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Maritime Education and Training Financial Support Program set to take off

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) will sign a Service Contract with the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) on Friday, 5th February, 2021, at the KMA Headquarters to establish a Maritime Education and Training (MET) Financial Support Scheme to support capacity building in the Maritime and Blue Economy sector by providing financial assistance in line with the Merchant Shipping Act, 2009. The signing of the Contract Service will be inaugurated and witnessed by Dr. Nancy Karigithu, Principal Secretary, State Department of Shipping and Maritime and Mr. Robert Njue, the Director General of KMA.

The signing of the Service Contract is expected to pave way for KMA to offer financial support to qualifying beneficiaries under the “Maritime Education and Training Financial Support Program”. KMA will partner with HELB and the State Department of Shipping and Maritime under the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works with regard to administration and management of the Scheme. The support will be in form of scholarships, bursaries and loans and will target the following: -

- i. Vulnerable and Marginalized
- ii. Priority cadres that are critical to development of the maritime sector
- iii. Upgrading the existing staff capacity with new skills that are relevant in the new dispensation

The financial support will be accessible to beneficiaries who have the requisite qualifications for grant of the loan, bursaries, and scholarships.

KMA is mandated with the responsibility to monitor, regulate and coordinate activities in the maritime industry in line with the Merchant Shipping Act, 2009. In this regard, KMA plans, monitors and evaluates training programmes for Maritime Education and Training (MET) to ensure conformity with standards laid down in international maritime conventions and oversees matters pertaining to the training, recruitment and welfare of seafarers.



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