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Regional Maritime Cooperation: Equatorial Guinea Strengthens Engagement with MOWCA During Strategic Visit by the Secretary General

Regional maritime cooperation in West and Central Africa has gained new momentum following a high-level strategic visit by the Secretary General of the Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa (MOWCA), Dr Paul Adalikwu, to the Minister of Transport of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. The meeting marks a further step toward stronger maritime governance, enhanced Gulf of Guinea security, and sustainable blue economy development.

A Strategic Visit to Advance the Regional Maritime Agenda

Held at the Ministry of Transport in Malabo, the working session aimed to reinforce Equatorial Guinea's active participation in MOWCA programmes and decision-making processes. The visit forms part of MOWCA's broader engagement with Member States to support institutional reforms and accelerate implementation of its regional maritime strategy.... [Click here to read more](#)



SFTC 2026 Programme to Address Volatility, Regulation and Green Finance

The Maritime Standard has announced the full programme for the eighth edition of the Ship Finance and Trade Conference (SFTC), which will take place on 9 February 2026 at Grosvenor House, Dubai. The conference will be held under the theme Ship Finance: helping the industry navigate through increasingly uncertain waters and will address the financial and strategic issues shaping the future of global shipping and trade.

The programme has been designed to reflect the current challenges facing the maritime industry, including economic volatility, geopolitical disruption, regulatory uncertainty, and the growing pressure to finance the green transition. SFTC 2026 will feature two focused sessions that bring together shipowners, financiers, investors, banks, alternative lenders, policymakers, and industry advisers for in-depth discussion and practical analysis.... [Click here to read more](#)



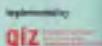
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The Port of Mombasa records a traffic milestone of 45.45 million tonnes in 2025

Cargo volumes through the Port of Mombasa have hit a record 45.45 million metric tons for the period January to December 2025.

This is a 10.0 percent increase or 4.46 million metric tons in comparison to 2024 when the port handled 40.99 million metric tons.

Similarly, significant growth was attained in container traffic reaching a total of 2.11 million TEUs, against 2.00 million TEUs in 2024, representing a growth rate of 109,797 TEUs, or 5.5 percent.

In a media briefing to release the Kenya Ports Authority performance outlook for 2025, Managing Director Capt. William Ruto also announced that, transit cargo followed a similar trajectory after posting 15.88 million tons from 13.29 million tons in 2024, which translates to 2.59 million metric tons or 19.5 percent.

The MD also noted that every port facility registered growth with the Port of Lamu recording the highest improvement... [Click here to read more](#)



GMA & Danaos Shipping Strengthen Ties to Boost Global Placement of Ghanaian Seafarers

The Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA) has reinforced its strategic partnership with global shipping giant Danaos Shipping and its local representative, Safety Marine, in a major drive to increase the placement of Ghanaian seafarers on international vessels.

According to the Director General of the GMA, Dr Kamal-Deen Ali, the Authority is streamlining certification processes and working to resolve long-standing visa challenges as part of an ambitious roadmap to expand seafarer promotion and recruitment in Ghana.

“The GMA is committed to walking the

road with its partners to ensure that Ghana remains a premier hub for maritime labor in West Africa,” Dr Ali said.

Recruitment Drive

Dr. Ali made these remarks during a courtesy call by representatives from the Greece-based Danaos Shipping Company and Safety Marine.

The visit coincided with a three-day recruitment exercise held from January 26–28, 2026, during which the team screened over 150 Ghanaian seafarer ratings to bolster their global employment pool... [Cliquez ici pour lire la suite](#)



Visit of the EUNAVFOR Atalanta mission by Heads of Mission of EU Member States accredited to Kenya

Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Republic of Poland, Mr Marcin Kubiak, participated in the extraordinary meeting in Mombasa of Heads of Missions of the EU Member States accredited to Kenya.

The purpose of the visit was to meet with the Governor of Mombasa County, Abdullswamad Sheriff Nasser, and to visit the Spanish frigate "Victoria", which is performing combat tasks as part of the European Union's EUNAVFOR ATALANTA

Operation. During a briefing organised by the commander of the 51st rotation of the EU Naval Force in Operation Atalanta, Commodore João Silva, and the ship's commander, Commander Jorge Fernández de Navarrete, the history, scope of the mandate and current activities of ATALANTA were presented. The mission was established in December 2008 as the EU's first naval operation in response to the sharp increase in piracy off the coast of Somalia..... [Click here to read more](#)



SONA 2026: President Boakai Backs NPA Reforms to Break Port Monopoly

In a defining moment for Liberia's maritime and trade sector, President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, delivering his third State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2026, again strongly reaffirmed the centrality of the National Port Authority (NPA) to national economic recovery, trade facilitation, and structural transformation of Liberia. The President's remarks stand as a powerful national endorsement of the reform agenda being executed by the NPA Management Team under the leadership of Managing Director Sekou A. M. Dukuly, and the Board of Directors.

Breaking Monopoly. Creating Competition. Expanding Capacity.

President Boakai recounted a landmark

development emerging from his official engagement in Morocco about two months ago. This engagement according to President Boakai with the leading Moroccan port development entity(Tanger Med) has resulted in a commitment to invest in strategic port equipment, logistics systems, and terminal infrastructure at the Freeport of Monrovia. The President noted that this investment is crucial toward expanding the Freeport and constructing modern bulk cargo terminals at the LMC Pier, thereby decompressing port congestion, diversifying terminal operations, and structurally lowering the cost of doing business at the Port of Monrovia.... [Click here to read more](#)

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Biomimicry in the Blue Economy: Toward a Bio-Inspired Blue Economy

The blue economy encompasses all economic activities linked to oceans, seas, lakes, rivers, and their shorelines, while integrating fundamental principles of environmental protection and improved human well-being. It is notably based on the sustainable use of fishery resources, marine biodiversity, and ocean ecosystems for income-generating purposes.

However, beyond the conventional exploitation of the ocean and its re-

sources, water bodies, and coastal zones, a more innovative approach involves drawing inspiration from marine biodiversity and its natural mechanisms to address major challenges such as marine pollution, coastal erosion, and others.

In this context, biomimicry emerges as a key solution, offering sustainable, efficient, and innovative responses to the challenges of the blue economy.
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