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HELENIC - AFRICAN MARITIME CONFERENCE

Theme:
The Sustainable Development of the African Blue ECONOMY

27TH AND 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

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AFRICA HELLENIC MARITIME CONFERENCE

OVERVIEW

The African Shipowners Association regularly hosts Conferences all over the world. Sometimes these conferences are in collaboration with other Organisation. The Association this year will host a conference in the ancient city of Athens, in a country that has the greatest number of Vessels in the world

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The Conference aims to address the African Blue Economy Strategy and Implementation guidelines and the possibility of synergy with the African Fleet Development Agenda and the AfCFTA agenda. The Conference will come out with Strategies for the Development of the African Blue Economy as laid out in AFRICAN UNION BLUE ECONOMY STRATEGY PLAN bearing in mind the AfCFTA.

Greece as Venue

His Excellency Ambassador Nicolas Protonotario the first permanent observer of Greece to the African Union, stated that although Greece is going through one of the biggest economic crisis in modern history, its relations with Africa are and will remain a priority. The Association encouraged by this clear statement of support for the continent and based on the recognition of the Greece as a major maritime country considers Athens as a proper setting for discussions on The Sustainable Development of the African Blue Economy.

The Association which has as its core objective development of an African Fleet, will leverage on its presence in Greece to discuss this theme and use Greek Shipping which is one of the cornerstones of the global economy as a case study.

The African Shipowners Association

The African Shipowners Association was birthed 12 years ago after a meeting of some Shipowners who operate African flagged vessels and some African Maritime Administrations in Ghana.

The resolution at that meeting was to establish an association of Africans who own and operate vessels to participate in Continental and International trade.

The Association is a partner of the African Union Commission; Port Management Association of Eastern & Southern Africa; Women in Maritime in East and Southern Africa and a member of the Association of African Maritime Administrations (AAMA).

Its objectives are:

1. Support and encourage the implementation of the African Blue Economy Strategy
2. Development of an African fleet of vessels

The Africa Blue Economy Strategy

The objective of the Africa Blue Economy Strategy is to guide the development of an inclusive and sustainable blue economy that becomes a significant contributor to continental transformation and growth, through advancing knowledge on marine and aquatic biotechnology, environmental sustainability, the growth of an Africa-wide shipping industry, the development of sea, river and lake transport, the management of fishing activities on these aquatic spaces, and the exploitation and beneficiation of deep sea mineral and other resources.

The Africa Blue Economy Strategy is consolidated based on five detailed thematic areas:

1. Fisheries, aquaculture, conservation and sustainable aquatic ecosystems
2. Shipping/transportation, trade, ports, maritime security, safety and Enforcement
3. Coastal and maritime tourism, climate change, resilience, environment, infrastructure
4. Sustainable energy and mineral resources and innovative industries
5. Policies, institutional and governance, employment, job creation and poverty eradication, innovative financing.

The Goals of Thematic area 2 are

1. Carrying cargoes from African countries for import and export at reasonable rates
2. Develop interstate trade

Objectives

1.1 Control sea freight rates and other transport costs

1.1 Create and develop transport corridors

1.2 Promote good governance of the sector

Develop sub-regional cabotage transport

1.3 Promote the training of actors

Application of conventions and agreements on free movement of persons and goods and standards

1.4 Ensure security and safety in the African maritime area

African Continental Free Trade Area

The transport sector will strongly benefit from AfCFTA.

This benefit will be optimized if AfCFTA is accompanied by implementation of regional infrastructure projects

° The estimated cost of trucks required as a result of AfCFTA is US\$ 345 billion

* The estimated cost of aircrafts required as a result of AfCFTA is US\$ 25 billion

* The estimated cost of rail wagons required as a result of AfCFTA is US\$36 billion

* The estimated cost of vessels required as a result of AfCFTA is US\$ 4 billion

ECA's research unpacked AfCFTA investment opportunities in the transport sector by answering the following questions

* How will implementation of AfCFTA affect demand for transport infrastructure and services?

* What would be the demand for different modes of transport, and what are the implications for investment in infrastructure development?

* What would be the infrastructure and equipment needs for different transport modes?

The Conference will articulate strategies for the optimal achievement of the Objectives of the AfCFTA

CONFERENCE PARTNERS

The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE)

AU-IBAR is a specialized technical office of the African Union Commission (AUC), headed by the Director who reports directly to the AUC through the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA).

Maritime Organisation for West and Central Africa (MOWCA).

Whose over-riding role is to ensure for the sub-region a cost-effective shipping service high on safety and low on pollution.

MOWCA unifies 25 countries on the West and Central African shipping range (inclusive of five landlocked countries). These countries comprise of 20 coastal states bordering the North and South Atlantic Ocean, and to explain the maritime link for landlocked countries the ports of the Ocean interfacing countries provide the seaborne trade of those that are landlocked.

MOWCA coordinates the following three specialized Units

The Port Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA),

The Union of African Shippers Councils (UASC)

The Association of African Shipping Lines (ANSL)

The Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping (ISCOS)

Is a Regional Maritime Organization operating in the Eastern and Southern Africa and whose founding Membership are the States of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia
Its Objectives are Promote and Advocate for Competitive Shipping and Maritime services,
Undertake Industry research and disseminate Information and Advisories on emerging matters of Policy and Practice in the industry.

Advocate for and Promote efficiency in logistics and economic competitiveness in shipping and International trade,

Facilitate the effective representation of Land Linked States in Coastal shipping services and enable a Coordinated Interface between Land linked and Coastal States

Organize and Capacity-build the Shipping and Maritime Sector;

Support the Development and Implementation of National and Regional Shipping and Maritime Initiatives;

Coordinate matters of Safety and Security of Maritime bodies and facilities

Promote Investments in the Shipping and Maritime sector

Encourage structured collaboration and Coordination of players in the sector.

Facilitate the accession to and implementation of International Maritime Agreements and Conventions.

Association for Women in the Maritime Sector in Eastern and Southern Africa

The Association of Women in the Maritime Sector in Eastern and Southern Africa

Region was formed as a Regional organization in line with SDG 5 on gender equality under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Women in Development (WID) Programme.

WOMESA's objective is to advocate gender equality in the maritime sector, integrate women into mainstream maritime activities, improve their access to maritime training and technology, increase their percentage at the senior management level, and promote women's access to quality, employment in the maritime sector and enhance inclusion of women in the maritime the sector through partnerships and collaboration with development partners. The Association's vision is to be a key partner for gender inclusivity in the sustainable development agenda of the maritime sector in Africa and the Mission is to promote active women's participation in the maritime sector and contribute to the growth of the industry in Eastern and Southern Africa through the pursuance of activities aimed at promoting gender equality.

They are also committed to the United Nations' Agenda (SDG 14)- which provides that "UN Member states commit to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development" The same is also provided for in various policies such as the AU-Agenda 2063 on the Blue Economy, the AU-2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM Strategy).

Womesa Member Countries

Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Mozambique, Eritrea, Swaziland, Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Comoros, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Somalia

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE MONDAY 26th September 2022

- Arrival of Delegates.
- Registration and Conference Documentation
- Check into Hotel Rooms
- Guided Tour of Athens - Greece a Maritime Nation

DAY TWO TUESDAY 27th September 2022

Arrival of Dignitaries

OPENING CEREMONY

African Anthem and National Anthem of Greece

Opening Remarks by Conveners

Goodwill Messages

- Hellenic Republic Ministry of Development and Investments
- General Secretary of Economic Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Hellenic Republic Region of Attica
- Greek Shipowners Association
- African Women in Maritime
- Association of African Maritime Administrations

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of The African Blue Economy BY IBAR

Presentation of AfCFTA Opportunities in the Transportation Sector BY UNECA

Presentation of the Merchant Marine Services Facility BY AFREXIM BANK

WELCOME ADDRESS - Greek Minister for Maritime

Message from the office of the Chairperson of the African Union

OPENING DECLARATION and Photographs

End of Opening Ceremony

TECHNICAL SESSION

Announcements by: ASA Director of Conferences

PRESENTATIONS:

THE GREEK MARITIME INDUSTRY -

President of the Greek Shipowners Association Followed by detailed discussions

THE AFRICAN MARITIME INDUSTRY -

Representative of the Association of Maritime Administration of Africa

THE OPPURTUNITIES IN THE AFRICAN MARITIME INDUSTRY - UNECA

THE OPPURTUNITIES IN THE AFRICAN BLUE ECONOMY - AU IBAR

FINANCING THE AFRICAN MARITIME INDUSTRY - AFREXIM BANK

Developing and Sustaining an African — Hellenic Maritime Agenda - TBA

END OF DAY TWO

DAY THREE Wednesday 28th September 2022

Facilitated Meetings in various meeting rooms.

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Syngrou Avenue Athens



Syngrou Avenue runs from the center of Athens south to its coastal suburbs and beaches. Like the major arteries to the north Syngrou is not one of the most beautiful roads but it does have its attractions. These are some of the largest nightclubs and bouzoukia. Their names, ownership and decor change almost every year, keeping them fresh, trendy and always exclusive so international clubbing types should definitely put a night out here on their agendas.

Once the road hits the coast, things become better and better. From Syngrou, the busy Poseidonos avenue named after the god of the sea, runs along the coast through the wealthy seaside suburbs of Faliro, Glyfada, Voula and Vouliagmeni. The locals have taken to calling this area the Athenian Riviera and there's something to be said for that, it's lined up with clean, well maintained public and pay-per-visit beaches, all invariably full of bathing beauties. Between the beaches there are luxurious seaside nightclubs and excellent hotels.



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