



**Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on
“Maritime Transport in Africa:
Challenges, Opportunities, and, an Agenda for Future Research”**

Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort and Convention Centre
11 September 2018, 2–5.30 p.m.
Mombasa, Kenya

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is convening an Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on **“Maritime Transport in Africa: Challenges, Opportunities, and, an Agenda for Future Research”**. Organized in collaboration with Korea Maritime Institute (KMI) and TradeMark East Africa (TMEA), the meeting will be held on 11 September 2018, at the Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort & Convention Centre, Mombasa; from 2–5.30 p.m. Seizing the momentum arising from the Conference of the International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) scheduled to take place on 11-14 September 2018 in Mombasa, the ad hoc expert meeting will provide a forum for discussion and exchange of views on how best to scale up and strengthen research work on maritime transport in Africa. The IAME 2018 Conference will mark the first annual meeting of the IAME to be held in Africa.

Background and purpose of the meeting

With over 80% of world merchandise trade by volume being carried by sea, the strategic importance of maritime transport for trade and development cannot be overemphasized. In 2017, world seaborne trade reached an estimated 10.7 billion tons, following an annual growth rate of 4.0%. Looking ahead, UNCTAD projects global maritime trade to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 3.8% between 2018 and 2023.

Over 90% of Africa’s international trade is maritime. The continent contributes, however, small shares to global seaborne trade with around 7 % and 5% of exports and imports, respectively. Reflecting Africa’s trade structure, 40% of goods exported by sea in 2017 were made of crude oil. Meanwhile, over 75% of imports were accounted for by dry cargoes (e.g. dry bulks and containerized goods) and close to 20% were made of petroleum products and gas. On the supply side, Africa’s ownership of world fleet is limited with no African country being included in the top 35 shipowning countries. As to ship registration, only Liberia makes the list of top flag States, ranking third globally after Panama and Marshall Islands in terms of nationally flagged tonnage. With 3,321 registered vessels and a capacity of about 223.7 million deadweight tons, the Liberian ship register accounted for about 11.6% the world fleet tonnage in January 2018.



Africa's shipping and ports are not always on par with global trends and standards. Apart from four container terminals from Morocco, Egypt, and South Africa, no other African port was featured in the 2016 list of top 100 global container ports. Among other features, African ports are characterized by heavy involvement of the public sector in operations compared to other regions. Port capacity limitations, lack of institutional reforms and inefficient operations remain major challenges in Africa. Port equipment is often inadequate and poorly maintained putting pressure on productivity levels. On average, crane productivity hovers around 20 moves per crane per hour in West Africa, 25 to 30 in South Africa, and 35 to 40 in Asia. Recent data indicate, however, some improvements such as in the port of Mombasa where import container dwell times fell from 12 days in 2008 to 4.8 days in 2015. These challenges are further amplified by trade imbalances and empty return incidence that exacerbate operational challenges. Together, these factors are raising cargo dwell time, undermine efficiency, reduce productivity, cause delays, heighten congestion and raise transport and trade costs.

More recently, the rise of megaships, the cascading effect into secondary routes such as in Africa, and growing sustainability requirements are creating more stringent demands on the continent's shipping services and port infrastructure. In this context and bearing in mind the expected growth in Africa's maritime trade due in particular to the demographic and economic factors shaping the continent, unlocking the potential of Africa's maritime transport sector to promote shipping, ports and hinterland access on the continent becomes an overriding imperative.

Logistics: The meeting will take at the PridelInn Paradise Beach Resort & Convention Centre, in Mombasa, Kenya, 11 September 2018, from 2–5.30 p.m.

Participation: The meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. It may be of interest to government officials, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, civil society groups, and representatives of the private sector dealing with issues related to transport and trade generally, and maritime transport in Africa, in particular. Experts from international and regional organizations, including development banks dealing with transport and trade, will also be invited. All those wishing to participate in this meeting are requested to register by sending an email to Ms. Hassiba Benamara, Economic Affairs Officer: +41 22 917 2038 at hassiba.benamara@un.org, by **10 September 2018**.

Documents and contributed papers: All experts are encouraged to prepare and submit relevant papers and contributions. These will be made available on UNCTAD website in the form and language in which they are received. Contributed papers should be submitted to hassiba.benamara@un.org.

For additional information about the meeting please see <http://unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=1884>.



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1.30–2 p.m.	Registration
2.–2.20 p.m.	<p>Opening</p> <p>Dr. Mukhisa KITUYI, Secretary General of UNCTAD</p> <p>Mr. Kiyoul LEE, Senior Researcher, Port & Logistics Research Division, KMI, Republic of Korea</p>
2.20–3.50. p.m.	Session 1: Maritime Transport in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities
	<p>Moderator: Mr. Jan HOFFMANN, Chief Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD</p> <p>Maritime Transport in Africa: Setting the scene</p> <p>Ms. Hassiba BENAMARA, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, UNCTAD</p> <p>Panel discussion: Challenges and opportunities in Africa’s maritime transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Robert LISINGE, Chief of Operational Quality Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia ▪ Mr. James Ng’ang’a, TradeMark East Africa, Kenya ▪ Ms. Funmi FOLORUNSO, Secretary General, African Shipowners Association, Seychelles ▪ Col. Andre DIDACE CISEAU, Ag. Secretary General, Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa, Kenya ▪ Mr. Destin LOGBO, Department Head, IT Governance, Port Autonome d’Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire ▪ Mr. Justus OMAE NYARANDI, Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority, Kenya ▪ Mr. Adamou Saley ABDOURAHAMANE, Secrétaire Général, Union des conseils des chargeurs africains, Cameroon ▪ Mr. Godius KAHYARARA, Professor of Economics, University of Dar-es-Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania <p style="text-align: right;">Discussion</p>



<p>3.50–5.20 p.m.</p>	<p>Session 2: A Maritime Transport Research Agenda for Africa</p>
	<p>Moderator: <i>Professor Paul Tae-Woo LEE</i>, Director, Maritime Logistics and Free Trade Islands Research Center, Zhejiang University, People's Republic of China</p> <p>Research on Africa's maritime transport: Evidence from IAME 2018 papers</p> <p><i>Ms. Elvira HAEZENDONCK</i>, Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium <i>Mr. Michael DOOMS</i>, Professor, Conference Chair, IAME 2018, (VUB), Belgium</p> <p>Panel discussion: Views on priority research areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr. Imran KARIM</i>, Principal Engineer, Transnet, South Africa ▪ <i>Mr. Hesham GHASHAT</i>, Director, Centre for Transport Research Studies, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya ▪ <i>Mr. Victor GEKARA</i>, Associate Professor, RMIT University, Australia ▪ <i>Mr. Gaël RABALLAND</i>, Lead Public Sector Specialist, World Bank, United Republic of Tanzania ▪ <i>Ms. Naima Saeed</i>, Associate Professor, University of Agder, Norway ▪ <i>Mr. Alexandre LAVISSIERE</i>, Assistant Professor, Ecole de Management de Normandie, France ▪ <i>Mr. Gordon WILMSMEIER</i>, Professor, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia <p style="text-align: right;">Discussion</p>
<p>5.20–5.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>Mr. Arch. Daniel O. MANDUKU</i>, Ag. Managing Director, Kenya Ports Authority (Host of IAME 2018 Conference)</p>