

KMA HOSTS INTERNATIONAL TRADE WORKSHOP IN KISUMU COUNTY

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) held its quarterly International Trade Workshop on 4th and 5th April, 2018 at Sunset Hotel, Kisumu. The workshop organized in collaboration with the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping (ISCOS), Shippers Council of East Africa (SCEA) and Export Promotion Council (EPC) was aimed at sensitizing exporters, importers, clearing agents and manufacturers on the use of appropriate International Commercial Terms (INCOTERMS), the role of Mombasa Port Community Charter (MPCC) on integrated performance indicators, emerging industry issues and trends, enhancing industrial and infrastructure development for trade, reduction of logistics costs and enhanced cooperation in customs and combating of unfair trade practices.

The Trade Facilitation Workshop was officially opened by Hon. Salmon Orimba from the County Executive Committee (CEC) Water Irrigation and Natural Resources who represented Hon. Anyang Nyong'o, Kisumu County Governor. Hon. Salmon shared with the participants, the current investment plan of Kisumu County of setting up a Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The SEZ is expected to support manufacturing industry with a goal to revamp export trade in Kenya, through modernization of export facilities at the points of exit, particularly at the Lake Port and Kisumu airport. He reiterated the need for trade facilitation which is a critical enabler in creating a seamless trade flow and encouraging regional commerce.

The two days' workshop was officially closed by Mrs. Pauline Dola, the County Commissioner of Kisumu. Mrs Pauline expressed her gratitude towards the informative workshop and highlighted the measures that the government has implemented towards improving and securing Northern Transit Corridor to facilitate regional and international trade.



Participants of the International Trade Workshop held in Kisumu County