

Kenya set to host maiden maritime conference



The International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) is set to organize its first annual conference on the African soil. The 26th International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) conference is scheduled to take place in September 2018 in Kenya.

The IAME conference flag was officially handed to the Kenyan delegation during the IAME 25th Annual conference held in Kyoto, Japan. The delegation comprised representatives from the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) and the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA).

The conference is expected to provide a unique opportunity for local and regional maritime researchers to network and integrate with global researchers who will converge in Kenya. The Conference will also enable academics to interact and discuss current research topics which contribute to the development of maritime economics and management disciplines.

Hundreds of top maritime brains from over 40 countries are expected to converge in Mombasa for the conference whose theme will be “Sustainable maritime, Port and Logistics industries in emerging economies: towards a path of Blue Growth.”

As the main local sponsor, the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) will offer logistical and administrative support, lead the marketing and communication efforts and assist in securing participation of major institutional parties in the international conference.

KMA will partner with the KPA, Trademark East Africa (TMEA), the University of Nairobi, Belgium's Vrije Universities Brussels (VUB), Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa (PMAESA), Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Technical University of Mombasa (TUM) and the Moi University to ensure the success of the event.

IAME was founded in 1992 and has become the most prominent academic society of scholars with an interest in maritime economics, which includes ports, shipping and hinterland transport. IAME members come from a variety of research backgrounds, primarily economists and management, but also from logistics, finance, engineering, sociology among others.



Maritime experts are invited to submit their papers for the workshop, the key dates are as following;

November 30th, 2017: Abstract Submission

February 28th, 2018: Full paper submission

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