

Mombasa Hosts Pan-African Corridors Meeting



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The African Trade Policy Center (ATPC), jointly with PMAESA, is set to organize a consultative meeting on the establishment of Pan African Network of Corridor Management Institutions (PAN-CMIs) in a meeting to be held in Mombasa on 14th - 15th of May 2012.

This meeting will bring together key corridor management institutions in Africa that have a long and rich experience in the development and management of corridors to lay the foundation for the successful establishment of PAN-CMIs. These institutions will include Walvis Bay Corridor Group, PMAESA, North South Corridor, Maputo Corridor, Dar es Salaam Corridor, Central Corridor and Abuja-Lagos Corridor. The meeting will deliberate on key issues

in respect of the establishment and management of PAN-CMIs including governance and organizational structure, operational guidelines and procedures, and financing and funding arrangements. Africa's trade performance has been marginal despite the widespread adoption of trade liberalization reforms. Trade facilitation is therefore necessary if it's to improve its trade performance. Reforms such as improvement in the quality of the regulatory environment and the quality of basic transport and communications infrastructure improves trade performance.

The development and modernization of transport infrastructure and removal of non-tariff barriers along all corridors of Africa is critical for trade expansion and regional integration. In this regard the

role of corridor management institutions in addressing these challenges is paramount. It is against this background that the ATPC is initiating the establishment of strategic PAN-CMIs in Africa.

The development and management of transport corridors is an integral and critical part of trade facilitation strategies and reforms. The ultimate goal of a corridor is to promote both internal and external trade by providing efficient transport and logistics services through the implementation of strategies and interventions

The PAN-CMIs will serve as an institutional mechanism for networking, sharing information, visions and perspectives among stakeholders to accelerate the development of corridors.



African Ports Conference Venue to be announced Soon

PMAESA Secretariat will soon announce the dates and the venue for the next edition of African Ports and Maritime Conference (APMC), The Association's Secretary General Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa has said. Mr. Ntibarekerwa was reacting to inquiries from would be delegates, visitors and exhibitors who have inundated the Secretariat with inquiries about the next venue and dates for APMC 2012.

"We will finalise details about the next conference's logistics at the next board meeting due for Cape Town, South Africa towards end of April," said the SG.

This year's PMAESA meeting, he said, was likely to attract a bigger participation than last year as it will be combined with an International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) Africa-Europe meeting.

He said a pattern of meetings between PMAESA and IAPH Africa-Europe region had been agreed way back in the year



Mr. Ntibarekerwa

2008 at a meeting held in Dunkirk, France. It was agreed here that IAPH Africa-Europe region meets in Africa every even year and in Europe during odd years.

This saw the meeting in Djibouti in 2008, Hamburg 2009 and Arusha, Tanzania 2010. The two meetings in Africa were held alongside PMAESA conferences.

"It therefore goes without saying that this year's PMAESA's Conference is likely to attract more delegates than last year's event in Swakopmund, Namibia which brought together an estimated 200 delegates from across the globe."

Other factors which are likely to influence the choice of PMAESA conference date are the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) council meetings and the IAPH annual meeting.

IMO Council is scheduled for 5 - 9 November while IAPH will have a mid term meeting this year from 21 - 24 May in Jerusalem, Israel.

PMAESA Gets New staff

Two staffers namely Josephat Asande Basweti, 29, and Simon Meja Meiseiyieki, 34, have joined PMAESA as an Accountant and Projects Development Officer respectively. Mr. Basweti joins the secretariat from an audit firm based in Mombasa. He had earlier worked for a security firm also based in Mombasa for a period of five years as a cashier. Mr. Basweti is a Certified Public Accountant and had participated in a holistic training in Vision Institute of professional covering topics like practical accounting, human sexuality, self esteem and HIV/AIDs. During his free time Mr. Basweti enjoys reading commercial law articles, playing football and has inkling for workshop participation. Meja Simon Meiseiyieki, 34, joins PMAESA as the Projects Development Officer taking over from Mrs. Jemimah Mwanyumba



Mr. Meja



Mr. Asande



Mr. Onyango



Mrs. Mwanyumba

who returned to Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) after several years of service at the Secretariat. Mr. Meiseiyieki, who is also seconded from KPA, is on a two year renewable contract. He joined KPA in 2007 as a management trainee and was later confirmed to the position of an Assistant Marketing Officer. He studied Business Administration business option Marketing at Barkatullah University (Formerly Bhopal) – India . He likes reading novels and is

a football enthusiast. He is married with one child. Meantime Mr. Isaac Onyango, who has been PMAESA's Port Statistics Officer has also returned to his position at KPA after years of splendid to the Association. Mr. Jerome Ntibarekerwa, PMAESA's Secretary General welcomed the new staff and thanked the two officers who had been redeployed back to the port for their commitment and good service to the Association over the period.

Africa Gets A Brand New Port

Four African heads of state were in the forefront last month opening and laying foundation on additional seaports in South Africa and Kenya respectively as the continent addressed its infrastructure bottleneck which has seen it lag behind the international maritime trading scale.

South African President, Jacob Zuma, led his countrymen in the grand opening of the country's 8th international seaport: Port of Ngqura.

"This underlines the country's firm commitment to putting economic development and more specifically infrastructure development at the centre of our work as we fight poverty, unemployment and inequality," quipped the President in his key note address.

Up North in East Africa three of his counterparts, President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia and President Salva Kiir of Southern Sudan had also launched Kenya's second international Seaport of Lamu.

This port will serve Kenya's northern region which has remained under developed since independence due to persistent insecurity, linking the country to Southern Sudan and Ethiopia's traditional breadbasket in its southern region.

President Zuma, while addressing the business community, diplomats and the country's political elite said opening of Port of Ngqura reflects the long-term vision his government to develop Ngqura as one of the biggest trans-shipment hubs in Sub-Saharan Africa.

He said: "To date, the government through Transnet has invested over eight billion rands in the basic port infrastructure, creating over fifteen thousand jobs during construction."

The president further observed that South Africa's economic prospects are inextricably linked to the region. As such, South



President Jacob Zuma (centre) during the official opening of Port of Ngqura

Africa cannot focus on improving the competitiveness of its own freight transport system without adopting a regional perspective. In addition, the port has the potential of enhancing South-South trade.

It is forecasted that in the medium to longer term, the South-South shipping trade route, for example between China and Brazil will emerge as a significant global trade route, thereby changing the dynamics of the international trading system. President Zuma in his recent State of the Nation Address announced the Market Demand Strategy of Transnet, which entails an investment, over the next seven years, of three hundred billion rand in capital projects.

Of this amount, R200 billion would be allocated to rail projects and the majority of the balance, to projects in the ports.

...Another in the offing

President Mwai Kibaki recently launched the construction of the Kenya's second seaport of Lamu which will open its northern frontier linking it to Southern Sudan and Ethiopia.

President Kibaki was accompanied during the ceremony to mark the unveiling of the plaque Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and South Sudanese President Salva Kiir.

The first phase of the US\$ 24.5 billion project commenced early this year with the construction of the first three berths at a cost of US \$ 664 million.

The port is planned to have a total of 32 berths spanning 8,600 meters, a crude oil pipeline running some 1,300 kilometres and a road network along the new LAPSSSET Corridor linking the Lamu Port with Southern Sudan. The Lamu Port will be deeper than that of Mombasa which cannot sustain many ships because of the depth of the channel.

Mombasa port is 12 metres deep while the Lamu port will be 18 metres to enable bigger ships anchor safely.



(Left to right): Presidents Salva Kiir (South Sudan) Mwai Kibaki (Kenya) & Meles Zenawi (Ethiopia) hoist their national flags after launching the Lamu Port recently

The port will have a capacity for 23 million tonnes of cargo once it's complete and that will be a major boost to the economy.

Addressing the gathering, President Kibaki reiterated the

need for cooperation between the three countries, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya. He cautioned the locals against incitement from quarters that are opposed to the project.

He further echoed Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga, sentiment that any local that will be affected with the construction of the multi billion project will fully be compensated according to laws of Kenya. He finally appealed for all the involved parties to play their role to ensure that the project is a success.

The two visiting heads of state talked of good bilateral trade, social and political cooperation that their countries have enjoyed with Kenya. The prime minister of Ethiopia mentioned of the plans of the Ethiopian government to inject the Kenya National power grid with up to 1000Mw on the other hand the President of South Sudan praised Kenya of her role during their struggle for independence. Mr. Salva Kiir noted that the North, Republic of Sudan was not happy with her efforts to channel her oil through the Lamu port.

Transnet's Port Operator Looks to Africa

Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) intends to maximise on the enormous growth market represented by Africa, by forming partnerships with other African ports and promoting the country as a regional hub for the rest of the continent.

TPT Acting Chief Executive, Logan Naidoo, said TPT's previous experience outside South Africa, could help to position African ports as the growth engines of their respective economies.

He mentioned three key intra-continental initiatives being pursued by TPT. They included offering services such as port terminal operations, consulting, training, equipment maintenance and IT systems to other African ports. It also intended to pursue regional port planning and port pairing with other African ports. Finally, drawing Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with other African countries. TPT has previously assisted with terminal operating systems, port consultation and training programmes in ports such as those in Namibia, Kenya, Cameroon, Mauritius and Ghana. A regional port planning strategy



Above: Port Ngqura Container Terminal. Inset: Mr. Naidoo

between Port of Ngqura and other ports in the region is now underway to leverage opportunities. Transnet is playing a key role in ensuring that this corridor's potential is unlocked so that freight can move easily and efficiently. He mentioned the role of training by TPT at the Transnet School of Ports, where it gave superior port operations training programmes and facilities. With a potential of one-billion consumers, the continent's ascension into one of the fastest growing economies has created

massive demand for infrastructure, goods and services. International terminal operators are moving into Africa's ports with great speed and developments over the next three years in Kenya, Mozambique and Tanzania will see a total of more than US\$689 million spent on port upgrades. Naidoo believes Transnet and TPT boast the economies of scale to position themselves as regional freight operators in other African countries and to remove barriers that negatively impact trade transiting through the SADC region.

Events

14th - 18th May
8th International IHMA Congress, Cork, Ireland

16th - 25th May
IMO Maritime Safety Committee(90th Session), IMO Headquarters

21st - 24th May
IAPH Mid-Term Conference & Board Meeting, Jerusalem, Israel

6th - 8th Jun
IMO Technical Co-operation Committee(62nd Session), IMO Headquarters

11th - 14th Jun IMO Council (108th Session), IMO Headquarters

25th - 29th June
35th PMAWCA Annual Council Meeting, Lagos, Nigeria

19th - 30th Jul
Maritime and Port Security - Galilee International Management Institute, Galilee, Israel

6th - 7th Sep
10th Intermodal Africa 2012
Durban, South Africa

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Twenty Years Jail for 11 Pirates

All eleven pirates that were apprehended by EU Naval Force warship FS Nivose in May 2009 and transferred to Kenyan authorities in May 2009 were found guilty on 19 April 2012. By ruling of the Magistrate the eleven pirates now face 20 years imprisonment. It was 3 years ago when French frigate FS Nivose part of the European Union Naval Force Operation Atalanta, stopped a

pirate mother ship. The pirates had tried to escape in two skiffs, but the frigate's helicopter foiled the attempt. With the evidence found and confiscated, the suspects were detained and handed over to Kenyan authorities for onwards prosecution. In April 2012, counter piracy efforts were rewarded when a 20 year jail term was handed to those pirates.

EU NAVAL FORCE Welcomes More Warships from Spain and the Netherlands to Combat Piracy off Somalia

EUNAVFOR the counter piracy task force sent by the European Union to patrol the waters of the Horn of Africa, has been joined by two additional warships. The Dutch multi-role frigate HNLMS VAN AMSTEL has arrived in the area, as well as Spanish frigate ESPS REINA SOFIA.

Both ships have helicopters embarked that are capable of searching large areas of sea to look for suspect pirates. These warships bring the total EUNAVFOR strength up to 10 vessels in preparation for any increase in pirate activity following the end of the monsoon season.

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