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CONCEPT NOTE

1.0 Name of the side event: Maritime Transport

1.1 Date: 26th November 2018

1.1.1 Venue: Aberdares Hall, KICC

1.2 Time: 4.30pm (1630hrs) - 6.30pm (1830hrs)

1.3 Organizers: Maritime transport stakeholders: State Department of Shipping & Maritime, Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), African Ship owners Association-Kenya(ASA), Kenya National Shipping Line(KNSL), Kenya Ferry Services(KFS), Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA), Kenya Trade Network Agency(KENTRADE), Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa (PMAESA), Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping(ISCOS), Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre (MTCC).

1.4 Focus on Key sub-themes:

The maritime transport side event will integrate the over-arching theme of the conference “*Blue economy and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development*” and the following sub-thematic areas of the conference:

- i. Smart Shipping, Ports, Transportation and Global Connectivity
- ii. Maritime Transport in Employment, Job creation, Poverty eradication and the Blue economy
- iii. Maritime safety, Security and Regulatory enforcement

1.5 Relevant participants

The invited stakeholders are composed of maritime transport industry players at national, regional and global levels. These include but are not limited to:

- i. Heads of Maritime Administrations
- ii. Port Authorities
- iii. Representatives from regional and international maritime and shipping organizations
- iv. Senior Ministry representatives responsible for Policy and Oversight
- v. Heads of relevant regulatory institutions
- vi. Heads of institutions involved in cargo intervention and inspection

- vii. Logistics service providers
- viii. Representatives of Development Agencies
- ix. Representatives of shippers
- x. Representatives of Trade Associations
- xi. Existing and potential investors in the sector
- xii. Representatives of marine environment protection institutions
- xiii. Ship building and repair yards
- xiv. Maritime education and training institutions

1.6 Expected number of participants: 150

1.7 Expected outcome of the Maritime Transport Side Event

It is expected that the Maritime Transport Side event will provide the platform for learning and exchanging ideas, sharing knowledge, experience and investment opportunities on among other topical issues:

- i. Measures on improving performance, productivity and efficiency of maritime transport services
- ii. Trends on realization of effective port performance and management
- iii. Strategic partnerships and collaborations on improving performance of the sector
- iv. Resource mobilization for investment opportunities in the maritime transport sector such as the viability of establishing a maritime cluster development fund and how it works
- v. Regulatory and oversight strategies and challenges for improved performance of the maritime sector
- vi. Research and Development initiatives in the maritime sector and implementation of research findings for improved development and growth of the sector
- vii. Maritime Education and Training – Status, potential opportunities and requirements for development of globally competitive human resource
- viii. Cabotage opportunities

2.0 The Concept Note

2.1 Smart Shipping, Ports, Transportation and Global Connectivity

Maritime industry has shaped the world history and continues to contribute to the growth of international trade. An estimated 80 per cent of global trade by volume and over 70 per cent by value are seaborne. Distribution of goods sustains the modern world as we know it today and this would be impossible without shipping services.

Shipping affects everyone no matter where you may be in the world for if you look around you, you will see something that has either been or will be transported by sea as raw materials or finished goods.

The world seaborne trade continues to grow and sustains the growth of economies of both coastal and hinterland States. The overall transportation costs however, vary greatly from 4 percent of the value of goods in some regions of the world to almost 30 percent in other places. Variations arise from the different logistical challenges, inter-agency coordination, physical infrastructure, regulatory environment and use of technology in cargo clearance.

The maritime transport sector is a multi billion industry in which for Kenya alone, an estimated 3 billion US Dollars is paid annually for shipping services. A country's involvement in the provision of shipping services must of necessity be a key strategic objective in the Blue Economy space for wider consultation. A country's involvement is determined by the existing structures for human resource development, supporting investment policies and regulatory environment that promote orderly growth and participation in the sector.

Equally important is the enhanced collaboration among lawmakers, security agencies, industry operators and academia to reflect on the state of maritime security, safety, prevention of marine pollution and regulatory frameworks. They need to think critically about measures needed to address the associated challenges in the short and long term. Conversations in this context will be around technology, legal frameworks and enforcement capacity to address existing and emerging maritime security threats, safety and governance issues the sector needs for rapid growth.

In the side event, discussions will focus mainly around cost reduction measures in the transport logistics chain, enhancement of investment opportunities in shipping services, infrastructural development in the sector, inter-agency coordination for improve cargo clearance efficiency, partnerships collaboration in the provision of maritime transport services and leveraging on technology for enhanced service delivery. Of further attention will be discussions on environmental and social corporate responsibility and accountability measures in the sector.

It will also be important to deliberate on how transportation potential of inland waters can be developed to enhance hinterland connectivity. Incentives needed to strike a balance in the use of fossil fuels and renewable energy to drive the transport sector and the role of Maritime Transport Coordination Centers (MTTC) in this respect will also feature in the deliberations. Last but not least there will be discussions around measures needed to integrate women, youth and marginalized populations in the mainstream maritime transport sector and in particular the role of the Association of the Eastern and Southern African Women in the maritime sector (WOMESA).

2.2 Maritime Transport in Employment, Job creation, Poverty eradication and the Blue economy

Blue economy is gaining wider global recognition as a major source of employment opportunities and quite significant in eradicating poverty. Africa's blue economy for instance is massive and if well developed and managed, has the potential to be a major contributor to economic transformation and growth of the continent. With thirty eight coastal and island countries, the length of Africa's coastline inclusive of its islands is about 26,000 nautical miles. The continent has fifty-two (52) of its over one hundred port facilities handling international trade. Its share of global ships is 1.2 percent handling about 0.9% of the global gross tonnage.

Across many parts of the world, development of national, regional and global strategies to revamp Blue economy is on the increase. Africa for instance developed an Integrated Maritime Strategy, 2050 that bestows responsibility on member states to promote economic interactions with the maritime domain as a means of boosting growth opportunities and advancing sustainable use of Africa's water resources. In these initiatives establishment of an integrated governance framework for the Blue economy is seen as the most effective means for accommodating and resolving conflicts between the vast range of marine-related interests and values that originate from the past years of fragmented management approach.

In the side event, deliberations will be around how a multi-sectoral framework of all clusters can be set up for the realization of orderly planning, assessment, consultation, collective decision making, policy making and execution for the realization of the full benefits of Blue economy potential. It will also be possible to discuss how an integrated cluster concept will enable the maritime transport promote gender equality, full employment and decent work for all for facilitation of economic growth and eradication of poverty.

Another key area of deliberation in the event will be the development of effective and well structured management to enable coastal and lake-facing cities to increase their contribution to GDP growth by leveraging their superior advantage in such areas as tourism and culture while conserving coastal and aquatic ecosystems. The question of how can the aquatic invasive alien plants be turned into renewable energy alongside wind and tidal waves will be deliberated upon. Another area will be capacity building of small-scale fishers and entrepreneurs to adopt sustainable practices including value addition in order to bring about new business opportunities and end hunger and malnutrition through securing food supplies, promoting good health and dietary practices.

2.3 Maritime safety, Security and Regulatory enforcement

Coastline, offshore and inland water systems are key pillars in the national socio-economic structure and investments in such places can only thrive if undertaken in a peaceful, safe and effectively regulated environment. A safe, secure and well

regulated environment serves as the backbone of maritime trade, allows movement of goods, attracts capital investments, grows the sector and creates job opportunities. Mechanism for ensuring compliance with safety and security by regulations aligned to international standards is a prerequisite to harnessing of the Blue Economy.

In the side event discussions in this areas be on among other issues, the numerous perennial and in some cases, emerging security and safety related challenges posed by different threats such as terrorism, piracy, illegal fishing; customs evasion and illegal trade; weapons smuggling, illegal immigration; drugs smuggling; armed robbery against ships and seafarers; floating armories; cargo pilferage; sabotage against offshore installations such as cables, oil rigs, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, and oil and gas pipelines; environmental pollution and dumping of toxic waste.

In this side event, some of the big questions to be answered are: ‘are the existing laws and regulations adequate? What security and safety framework would enhance compliance with the laws? Given the ever evolving safety and security challenges, what is the role of technology in security and safety and how can we continually keep pace with the changing technology particularly covering issues of maritime domain awareness?’

Considering the importance of safety, security and effective regulatory framework for the orderly growth of the sector, what concrete steps beyond conference conversations can be taken in securing the Blue Economy space? What is the role of the Navies, responsible MDAs and the judicial system in creating the needed conducive environment? What potential partnerships and cooperation would be needed to enhance the capacity to secure and provide a stable maritime environment? What is the future of creating a Coast Guard Service?

What are the latest measures in detection of threats and illegal activity (e.g. IUU fishing), and the appropriate response towards addressing their impacts in order to enhance health, safety and protection of maritime zones? What are the latest knowledge and skills in combating drug trafficking, responding to humanitarian disasters and addressing evolving political, legal, safety and security challenges in the sector?

What about knowledge and ideas on evolving technology in the maritime sector such as clean and blue technology (including block chain and remote sensing) and measures needed to deal with the security implications in ports and waters particularly in regards to addressing lack of awareness, intelligence collection, processing and exchange of information?

PROGRAMME FOR THE MARITIME TRANSPORT SIDE EVENT

DATE: 26TH NOVEMBER 2018

TIME: 4.30 – 6.30 PM (1630-1830HRS)

VENUE: ABERDARES HALL, KICC- NAIROBI

TIME	ITEM	CHAIR OF SESSION/ MODERATOR
4.00pm - 4.10pm	Arrival & registration	
4.10pm - 4.15pm	Brief remarks by Dr. Chris Kiptoo, CBS, the Principal Secretary, State Department of Trade - Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives	Mr. John Omingo - Head of Commercial Shipping, Kenya Maritime Authority
	Brief remarks by Mrs. Esther Koimet, the Principal Secretary, State Department of Transport- Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing , Urban Development & Public Works	Mrs. Tumaini Namoya-Port & Shipping Services Manager, Kenya Maritime Authority
4.15pm - 4.20pm	Brief remarks by Mrs. Nancy W. Karigithu, CBS, Principal Secretary- State Department for Shipping and Maritime- Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development & Public Works	Major (Rtd) George Nyamoko Okong'o- Director General, Kenya Maritime Authority
4.20pm - 4.30pm	Remarks by Mr. James W. Macharia, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, - Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing , Urban Development & Public Works	
Session 1	I. Smart Shipping, Ports, Transportation & Global connectivity	
4.30pm - 4.40pm	Speaker 1: Mr. George Wolf Senior Director, Market Access TradeMark East Africa Topic: Smart & sustainable transport and logistics	Prof. Alsosy Balbaa, Vice President for African and Asian Affairs Sector - Arab Academy for Science Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt

4.40pm - 4.50pm	<p>Speaker 2: Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia - Henry The President, World Maritime University, Malmö- Sweden</p> <p>Topic: Development of Maritime Education & Training (MET) and Seafarer Employment Information Systems for Sustainable Blue Economy</p>	
4.50pm - 5.00pm	<p>Panelists</p> <p>Mr. Han-Dong BANG, Chief Executive Officer - Jooway Shipping Co., Ltd South Korea</p> <p>Capt. Jøran Nøstvik General Manager Abojeb-Philippines</p> <p>Dr. Michaël Dooms VUB University, Brussels- Belgium</p> <p>Dr. Arch. Daniel Manduku, Managing Director- Kenya Ports Authority</p> <p>Mr. Amos Wangora, former Chief Executive Officer- Kenya Trade Network Agency</p>	
5.00pm - 5.05pm	Q & A	
Session 2	II. Maritime safety, security & regulatory enforcement	
5.05pm - 5.15pm	<p>Speaker 1: Mr. Chris Trelawny, Chief, Subdivision for Maritime Development, Technical Cooperation Division, International Maritime Organization(IMO)</p> <p>Topic: The regulation and enforcement of maritime safety and security</p>	Major (Rtd) George Nyamoko Okong'o- Director General, Kenya Maritime Authority

5.15pm - 5.25pm	<p>Speaker 2: Mr. Conrad Thorpe OBE Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Salama Fikira</p> <p>Topic: Enforcement of Maritime Safety & Security</p>	
5.25pm - 5.35pm	<p>Panelists:</p> <p>Adm. François-Régis Cloup-Andavialle Coordinator European Union -Critical Maritime Routes Indian Ocean (EU CRIMARIO) Project</p> <p>Mr. Sobantu Tilayi Chief Executive Officer, South African Maritime Safety Authority(SAMSA)</p> <p>Dr. Dakuku Peterside, Director General, Nigerian Maritime and Safety Agency (NIMASA)</p>	
5.35pm - 5.40pm	Q & A	
Session 3	III. Maritime Transport in employment, job creation & poverty eradication	
5.40pm - 5.50pm	<p>Speaker 1: Capt. Ahmad Jaafar Baharom Director, Seafarer Management Centre - Malaysia</p> <p>Topic: The role of seafarers in contributing to the Blue economy agenda</p>	Mr Sobantu Tilayi, Chief Executive Officer, South African Maritime Safety Authority(SAMSA)
5.50pm - 6.00pm	<p>Speaker 2: Ms. Funmi Folorunso Secretary General, African Shipowners Association - Nigeria</p> <p>Topic: Continental and Regional Cabotage and optimization of benefits of shipping in shipping development</p>	

6.00pm - 6.05pm	<p>Speaker 3: Mr. Joshua Oigara, CBS Group Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Commercial Bank - Kenya</p> <p>Topic: Financing Models in Maritime Transport</p>	
6.05pm - 6.15pm	<p>Panelists:</p> <p>Capt. Jøran Nøstvik General Manager Abojeb-Philippines</p> <p>Mr. Han-Dong BANG, Chief Executive Officer - Jooway Shipping Co., Ltd South Korea</p> <p>Dr. Dakuku Peterside, Director General, Nigerian Maritime and Safety Agency (NIMASA)</p> <p>Mr. Kwame Ousu, Director General, Ghana Maritime Authority</p> <p>Mrs. Nancy Karigithu, Principal Secretary State Department of Shipping & Maritime, Kenya</p> <p>Mr. Silvester Kututa - Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Express Shipping</p>	
6.15pm - 6.20pm	Q & A	
6.20pm - 6.30pm	Vote of thanks	Mr. Martin Mutuku, Head of Corporate Development Kenya Ports Authority
7.00pm -	Dinner Hosted by the Kenya Commercial Bank (Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi)	

Profile of Speakers & Panelists

GOVERNMENT OF KENYA REPRESENTATIVES



**Mr. James W. Macharia, EGH, Cabinet Secretary
- Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing,
Urban Development & Public Works**

Mr. James Macharia is the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development & Public Works in Kenya. His mandate is to provide strategic leadership to ensure that the Ministry develops, operates and sustains world class transport infrastructure and services in line with the Government's vision.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Macharia was the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Health. He has also undertaken various leadership roles in the financial and banking industries and has a diverse and illustrious career covering all major tenets of corporate management. This includes corporate finance, audit and tax consultancy in London (6 years), corporate and merchant banking, financial management, strategic planning and development, personnel and general administration. He is also a Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a Certified Public Accountant with the Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He also holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Masters of Business Administration from Henley Management College, United Kingdom.



**Mrs. Nancy W. Karigithu, CBS, Principal
Secretary- State Department for Shipping and
Maritime - Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure,
Housing, Urban Development & Public Works**

Mrs. Nancy Karigithu is the Principal Secretary in the State Department for Shipping and Maritime in the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works. She holds a Bachelor's degree in law from the University of Nairobi and a Master's degree in International Maritime Law from

the International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Maritime Law Institute in Malta. She was the Director General (DG) of Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) for nine (9) years where she updated the legal framework for maritime activities in Kenya, business plans, annual operating budgets and generally advising the Government on maritime issues as well as served as the Chair of the International Maritime Authority (IMO) for three (3) terms. She currently sits on the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmo, Sweden. She has a working experience of 30 years, 26 of them in the maritime industry.

Her previous work experience includes a stint as State Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General, Senior Legal Officer at the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) where she rose to the post of an acting Assistant Corporation Secretary. In 1995, Mrs. Karigithu resigned from KPA to set up a private legal consultancy firm and consulted extensively for IMO in Sub-Sahara Africa in the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the East African Community and the African Union (AU). Between 2004 and 2005, she served as Transport Expert for the African Union. In this capacity she engaged on advising governments in the region on the setting up of independent maritime administrations and strengthening of maritime legal frameworks.

Mrs. Karigithu is a regular speaker at international conferences and seminars on topics dealing with maritime transport, safety and security as well as strengthening maritime administrations. She was involved in the setting up and launch of the Association of Women in the Maritime Sector in Eastern & Southern Africa (WOMESA) where she served for two terms as a Chairperson and now sits on the Governing Council. WOMESA is a first regional body which brings together women professionals in the maritime sector of 26 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa. She was also instrumental in organizing the first ever Heads of Maritime Administrations and Ship Registrars Conference held in Mombasa, Kenya in October 2013, and which has since formed into the Association of African Maritime Administrations. Mrs. Karigithu also organized the first National Maritime Conference which took place in February, 2015 and brought together key stakeholders of the international maritime industry to Kenya.

Before her present appointment Mrs. Karigithu worked as a short term legal expert for the European Union (EU) - Critical Maritime Routes Indian Ocean (EU CRIMARIO) Project, aimed at enhancing Maritime situational awareness in the Indian Ocean.



Mrs. Esther Koimett, CBS, Principal Secretary- State Department For Transport, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development & Public Works

Mrs. Esther Koimett holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Masters of Business Administration from the University Of Nairobi. She has a vast experience of over 35 Years in the Public Service in Kenya. She previously served as the Investment Secretary & Director General in the Public Investments & Portfolio Management at the National Treasury. She has also

served as the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and Information and as the Managing Director of Kenya Post Office Savings Bank. In addition, she has served as a Director in several companies including the Nairobi Securities Exchange. Currently, she serves as a Director on the Board of Kenya Airways and the Africa Trade Insurance Agency.



Dr. Chris Kiptoo, CBS, PhD, AKIB, MEFMI Fellow (Macroeconomic Management), the Principal Secretary- State Department of Trade- Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives

Dr. Chris K. Kiptoo, CBS, is the Principal Secretary (PS) in charge of Trade. He was appointed by H.E. the President as the Principal Secretary in December, 2015 and reappointed again in February, 2018. Dr. Kiptoo has been able to accomplish a lot in his two years career; signing and ratification of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), development of

the National Trade Policy (NTP) which brought together National and County Governments, establishment of the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC), development of the National Export Development and Promotion Strategy, leading the way in establishment of Kenya National Commodities Exchange (KOMEX) and spearheading reforms in the retail sector. Dr. Kiptoo was also actively involved in the development of Kenya's e-trade portals which made Kenya the first country in the East Africa Community (EAC) and Sub Saharan Africa (SSA) to comply with Article 1 of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Dr. Kiptoo is also the Chair of the Kenya's National Trade Negotiations Committee (NTNC) where he leads Kenya's negotiating teams in various trade negotiations

platforms. These include Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA), African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) among others. Furthermore, he is currently spearheading the formation of the Trade Remedies Agency. The trade remedies bill was adopted by Parliament in June, 2017 and later assented by the H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of Kenya. The Agency will undertake investigations and recommend remedial measures to protect the domestic industry from unfair trade practices.

Before his current appointment, Dr. Kiptoo worked for three years at TradeMark East Africa's (TMEA) as the Kenya Country Director. His main responsibility was to manage and monitor TMEA's Kenya, regional trade, infrastructure development, modern customs systems, and institutional development of Government agencies. Dr. Kiptoo is widely credited for having competently grown the Kenya Country Program at TMEA especially the Mombasa Port infrastructure capacity and efficiency improvement. He played a lead coordination role in the development of the Mombasa Port Corridor Charter (MPCC) that was signed by 25 trade facilitation agencies in the presence of President Uhuru Kenyatta on 30th June 2014.

Dr. Kiptoo has also worked at the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) - Kenya, Capital Markets Authority (CMA), Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB). He has vast expertise in areas related to international trade and finance including monetary policy, financial sector issues, national account in addition to other aspects of macroeconomic accounting and modelling. Dr. Kiptoo is a self-motivated and seasoned economist with strong analytical and interpersonal skills and demonstrable managerial and leadership experiences. He holds several qualifications including a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD) in International Macroeconomics Finance Specialization from the University of Nairobi. He is also an Accredited Fellow of the Macroeconomic & Financial Management Institute of Eastern & Southern Africa (MEFMI), in the field of macroeconomic management. He is also an Associate of Kenya Chartered Institute of Bankers (A.K.I.B.).

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Prof. Alsnosy Balbaa, is the Vice President for African and Asian Affairs at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) in Egypt. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Bsc) in Nautical Technology (AASTMT). He also holds a Master Mariner F.G in Ship's Operation in High Seas and unlimited (AASTMT), Master of Science (M.Sc) in Maritime Transport and Technology "Maritime Safety and Fleet Operation" (AASTMT), a Higher Diploma in Fleet Operation (AASTMT) and a PhD in Offshore Technology and Asset Management; Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Stavanger, Norway. His Thesis Title was "Managing Environmental Sustainability in Seaports: Towards an integrated method."

Prof. Balbaa links with all African & Asian countries in all fields; education, training and consultancy, research and innovation. He is a Master Mariner and has worked in multinational shipping companies and ports. He is also a Professor of environmental management issues in seaports. He also leads teams in identifying program opportunities, establishing a network with fund partners nationally and internationally and is engaged in European Union (EU) projects aimed at addressing challenges and finding solutions in maritime transportation, research and education.

Prof. Balbaa has also served as a board member in some maritime holding companies for more than 10 years. He is also the founder of Africa and Middle East Regional Environmental Center (AMEREC) and was the chair of projects in the College of Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT). He was also consultant of King Abd AlAziez University for Maritime studies, Saudi Arabia and has a Lead Editor of ISO 9000-2000 (SGS Certificate). He is also a Permanent Alumni Member of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Prof. Balbaa has authored one book titled "Managing Environmental Sustainability in Seaports" which is available from Amazon.com and has published about 45 publications in Scientific International Journals, International Conferences and

some local Conferences. He is also a supervisor for MSc and PhD. dissertations in Maritime Transport and Environmental Sectors in Egypt and Norway as well as and Examiner of M.Sc & Ph.Ds. He is also a member of establishing the maritime vision of Egypt 2030 and a visiting Professor in some universities.



Major (Rtd) George Nyamoko Okong'o, Director General- Kenya Maritime Authority

Major (Rtd) George Nyamoko Okong'o is a graduate of Kenyatta University (KU) having graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Bsc) in Applied Mathematics in 1994. He is also a graduate in Explosives Ordnance Engineering (EOE) from Defence Munitions, Explosives and Research School in Kington, United Kingdom. He has also undergone extensive training in maritime and shipping affairs and is very conversant with the International Ship and Port Security Services

(ISPS) Code. Major (Rtd) George Nyamoko Okong'o has a wealth of experience of 24 years from the maritime domain, 20 of which he served at the Kenya Navy.

He held various command and staff appointments in his naval career; among them being the Head of Naval Liaison Office at Defence Headquarters in Nairobi. Prior to his retirement from the Navy, he was the Kenya Navy Dockyard Superintendent in charge of level 3 maintenance of Kenya Navy Vessels and ashore based equipment. Internationally, he served as a Military Observer in the United Nations Mission in Côte D'Ivoire and the African Mission in Somalia.



Mr. Sobantu Tilayi, Chief Executive Officer- South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)

Mr. Sobantu Tilayi is the Acting Chief Executive Officer at the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA). Prior to his current position, Sobantu was SAMSA's Chief Operations Officer (COO). As COO, Sobantu was responsible for the overall operations of the organisation which included overseeing the development and repositioning of maritime clusters. He is also responsible for the reviewing of policies and programmes that address poverty and skills

development, areas that have also become a national priority.

Before joining SAMSA, Sobantu worked for Transnet where he was appointed Technical Manager and later promoted to National Operations Manager for Marine Services. His successes there include achieving impressive business turnaround results and introducing to the world the first all-female crew to sail a ship, a move that earned him international recognition and positioned him as a champion for women emancipation in the sector.

Prior to his full time involvement in the maritime sector, Sobantu dedicated the first eight years of his career to the engineering field and project management. His highlights include becoming the first black project manager at Cadbury to successfully put together and manage the R220-million chocolate factory at the age of 25.

Sobantu holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering obtained at the University of Natal.

He leads the South African delegation on the Development of the Integrated African Maritime Strategy whose priority is to make the maritime agenda a priority in the African continent. His vision is to position SAMSA as a leader in pushing the maritime agenda to the centre of the economic discussion for the country.



SPEAKERS



Mr. George Wolf, Senior Director, Market Access - TradeMark East Africa (TMEA)

Mr. George Wolf is Senior Director for Market Access at TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) based in Nairobi. TMEA supports regional integration and trade competitiveness in East Africa, for example, by helping infrastructure agencies prepare and finance key transport infrastructure facilities. For many years, Mr Wolf was an investment banker with Citigroup in the United States of America where he helped finance \$15 billion of projects in the power, water and transport sectors. Prior to TMEA, Mr Wolf worked with the World Bank's Project Finance & Guarantees Group in Washington D.C.



Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia - Henry, President-World Maritime University (WMU), Malmö- Sweden

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry (LL.B, LL.M, Ph.D International Law) joined WMU as President in the summer of 2015. Prior to joining WMU, she served as the Director of the International Labour Standards Department of the International Labour Office (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Doumbia-Henry began her career at the University of the West Indies, Barbados, as a lecturer in law. She later worked with the Iran-US Claims Tribunal in The Hague, the Netherlands and then joined the ILO in 1986 where she served both as a senior lawyer of the Organization and in several management positions. She was responsible for developing ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, and remained responsible for it until she joined WMU. Since the late 1990s, she led the ILO participation in a number of IMO/ILO interagency collaborations on several issues of common interest to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and ILO, including the Joint IMO/ILO Ad Hoc Expert Working Groups on Fair Treatment of Seafarers and on Liability and Compensation regarding Claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers.

Her qualifications include Barrister at Law and Solicitor. She is entitled to practice in all English-speaking Caribbean jurisdictions and is a Member of the Inner Temple, Inns of Court, United Kingdom. She holds a Masters of Law from the University of the West Indies; a Masters in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, University of Geneva, and a Doctorate in International Law from the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Doumbia-Henry has a dual Dominican and Swiss nationality and has published extensively on a wide range of international law subjects, including on: International labour standards and trade, the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, the Seafarers Identity Documents' Convention, 2003, and the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Sea.



Mr. Chris Trelawny, Chief, Subdivision for Maritime Development, Technical Cooperation Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Chris Trelawny is the Chief, Maritime Development at the International Maritime Organization. The post builds on his experience in maritime security, facilitation and civil/military cooperation with a focus on using maritime security and facilitation as enablers for economic growth and meeting Sustainable Development Goals.



Mr. Conrad Thorpe OBE, Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) –Salama Fikira

After serving as a senior officer in Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Conrad Thorpe resigned his commission early to return to Kenya, the land of his birth. He founded Salama Fikira, a risk management and special services company in 2005, in Nairobi Kenya. The company has since carefully and judiciously expanded across Africa with services now being delivered in most sub Saharan countries with a strong reputation for delivery in the maritime, shipping and offshore domains. As

the CEO, he has the responsibility for ensuring that the Group is financially strong and stable and that the companies are compliant whilst assessing, mitigating or avoiding risk.

In addition to his core duties, he also sits on the Board of The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and is Chairman of another. Married, he lives with his family in Nairobi. His tertiary education is a Master of Arts (MA) in War Studies & Defence Technology from Cranfield University. As a former captain of Kenya's national swimming team, military officer and a champion of industry, he maintains an avid interest in Kenya's, and more widely, Africa's economic development and particularly her blue economy.

Capt. Ahmad Jaafar Baharom,
Director, Seafarer Management Centre (SMC) - Malaysia

Capt. Ahmad Jaafar Baharom is a Master Mariner. He is the key person who established the Seafarer Management Centre in Malaysia also known as SMC. SMC comes under the purview of Centre Mercantile Marine Fund (CMMF). The main objective of SMC is to assist all Malaysian seafarers in every possible way. SMC is also responsible to match, guide, listen and promote local youths to be seafarers.

Capt. Ahmad Jaafar started his career as a Deck Cadet on board Malaysia International Shipping Corporation (MISC) LNG Fleet. After years of serving on board the ship, he joined SHELL Malaysia as a Marine Captain focusing on offshore operations.

After years of working with SHELL, he joined the corporate sectors. He worked with few marine related companies trying to gain as much experience as possible before setting up his own company known as Plomo in 2008. He is now the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Plomo Group and also the Director of SMC.



Ms. Funmi Folorunso, Secretary General - African Shipowners Association, Nigeria

Ms. Funmi Folorunso holds a First Degree in Law and a Masters in Shipping Law and Maritime Studies. She is a Solicitor and Advocate of the Nigerian Bar and has previously worked as an Assistant Legal Adviser in the Federal Ministry of Transport, Nigeria Registrar of Ships, Intern at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Legal Counsel Abuka, Ajegbo, Ilogu Law Firm and as Principal Partner at Excel Law Chambers. She has also worked as a Lead Consultant

at the Maritime Data Services Ltd, Chief Executive Maritime Information Resources and a Publisher of the Nigeria Maritime Handbook. Ms. Funmi Folorunso has also served as Director General at the Nigeria Ship Owners Association, Secretary

General of the African Shipowners Association and Director of Africa Shipping Line. She also served as the First President and Trustee of WISTA Nigeria, Patron WILAT South Africa, Founding Member of WIMAfrica and Chairperson, Maritime Legal Experts of African Union.

**Mr. Joshua Oigara, CBS,
Group Chief Executive Officer,
Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB), Kenya**

Mr. Joshua Oigara is a member of the KCB Group Plc and KCB Bank, Kenya Boards, as well as the KCB Group Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director. He is the Chairman of the Energy and Regulatory Commission of Kenya, Chairman of the Kenya Bankers Association (KBA) Governing Council, a Director of the Vision 2030 Delivery Board and was commended by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta on the Award of Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear, CBS, for exemplary service to the people and Nation of Kenya. Further to these, Joshua was selected by the Minister of Sports to join the World Rally championship steering committee.

Listed as one of African's top 25 leaders to watch based on his role to champion transformational leadership and change on the continent by the Financial Times, Joshua actively engages at National and Industry level to drive this agenda. Where possible, he will prompt and drive discussions that aim to address Leadership, Governance, Youth empowerment, Sustainable financial inclusion and technological innovation concerns at various business Schools and International Conferences. Joshua was named among the top 100 youngest and most influential economic leaders in Africa by an independent French research centre in the annual research conducted by Paris-based Institut Choiseul in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Recently named CEO of the Year in East Africa by the Banker Africa, Joshua captains the largest indigenous Bank in the East African region with assets of over \$6.5 billion and a market capitalization of over \$1.6 billion. With presence in Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and a Representative office in Ethiopia, the bank serves over 17 million customers, through its over 260 branches, over 960 ATMs, 15,000 agents and by 5,800 staff.

KCB was in 2017 recognized for its performance by 'The Banker' which ranked it as the 721st bank globally and 18th in Africa based on Tier 1 Capital. The institution further awarded KCB the coveted Best Bank in Kenya. Additionally, Euro money recognized KCB as the Best Commercial Bank in East Africa and in Kenya while Africa Investor awarded KCB the Best Bank in Kenya Award. Africa Investor further awarded Joshua the Best Ai40 CEO.

KCB Bank is the only organization in Kenya that has been rated by the three top international credit rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch) and attained the highest rating score at par with the Sovereign. This is a reflection of the bank's credit strength, solid profitability metrics and strong capital buffers.

“My Passion is focused on enabling inclusive prosperity through simplifying and enabling access to financial services, championing comprehensive governance practices and collaboration to deliver instrumental and permanent change in the lives of our community. I am open to the development, promotion and deepening of good ideas that harness available data to provide solutions to present problems in an uncommon yet effective manner,” Joshua Oigara.



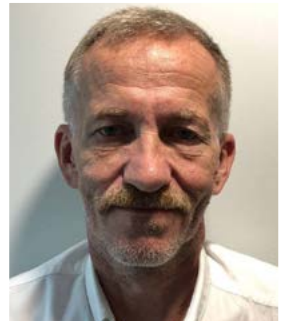
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Mr. Han-Dong BANG, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Jooway Shipping Co., Ltd South Korea

Mr. Han-Dong BANG is the CEO of Jooway Shipping Company Ltd and holds a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Navigation Science, Korea Maritime and Ocean University, 1979. He served in the Korea Navy as lieutenant junior grade (1979-1981) and has worked on Merchant ships as Chief Officer on VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) between 1981-1986. He has also worked on Hoyu Tanker Co., Ltd as Tanker Operation

Manager (1986-1994) and on Hyundai Merchant Marine Company Ltd. as the Senior Vice President between 1996-2007. Mr. Han-Dong BANG established his own company; Jooway Shipping Company Ltd in 2007.



Capt. Jøran Nøstvik, General Manager, Abojeb-Philippines

Capt. Jøran Nøstvik is the General Manager of Abojeb in the Philippines. He holds a Degree in Maritime Leadership from the University of Tromsø, a Master Mariner Class 1 from the Norwegian college of Navigation and has undergone advanced studies in leadership and organization from the Royal Norwegian Armed Forces Staff School in Oslo. He is also the Founding Partner and Director of Maritime Operations at the Blue Ocean Marine and Offshore Solutions Inc.

Business Development Consultant. Capt. Jøran Nøstvik has also served as Deputy Director, Norwegian Training Center, Manila at the Norwegian Maritime Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. and Captain/Offshore Project Manager at the Troms Offshore AS, (AHTS, PSV, Survey and Drillship).

He has served as Executive officer/Commanding officer of the Norwegian Coastguard, Coastguard Squadron North where he was responsible for the running and operation of 9 coastguard vessels, directing 6 helicopters and 2 Orion surveillance airplanes. He was also responsible for the QSHE works, as well as internal audits and inspections of the vessels. Capt. Jøran Nøstvik has also served as Commanding officer with

overall responsibility for the vessel and crew and as a Navigational officer/Executive officer of the Norwegian Coast Guard. He has also been part of the Norwegian Coast Guard/Joint Forces.CGV AndenesNorwegian Coast Guard and has sailed on board different merchant vessels worldwide as 2nd Officer, Able Seaman and Trainee on Leif Høegh & Co Ship Owner/Mercant Fleet.



Dr. Michaël Doms, VUB University, Brussels-Belgium

Dr. Michaël Doms (MSc & PhD, Applied Economics: Business and Technology, Solvay Business School, University of Brussels) is an Associate Professor at the Solvay Business School at the University of Brussels (VUB). He teaches courses in Management and Strategy, Organization Design & Change, and is responsible for the internship program and foreign trade mission. His PhD Thesis won the 2011 Palgrave

Macmillan Maritime Economics and Logistics (MEL) PhD Competition (4th edition). He is a member of Port Economics.eu and a member of the Port Performance Research Network (PPRN) where he co-animates the port authority strategy group. His other research interests are in the fields of complex project evaluation (of large scale infrastructure projects), stakeholder management and corporate strategies. He is a guest professor of Port Management and Strategy at universities in the Netherlands (MEL-Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Greece (AUEB). He has also worked as a project manager and researcher on projects characterized by a multi-disciplinary (integration of technical, economic and environmental criteria) and multi-stakeholder (public and private sector, local communities) approach, exceeding a total value of more than 10 million euros. Between 2013 and 2017, he led the PORTOPIA project (www.portopia.eu), a large EU-FP7 collaborative research project on port performance measurement. In 2018, he was the lead scientific organizer of the annual International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) conference held in Mombasa, Kenya.



**Dr. Arch. Daniel Manduku, Managing Director-
Kenya Ports Authority (KPA)**

Dr. Arch. Daniel Manduku, born in 1971, holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in Business Administration from the United States International University (USIU) - Kenya, a Master's in Business Administration from the same university and a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT). He has attended several corporate governance courses both locally and internationally. He is a corporate member of

the Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) and Institute of Construction Project Managers of Kenya.

Dr. Arch. Manduku was appointed Acting Managing Director of the Kenya Ports Authority from June 2018 and is responsible for driving the corporate governance agenda of the Authority by providing strategic guidance and support to the Board. In his current role as the Ag. Managing Director, Dr. Manduku is in charge of overseeing several huge port infrastructural development projects aimed at enhancing efficiency at the Port of Mombasa. Among the key projects he is overseeing include Phase II of the Second Container Terminal, completion of the Cruise Ship Terminal, rehabilitation of berths 11-14 and implementation of the Green Port Policy in the Port of Mombasa which is first of its kind in Africa. In addition, Dr. Manduku is in charge of overseeing operationalization of the first three berths at the Lamu Port, which is a key component of the government backed LAPPSET Corridor Development Project. Before his appointment as the Ag. Managing Director of the Kenya Ports Authority, Dr. Manduku was the Executive Director and Registrar of Contractors at the National Construction Authority, a State Corporation mandated to oversee and regulate the construction industry, a position he held since November 2012.



**Mr. Amos Wangora, Chief Executive Officer-
Kenya Trade Network Agency (KENTRADE)**

Mr. Amos Wangora is the Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Trade Network Agency having been appointed to the position on October 1, 2016. He holds a Master's degree in Maritime Affairs specializing in Port and Shipping Management from the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmö, Sweden. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

(UK) and a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA). He has served as the General Manager Operations and Project Director for the Kenya National Electronic Single Window System implementation (Kenya TradeNet System) with responsibility for the system implementation and operationalization. Mr. Amos Wangora has over nineteen years work experience in the Trade and Logistics sector with specialization in Maritime affairs and Project Management in Port, Customs and Trade sector automation. He has vast experience in the designing, development and implementation of ICT interventions for Trade and Transport facilitation.



Adm. François-Régis Cloup-Andavialle,
Coordinator,
European Union -Critical Maritime Routes Indian
Ocean (EU CRIMARIO) Project

Adm. François-Régis Cloup-Andavialle is the Coordinator of the European Union- Critical Maritime Routes Indian Ocean (EU CRIMARIO) Project. He graduated from the Military Superior Studies in 1996 and as a specialist in Missiles and Gunnery (1984). He also holds a Paratrooper certificate (1980).

After 3 years of training in the Naval Academy, including a 6 months tour in the Indian Ocean aboard Helicopter Carrier JEANNE D'ARC, he was appointed as Missiles and Gunnery officer on anti-air Warfare frigates based in Brest between 1981 and 1987. He had the opportunity to be deployed 14 months off the Lebanese coasts and in the Indian Ocean, his frigate being specially devoted to the surveillance of the Persian Gulf. In 1987, he joined the Naval Academy in charge of a promotion of new midshipmen during their 2 years training.

He has served as Chief of the Gunnery and Missiles department of the AAW frigate CASSARD based in Toulon and deployed in the oriental Mediterranean and in the Atlantic. He has also served as Commanding Officer of the QUARTIER-MAÎTRE ANQUETIL corvette based in Toulon with which he participated to surveillance missions in Adriatic off the coasts of Montenegro and Croatia.

Adm. François-Régis Cloup-Andavialle has also served as Director of the specialty trainings for officers in the Naval Training Centre Saint-Mandrier. He has undergone training at the War College in Paris and qualified in his Advanced Military Training Course in 1996. He has also worked as Director of studies at the Naval Academy and in the Training department at the Personnel Policy Control Board. He has served as the Chief of staff of the French Armed Forces in the in Reunion island; southern

Indian Ocean, distributed between La Reunion and Mayotte and as Commanding Officer of the Navy Outplacement Office in Paris. He has also served as Commanding Officer of the Naval Training Centre of Saint-Mandrier, (Var), biggest training centre of the French Navy (1000 crew, 8000 trainees per year).

Adm. François-Régis Cloup-Andavialle was appointed as Commanding Officer of the French Maritime Zone in the southern Indian Ocean and the Naval Base of Port-des-Galets in La Réunion. In 2012, he was promoted to rear-admiral and became Commanding Officer of the Defence Base of Brest-Lorient (19.000 people) and deputy of the Maritime Prefect for the Atlantic Maritime Area. He retired from the Navy on 1st January, 2016.

As Officer of the Legion of Honour and of the National Order of Merit, he holds the Overseas Medal, the NATO medal, the silver medal of National Defence, Youth and Sport medal as well as officer in the Spanish Order of Naval Merit and in the Malagasy Order of Merit.

Due to his vast expertise on the Indian Ocean, he was appointed the Coordinator of the EU project CRIMARIO (Critical Maritime Routes in the Indian Ocean) in the western Indian Ocean. He is based in Reunion Island. The aim of the project is to strengthen maritime safety and security by supporting our partners (Kenya, Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Madagascar) in enhancing maritime situational awareness in 2 ways: share and fuse data from various sources in order to better understand the maritime domain with a web based information sharing and incident management network (IORIS). The training and capacity building programme based on “train the trainer” training will end on the 31st December, 2019.



Mr. Sobantu Tilayi, Chief Executive Officer- South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)

Mr. Sobantu Tilayi is the Acting Chief Executive Officer at the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA). Prior to his current position, Sobantu was SAMSA's Chief Operations Officer (COO). As COO, Sobantu was responsible for the overall operations of the organisation which included overseeing the development and repositioning of maritime clusters. He is also responsible for the reviewing of policies and programmes that address poverty and skills

development, areas that have also become a national priority.

Before joining SAMSA, Sobantu worked for Transnet where he was appointed Technical Manager and later promoted to National Operations Manager for Marine Services. His successes there include achieving impressive business turnaround results and introducing to the world the first all-female crew to sail a ship, a move that earned him international recognition and positioned him as a champion for women emancipation in the sector.

Prior to his full time involvement in the maritime sector, Sobantu dedicated the first eight years of his career to the engineering field and project management. His highlights include becoming the first black project manager at Cadbury to successfully put together and manage the R220-million chocolate factory at the age of 25.

Sobantu holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering obtained at the University of Natal.

He leads the South African delegation on the Development of the Integrated African Maritime Strategy whose priority is to make the maritime agenda a priority in the African continent. His vision is to position SAMSA as a leader in pushing the maritime agenda to the centre of the economic discussion for the country.



Dr. Dakuku Peterside, Director General- Nigerian Maritime and Safety Agency (NIMASA)

Dr. Dakuku Adol Peterside is the Director General of Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and Chairman of the Association of African Maritime Administrations (AAMA), the umbrella body of all Maritime Administrations in Africa established pursuant to Article 5 of the African Maritime Transport Charter (AMTC).

As the Chief Maritime Administrator of Nigeria's Maritime industry, he has carried out a number of transformational activities leading to the development and enhancement of regulatory issues relating to Merchant Shipping such as pursuit of growth of local capacity in ownership and manning of ships. His leadership style has immensely contributed to the enhancement of maritime trainings and safety standards, regulation and certification of seafarers and firmer enforcement of Port and Flag State duties in Nigeria. He is also driving maritime security infrastructure development to ensure safety and security of Nigeria's maritime domain.

Currently, Dr. Peterside is designing a suitable policy framework to explore Nigeria's blue economy for economic growth and is also driving institutional cooperation geared towards creating incentives and maritime specific interventions to attract development and growth of the sector.

As Chairman of AAMA, he has collectively worked with heads of Maritime Administrations in Africa to develop policies geared towards harnessing African Seas and Oceans for the sustainable economic development of Africa, as well as created synergy amongst Maritime Administrations on the need to boost trade and technology utilization. He has used the platform of AAMA to create global awareness on the developmental needs of the maritime industry in Africa, showcasing to investors and stakeholders the enormous opportunities that abound in the sector.

Dr. Peterside has decades of executive management experience. He is a scholar, corporate strategist and management practitioner. He obtained a doctorate degree in management from University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria. In addition, he has attended top leadership and management courses in Harvard, Kellogg, Stanford and Stellenbosch.



Mr. Kwame Owusu, Director General, Ghana Maritime Authority

Mr. Kwame Owusu was appointed by President Nana Akufo-Addo of the Republic of Ghana as the Director General of Ghana Maritime Authority and has earned a reputation of being an accomplished management expert with over 30 years of public and private sector experience in finance and accounting. He has held various senior management level positions, including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Ghana Supply Company and Special Advisor to the Ministry of Energy in Ghana. Whilst at the Ministry, he also served as the Director of Financial Monitoring of the Energy Sector Institutions.

As an active advocate of strategic thinking, Mr. Kwame Owusu uses public policies to develop effective financial controls for budget, tax and accounting delivery performance. He has facilitated various training workshops in sound financial management practices for public sector audiences. He has also worked extensively with three out of the six largest international accounting/tax firms in the world (KPMG, Deloitte & Touche and Pricewaterhouse Coopers), leading assignments in tax advisory services, corporate mergers and acquisitions, transaction advisory services, financial and forensic audits, budget planning and corporate restructurings. During his time with the Ministry of Energy, he oversaw the energy crisis and resolved critical issues facing the Government of Ghana. An accomplished businessman and entrepreneur,

Mr. Owusu has developed and built varied businesses from start-up to maturity. As the Group Chairman of LUXE Hotels, he oversaw the expansion of the hospitality group from one location to six others in Ghana.

Mr. Kwame Owusu hails from Asotwe, in the Ashanti Region. He was educated at Rutgers University, where he obtained a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in Accounting & Economics with Honours, became a Chartered Accountant and was awarded the Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Gamma Sigma Honours.



Mrs. Nancy W. Karigithu, CBS, Principal Secretary- State Department for Shipping and Maritime- Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development & Public Works

Mrs. Nancy W. Karigithu, CBS, Principal Secretary- State Department for Shipping and Maritime- Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development & Public Works

Mrs. Nancy Karigithu is the Principal Secretary in the State Department for Shipping and Maritime in the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works. She holds a Bachelor's degree in law from the University of Nairobi and a Master's degree in International Maritime Law from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) International Maritime Law Institute in Malta. She was the Director General (DG) of Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) for nine (9) years where she updated the legal framework for maritime activities in Kenya, business plans, annual operating budgets and generally advising the Government on maritime issues as well as served as the Chair of the International Maritime Authority (IMO) for three (3) terms. She currently sits on the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmo, Sweden. She has a working experience of 30 years, 26 of them in the maritime industry.

Her previous work experience includes a stint as State Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General, Senior Legal Officer at the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) where she rose to the post of an acting Assistant Corporation Secretary. In 1995, Mrs. Karigithu resigned from KPA to set up a private legal consultancy firm and consulted extensively for IMO in Sub-Sahara Africa in the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the East African Community and the African Union (AU). Between 2004 and 2005, she served as Transport Expert for the African Union. In this capacity she engaged on advising governments in the region on the setting up of independent maritime administrations and strengthening of maritime legal frameworks.

Mrs. Karigithu is a regular speaker at international conferences and seminars on topics dealing with maritime transport, safety and security as well as strengthening maritime administrations. She was involved in the setting up and launch of the Association of Women in the Maritime Sector in Eastern & Southern Africa (WOMESA) where she served for two terms as a Chairperson and now sits on the Governing Council. WOMESA is a first regional body which brings together women professionals in the maritime sector of 26 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa. She was also instrumental in organizing the first ever Heads of Maritime Administrations and Ship Registrars Conference held in Mombasa, Kenya in October 2013, and which has since formed into the Association of African Maritime Administrations. Mrs. Karigithu also organized the first National Maritime Conference which took place in February, 2015 and brought together key stakeholders of the international maritime industry to Kenya.

Before her present appointment Mrs. Karigithu worked as a short term legal expert for the European Union (EU) -Critical Maritime Routes Indian Ocean (EU CRIMARIO) Project, aimed at enhancing Maritime situational awareness in the Indian Ocean.



Mr. Silvester Kututa- Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Express Shipping

Mr. Silvester Kututa is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director of Express Shipping & Logistics (EA) Ltd. He has over 25 years experience in shipping, logistics, port operations and social entrepreneurship and holds a Bachelors of Arts (BA) in Economics and Business Studies from Kenyatta University (Nairobi) and a Master's of Science (MSc) in Shipping Management from the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmö, Sweden.

In 1992, he became the first African to be honored with the Cory Brothers Shipping Award from the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (UK). He has served as a Member of the Controlling Council as well as Executive Council Member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (UK) and previously as a Director at Kenya Maritime Authority.

Mr. Silvester Kututa is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, London. He has also served as Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, Eastern Africa Branch from 2010 to 2014. Currently, he is an Executive Committee member of Kenya Ships Agents Association (KSAA). Silvester is not only fervent in the development and delivery of distinctive management systems especially shipping and logistics services, but also deeply interested in mentorship, leadership and personal skills development of young professionals.



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