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa has announced new dates of 28 - 30 November 2011 for the forthcoming 37th Annual PMAESA Council meeting cum Ports and Maritime Conference to be held in the Namibian Port City of Walvis Bay.

The initial Dates of 5 - 7, December, he said coincide with those set for IAPH Africa/Europe Regional meeting scheduled for Antwerp in Belgium.

"Since most of our members are also members of IAPH, it is only fair that we avoid running the two meetings back to back," he said.

The new dates for the conference themed - Ports & Logistics: A Vision for Future Integration - were arrived at after consultations with IAPH's Managing Director Mr. Fer Van de Laar and Mr. Ntibarekerwa. The conference host is the Namport CEO, Mr. Bisey Uirab.

Mr. van de Laar said a pattern of meetings for the two organizations had been arrived at way back in the year 2008 in Dunkirk, France.

"There after we met in Djibouti (2008), Hamburg (2009) and Arusha in 2010."

According to the PMAESA schedule of meetings the two organizations are scheduled to meet in Mauritius in 2012 on a date to be established.

Meanwhile Namibian Ports Authority has identified four conference hotels for delegates' accommodation during their stay in Namibia.

Special rates for the attendees have been negotiated by Namport. Ms Jo-Ann Stevens the Conference Coordinator has asked the delegates to take advantage of these rates, by making reservations at the earliest opportunity direct to the hotel.

"Please mention that the booking is for the conference hosted by Namibia Ports Authority, to be eligible for the negotiated rates," she advised adding that, "the hotels in Swakopmund area get fairly busy during the December holidays, hence we advice all the delegates to make their reservations early enough to avoid disappointment.

Conference website: www.pmaesa.org/apmc2011



Task Force to Lead Africa's 2050 AIM Strategy formed

A cross-Department task force to develop an integrated, coherent and comprehensive 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM-Strategy) has been formed at the African Union Commission. The 2050 AIM-Strategy will articulate an overarching multilayered African-driven long term vision to address Africa's maritime challenges and opportunities. The 2050 AIM-Strategy Task Force was formed in the face of the pressure that Africa's oceans and seas are under. These include loss of life and revenue from illegal activities. The lost revenue amounts to hundreds of billions of US dollars in the past decades. African Union statistics show that traditional maritime activities such as shipping and fisheries intensified in the past decades while new ones, such as aquaculture and offshore renewable energy emerged. The rise in intensity of activities at sea took place



Mr. Mwencha

against a backdrop of insecurity, degradation of the marine environment and falling bio diversity, aggravated by climate change. AU Commission Deputy Chairperson Mr Erastus Mwencha officially introduced the 2050 AIM-Strategy Task Force members and stressed the need for Africa to provide quality leadership on Africa's strategic maritime affairs at the continental level. He observed that maritime issues cut across all the departments of the AUC. This is the reason, he said, why there was need to form an all-inclusive task force of

experts to provide leadership.

The 2050 AIM-Strategy should be ready for adoption by January 2012.

Mr Samuel Kamé-Domguia, OCist, was elected convener of the 2050 AIM-Strategy Task Force, which agreed to meet every two weeks.

Transnet appoints a New Harbour Master

Seven years after becoming the youngest harbour master in the world, Rufus Lekala of South African port landlord Transnet National Ports Authority will again make history when he takes up office as the country's first Chief Harbour Master of colour. His appointment, effective 1 June, 2011 will also make him the youngest person in this position worldwide.

Lekala, 41, succeeds maritime stalwart Captain Mike Brophy who served in the position from 2005 until his recent retirement.

Tau Morwe, newly appointed Chief Executive of Transnet National Ports Authority, said the appointment was one of the most crucial in the port authority's programme of transformation.

"With Rufus's background he will be invaluable in helping TNPA to implement its new strategy and vision through a revitalised approach to doing business and achieving our strategic objectives. He will be responsible for strategic thinking around maritime projects in South Africa, setting maritime policy, implementing

international best practice and acting as Transnet's liaison with entities such as the Department of Transport, the International Maritime Association and the International Lighthouse Association," said Morwe.

Lekala will also be active in developing harbour masters to serve as authorities on navigating vessels safely in and out of South African ports.

The harbour masters will have a dotted line reporting to the Chief Harbour Master and a direct reporting line to Port Managers at the respective ports. Speaking of his latest appointment, Lekala says, "It has been a rewarding journey and I am immensely grateful to those who have helped me to get to this historic point. My focus as I settle into the role will be on stabilising the department structure, while updating the country's policies on marine resources, dangerous cargo movement, vessel entry guidelines, ship vetting



Mr. Lekala

systems, training and development, and much more."

Lekala is a member of the International Harbour Masters' Association and has served as its deputy president from 2008, rubbing shoulders with other global harbour masters.

Over the past 10 years, his career trajectory has seen him break the ice as the first

black harbour master at several South African ports.

From the small, 35 vessels-a-month Port of East London, to the 300 vessels-a-month Port of Cape Town and eventually the Port of Durban, one of Africa's busiest, he is now widely recognised as one of the country's most senior authorities on vessel navigation and safety.

He will also begin reading for a Bachelor of Law at the University of KwaZulu-Natal next year to deepen his understanding of the legal aspects governing maritime issues in South Africa.

Pictorial

Workshop on Development of Port Statistics & Performance Indicators in Eastern & Southern African Ports

20 - 21 June 2011, Mombasa, Kenya

Efforts to develop a uniform system of Port statistics and performance indicators in PMAESA region is slowly but surely coming into a reality following the completion of the phase one of the study project that took six months.

Delegates drawn from 15 PMAESA member states and key partners such as COMESA, EAC, SADC, USAID, ISCOS, TTCA and Trade Mark of Southern Africa converged at a two day workshop in Mombasa between June 20th and 21st to analyse the findings by the IDTS consultants who had been assigned the task.

The workshop was attended mainly by port statisticians and other regional maritime experts was to validate the assessment study to enable PMAESA create and develop a comprehensive indicators, benchmarks and database as input to port development plans. The project is set to move into phase two which will involve the implementation of the findings and harmonized data collection modalities.



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1. Mr. Harjiwan Kalle of the Mauritius Ports Authority (holding Microphone) steers the proceedings of the recent workshop on "Development of Ports Statistics and Performance Indicators in Eastern and Southern African ports held in Mombasa recently.

2. The looks tell it all: These delegates could not help taking to the dance floor for a jig as a seasoned Mombasa DJ spun his best selections. After undergoing a grueling day of statistics and figures workshop they were hosted to a sumptuous dinner and cocktail at one of Mombasa's best seafront restaurant.

3. A group photo of all the workshop participants.

Djibouti Delegation Visit

PMAESA SG Jerome Nitibarakerwa (left) receives the two man delegation of Mr. Djama Ibrahim Darar (centre) and Abdoukarim Moussa Omar from the Port of Djibouti at the PMAESA Secretariat in Mombasa



African Port Managers Visit Port of Bremen

Representatives from a number of African Ports are scheduled to visit Bremen Port of Germany in September this year under a Marpol study programme. The visit scheduled for September this year comes as a result of the recent adoption of the African Ports Environment Initiative (APEI) during the 2010 Pan African Ports Corporation Conference held in Arusha Tanzania. "In acknowledgment of the challenge of African ports taking up environmental responsibility and dealing with common environmental issues in meeting their international obligations, the Port of Bremen, Germany, has accepted to host and share its experience in implementing MARPOL with African ports under the Africa Ports Environment Initiative (APEI)" said Mr. Harry Barnes Dabban who is the Executive

Coordinator of Ports Environmental Network-Africa.

The study visit, he said, is intended to expose participants to the operationalization of MARPOL.

Lessons to be learnt during the study visit is expected to include how Bremen adapted MARPOL into a national law, the Bremen national regulation, procedures for handling ships wastes from planning for ships arrival through inspection, discharge to treatment, documentation and verification, structure of charges, institutional structure and the roles of agencies involved, the relationship between the police, port authority, port state control, customs among others, and collaboration with other ports. Participating ports will also share their home situation.

AWARD

Mr. Dumisani Theophilus Ntuli (pictured), the alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has been awarded by the President of the Republic of Brazil, the highest Brazilian Order of Naval Merit as Officer. Mr Ntuli received the Medal in recognition of his cooperation, consensus building and contribution in the work of the International



Maritime Organization as representative of South Africa. Mr Ntuli is the Vice Chairman of the IMO Council. The Medal was awarded during the ceremony held on Monday 13 June 2011 celebrating the Naval Battle of Riachuelo of 1865. The High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to the United Kingdom, Dr Zola Skweyiya in congratulating Mr Ntuli said that this demonstrated the high standards of performance by South Africa at the IMO and that this Medal was important for the country in

Events

Sea Sunday Celebrations
Mission to Seamen,
Mombasa - Kenya
31st July 2011

APEC-Antwerp Port
Environmental Policy &
Technology
Antwerp, Belgium
5th - 16th September

FIATA World Congress 2011
Cairo, Egypt
18th - 23rd September

9th Intermodal Africa
Casablanca, Morocco
21st - 22nd September

TOC Middle East 2011
Dubai UAE
27th - 29th September

International Port Security
Workshop, Rotterdam,
Netherlands
28th - 29th September

7th Trans Middle East 2011
Abu Dhabi, UAE
26th - 27th October

Maritime & Coastal Security
Africa 2011, Cape Town,
South Africa
26 - 28 October 2011

African Ports
& Maritime
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Meeting
Walvis Bay, Namibia
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