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Successful Completion of Ethics and Integrity Leadership Training for 22 Port State Control Officers in Lagos

On June 10th and 11th, 2024, 22 Port State Control Officers from West and Central Africa successfully completed the Ethics and Integrity Leadership Training in Lagos, Nigeria. This training, the first of its kind, was organized by the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control for West and Central Africa Region (Abuja MoU) in collaboration with the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN).

Aligned with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Code of Good Practice for Port State Control Officers and the FAL Guidance, the training aimed to bolster adherence to laws, regulations, and standard operating procedures. The capacity-building exercise focused on promoting safer seas and cleaner oceans by minimizing activities that create vulnerability to corruption and encouraging stakeholders' compliance with Codes of Conduct and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).



The interactive workshop featured discussions on real-life cases and relatable port scenarios, highlighting corruption risks in port State Control functions and areas for improvement for both the public and private sectors. Emphasis was placed on the collective efforts needed to embed maximum integrity in the industry, ensuring that every port stakeholder is accountable, professional, and transparent to improve trade facilitation.

PMAWCA technical committee meetings open in Kribi

The opening ceremony of the technical committee meetings of the Port Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA) was held on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at the Hotel Lagon in Kribi, Cameroon, under the chairmanship of the Minister of Transport, Jean Ernest Masséna NGALLÈ BIBÉHÈ, in the presence of the Préfet de l'Océan, the Mayor of Kribi, the Secretary General of PMAWCA, the ... [read more](#)



Afreximbank signs term sheet to finance new terminal at Cameroon's Douala Port

African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) has signed an indicative term sheet with APD-Cameroon for the financing of the development and operation of a new port terminal in Douala, Cameroon, estimated to cost EUR210 million. According to the term sheet, the proposed facility will be in two tranches in Euro and Central African Francs (XAF) of up to EUR147 million, with a proposed Afreximbank participation of EUR80 million ... [read more](#)



7th WISTA Africa Conference, 31 July – 2 August 2024 in Cape Town, South Africa

WISTA South Africa has been invited to host the 7th WISTA Africa Conference in Cape Town, in UCT Graduate School of Business Conference Centre, 31 July – 2 August 2024 under the topic “Turning the Tide: Towards Effective Regional Co-operation to Optimize Economic Growth”.

The WISTA Africa Conference is a regional event that brings together women from many African countries. It is marketed not only to ... [read more](#)



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Bank of Africa divests its stake in Africa Morocco Links to CTM: A new chapter for maritime transport in Morocco



A new chapter for maritime transport in Morocco In a major transaction that reshapes the landscape of maritime transport in Morocco, Bank of Africa (BOA) has finalized the sale of its majority stake in Africa Morocco Links (AML) to Compagnie de Transports au Maroc (CTM). This divestment, worth 307 million dirhams (around \$30.7 million), marks BOA’s exit from AML’s shareholding and paves the way for a new era for the maritime transport operator.

This strategic acquisition allows CTM to consolidate its leading position in Morocco’s maritime ... [read more](#)

Côte d'Ivoire becomes the 13th AU Member State to ratify the revised African Maritime Transport Charter



On Friday 7 June 2024, the Legal Counsel of the African Union (AU), Prof. Hajer Gueldich, received a delegation from the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire for the deposit of the instrument of ratification of the revised_african_maritime_transport_charter. The delegation, led by Ambassador MAES Ennio, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the AU, also included the Counsellor in charge of Humanitarian ... [read more](#)

Côte d'Ivoire invests FCFA 85 billion to secure its sea, land and air borders

The Council of Ministers has approved Côte d'Ivoire's National Integrated Border Management Policy (PNGIF-CI) and its action plan, announced government spokesman Amadou Coulibaly on 12 June 2024 in Abidjan.

Scheduled to run for ten years, implementation of the PNGIF-CI will require a total investment of 85 billion CFA francs for the first five years, from 2023 to 2027, the period ... [read more](#)



Historic arrival of the ship Kota Tema at the Port of Lomé

On Saturday 8 June 2024, the Port of Lomé proudly celebrated the arrival of the Kota Tema, owned by Pacific International Lines (PIL), in the presence of the Port of Lomé authorities and many influential figures from the Togolese port sector.

The Kota Tema, a 7,092 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent unit) vessel, was chartered by PIL in April 2024 to meet the growing shipping ... [read more](#)

TNPA appoints GRINDROD SA as the preferred bidder for port of Richards Bay container handling facility

Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has appointed Grindrod South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Grindrod SA) as the Preferred Bidder to develop and operate a container handling facility at the Port of Richards Bay, as part of plans to drive improved port efficiency and service levels. This development will enable an increase in the port's container handling capacity from 50 000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) to ... [read more](#)



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Should West Africa remain absent from maritime transport ?

With nearly 170.7 million tonnes of oil per year, West Africa is the 3rd largest oil exporting region in the world, behind the Persian Gulf and Russia. It is also the world's leading exporter of agricultural raw materials, notably cocoa, with annual production of 2.1 million tonnes, of which only 1/3 is processed locally. At the same time, the region imports most of its consumer goods, such as cereals and manufactured goods. The paradox is that the region is virtually excluded from the transport of all these heavy goods by sea. This contradiction, which is detrimental to the region, must come to an end.

First, from an economic point of view, freight is included in the price of the goods, which represents a loss of earnings for the exporting country which does not participate in the transport. Furthermore, maritime transport is a tool of national sovereignty. If Denmark protects Maersk Line as an economic engine, France CMA CGM, Germany Hapag-Lloyd, China COSCO and South Korea Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM), why cannot Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, for example, do the same ?



Admittedly, before the mid-1990s, our countries had shipping companies that were unable to withstand the disappearance of the cargo distribution system, international competition and management problems, but the lessons learned from this past must be put to good use to reinvest in the shipping sector, which is dominated by the United States, China, the countries of the European Union and Japan.



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Attack on the MV Verbena: the tug Omar Dankali dispatched to assist the survivors

On Thursday 13 June 2024, the MV Verbena, a Palau-flagged vessel owned by Ukrainian interests and operated by a Polish company, was attacked in the Gulf of Aden, around 70 miles from Djibouti. The MV Anna Meta (56,300 dwt) intervened to rescue the crew of the attacked vessel, 500 metres outside territorial waters, approximately 30 nautical miles off the coast of Djibouti. In accordance with the provisions of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, the ... [read more](#)



Classification of the Port of Djibouti in the CPPI 2023, at the heart of discussions during the visit of a World Bank delegation to Djibouti



On Tuesday 18 June, a strategic meeting was held between a high-level government delegation from Djibouti and a World Bank delegation led by Mr Nicolas Peltier-Thiberge, Global Director of Transport. The Djibouti delegation included the Ministers of Economy, Finance and Industry, Infrastructure and Public Works, Trade and Tourism, Budget, as well as the chairman ... [read more](#)

CDC Bénin and WADB sign a loan agreement for FCFA 30 billion to finance the construction of the Maritime Affairs Centre



On Wednesday 19 June 2024, the West African Development Bank (WADB) and the Immobilière du Centre des Affaires Maritimes (ICAM SA), a subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations du Bénin (CDC Bénin), signed a loan agreement for FCFA 30 billion to finance the construction of the Maritime Affairs Centre (Centre des Affaires ... [read more](#))

Second Meeting of the SADC MCSCC Operational Task Force Convenes in Maputo

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance Coordination Centre (MCSCC) is pleased to announce the commencement of the Second Meeting of the Operational Task Force in Maputo.

The two-day event, hosted in the vibrant capital of Mozambique, will bring together key stakeholders to discuss critical matters related to minimum requirements for fishing vessels to operate in SADC are, as well as ... [read more](#)



AU-IBAR and SADC Pioneer Efforts in Fisheries Governance and Biodiversity Protection

In the SADC region, AU-IBAR is lending a hand to bolster regional monitoring, control, and surveillance systems aimed at protecting aquatic biodiversity and improving environmental management. Enabling the SADC Regional Monitoring Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre (RMCSCC) in Ka-Tembe, Mozambique, into operation is of particular importance. It was in Ka-Tembe, Mozambique, that the SADC RMCSCC was formally established ... [read more](#)



The Liberia Maritime Authority Initiates Stakeholder Consultation for IMO Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions



The Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA) today convened an inception meeting with key stakeholders to set the stage for the forthcoming National Stakeholders Consultative Engagement Workshop, scheduled for June 24–25, 2024. This workshop, organized in collaboration with the University College London (UCL), aims to strengthen Liberia's negotiation capacity ahead ... [read more](#)

Ghana Hosts Workshop on Aquatic Biodiversity and Environmental Management to Bridge Global Standards



AU-IBAR, in partnership with the Government of Ghana and with funding from the Swedish Government, is spearheading efforts to review and domesticate key global instruments related to aquatic biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, and environmental management. This initiative is being realized through a pivotal National Workshop scheduled ... [read more](#)

SPAIN ASSUMES COMMAND OF OPERATION ATALANTA'S FORCE

On 20 June, Spanish Rear Admiral Manuel Alvargonzález Méndez assumed command of the 47th rotation as Force Commander of the European Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) ATALANTA. He takes command of Task Force 465 from Italian Rear Admiral Francesco Saladino who was in command since 11 February 2024. The ceremony, which took place on the Italian ship MARTINENGO in the Port of Djibouti, was chaired by the EUNAVFOR Deputy Operation Commander Rear Admiral ... [read more](#)



Emanuele Grimaldi re-elected as Chairman of the International Chamber of Shipping



The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) Board of Directors has unanimously re-elected Emanuele Grimaldi, President and Managing Director of Grimaldi Euromed SpA, as Chairman of the Board. ICS represents 80% of the world's merchant fleet and is the principal international trade association for merchant shipowners and operators.

Mr Grimaldi will continue as Chairman for another term of ... [read more](#)

LiMA Delegation Visits Liberian Registry in Virginia, Strengthens Commitment to Maritime Excellence

The Liberia Maritime Authority's (LiMA) delegation, led by Commissioner/CEO Cllr. Neto Zarzar Lighe Sr., visits the Liberian Registry in Virginia, USA. The visit provides an invaluable opportunity for meaningful interactions with the Registry's dedicated team, fostering a deeper understanding of the Registry's unwavering commitment to excellence in the maritime industry. It underscored the Registry's dedication to ... [read more](#)



The Secretary General, MOWCA Participation at the 5th International Maritime Conference/ Regional Maritime Exercise (Imcremex) 2024 at Admiralty Conference Centre, Naval Dockyard Limited, Victorial Island Lagos, Nigeria on May 30-31, 2024



As part of the Secretary General's engagement with Maritime stakeholders, His Excellency, Dr. Paul Adalikwu graced the 2024 International Maritime Conference organized by the Nigerian Navy, an activity to commemorate its 68th Anniversary celebrations. The event which was held at the admiralty Conference Center, Naval Dockyard ... [read more](#)

TNPA SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN NELSON MANDELA BAY

To enable climate-resilient infrastructure at its Nelson Mandela Bay Ports, Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has issued three Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the construction of two Solar-Powered Seawater Desalination Plants and a Renewable Energy Power System.

In response to its exposure to a range of climate change risks ... [read more](#)





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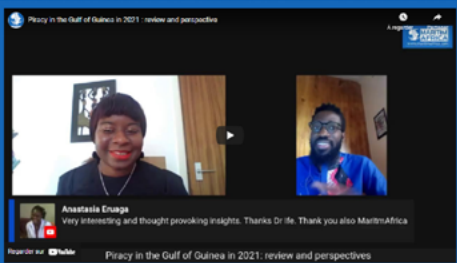


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