



KMA to host first Maritime Transport Side event during the Blue economy Conference

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) will host the first major Maritime Transport Side event during the Blue economy Conference in partnership with the State Department of Shipping & Maritime, 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) and the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre (MTCC). The event will be held on 26th November, 2018, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm at the Aberdares Hall at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre in Nairobi. The Maritime Transport Side event is expected to draw attendance of over 150 delegates from about 30 different countries around the globe.

The Chief Guest of the side event will be Mr. James W. Macharia, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, and Housing & Urban Development. Mrs. Nancy Karigithu, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department of Shipping & Maritime, and Mrs. Esther Koimet, the Principal Secretary, State Department of Transport- Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, and Housing & Urban Development will also be in attendance.

The key discussions in the Maritime Transport Side event will be on Smart & sustainable transport and logistics, Maritime safety, security & regulatory enforcement and how Maritime Transport can contribute positively in employment, job creation & poverty eradication. It is expected that the Maritime Transport Side event will provide a great platform for learning and exchanging ideas on how to progress the maritime sector, sharing knowledge, experience and investment opportunities on among other topical issues such as: 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 and viii. Cabotage opportunities. Kenya is an active maritime nation with a great potential of becoming a great maritime and Blue economy. It is expected that the outcome of the Maritime Transport side event is going to contribute majorly in the progression of the country's Blue economy and Big 4 Agenda as well as improvements in the maritime transport sector.

Some of the notable International speakers in the Maritime Transport Side event will be Mr. George Wolf Senior Director, Market Access, TradeMark East Africa, Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, The President, World Maritime University, Malmö- Sweden, Capt. Ahmad Jaafar Baharom, Director, Seafarer Management Centre- Malaysia, Ms. Funmi Folorunso, Secretary General, African Shipowners Association-Nigeria, Mr. Joshua Oigara, CBS- Group Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Commercial Bank, Kenya Commercial Bank, Mr. Chris Trelawny, Chief, Subdivision for Maritime Development, Technical Cooperation Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)- United Kingdom, Mr. Conrad Thorpe OBE- Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Salama Fikira.

Some of the notable panelists for the sessions will be: Dr. Alsnoy Balbaa, Vice President for African and Asian Affairs Sector, Arab Academy for Science Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt; Mr. Han-Dong BANG, Chief Executive Officer Jooway Shipping Co., Ltd South Korea, Captain Jøran Nøstvik-General Manager; Abojeb-Philippines; Dr. Michaël Dooms, VUB University, Brussels- Belgium, Adm. François-Régis Cloup-Andavialle, Coordinator-European Union -Critical Maritime Routes Indian Ocean (EU CRIMARIO) Project, Mr. Sobantu Tilayi-Chief Operating Officer, South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), Dr. Dakuku Peterside- Director General, Nigerian Maritime and Safety Authority (NIMASA), Mr. Kwame Ousu, Director General, Ghana Maritime Authority, Major (Rtd) George Nyamoko Okong'o- Director General, Kenya Maritime Authority, Dr. Arch. Daniel Manduku- Managing Director- Kenya Ports Authority, Mr. Amos Wangora- Chief Executive Officer- Kenya Trade Network Agency, Mr. Silvester Kututa- Managing Director, Express Shipping among many others.