



KMA SIGNS MARITIME EDUCATION AGREEMENT WITH TURKANA UNIVERSITY

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Turkana University College (TUC) to enhance the provision of quality maritime education and training in the region. The MOU was signed by Cosmas Cherop, Ag. Director General, KMA and Professor Edgar Kabaji, Vice- Chancellor, Turkana University College at the KMA offices.



The MOU with Turkana University College is aimed at promoting maritime education and training and regulating compliance with the standards of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978 as amended. KMA intends to collaborate with the University in the sharing of facilities and equipment, institutional capacity building, training of maritime students, dissemination of maritime knowledge, and in research, innovation and development in technology.

The expected outcome of the collaboration is a harmonious undertaking of maritime education and training in a coordinated framework aimed at enhancing the maritime sector's contribution to the national economy as envisaged in Kenya's Vision 2030, the long-term national planning and development strategy. It is also expected that the improvement of the country's capacity in relation to skills development will go a long way in enhancing development and investments in the maritime sector.