



2nd Global Supply Chain Forum 2026

RIYADH ➤ 29 November
to 1 December

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30 November 2026

King Abdulaziz International Conference Center (KAICC)

13:30 – 16:30pm (180 minutes)

THEATRE STYLE DISCUSSION

Building Resilient Ports Together: The TrainForTrade Network in action

Description

For three decades, the UN Trade and Development TrainForTrade Port Management Programme has supported port communities in developing countries in building more efficient and competitive ports for the future. Through its English-, French- and Spanish-speaking networks, the Programme has reached countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean, supported by a network of port partners.

The Programme connects port professionals across regions, providing a platform for knowledge exchange, peer learning, and South–South and Triangular cooperation. At the heart of the Programme are case studies developed by participants to address real-world challenges within their ports, making them not only recipients of solutions, but actors in the construction of their own future. These case studies require research, analytical, communication, and creative skills and aim to develop concrete solutions while considering the future sustainability of ports. Collectively,

they contribute practical solutions towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This session will bring together representatives from the three linguistic networks to showcase relevant case studies and how their recommendations have been implemented in practice. Participants will share achievements, challenges, and lessons learned, demonstrating how solutions and experiences born in one port can inform and inspire others across the wider network.

Existing Members, Partners, and Financial Contributors:

General

- International Association of Ports and Harbour – IAPH
- International Harbour Masters' Association – IHMA
- Women's International Shipping and Trade Association – WISTA

English-speaking Network

- Ghana – Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA)
- Kenya – Kenya Ports Authority (KPA)
- Maldives – Maldives Port Limited (MPL)
- Namibia – Namibian Ports Authority (NAMPORT)
- Nigeria – Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA)
- Philippines – Philippines Port Authority (PPA)
- United Republic of Tanzania – Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)
- United Kingdom – Belfast Harbour Commissioners
- Ireland – Dublin Port Company
- Ireland – Port of Cork Company
- Ireland – Irish Aid

French-speaking Network

- Cameroon (2) – Port Autonome de Douala (PAD), Port Autonome de Kribi (PAK)
- Cote d'Ivoire – Port Autonome d'Abidjan (PAA)
- Gabon – Office des Ports et Rades du Gabon (OPRAG)

- Guinea – Port Autonome de Conakry (PAC)
- Haiti – Autorité Portuaire Nationale (APN)
- Mauritania – Port Autonome de Nouakchott, Port de l'Amitié (PANPA), Port de Ndiago
- Senegal – Port Autonome de Dakar (PAD)
- Togo – Port Autonome de Lomé (PAL), Conseil National des Chargeurs du Togo (CNCT), Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie du Togo (CCIT)
- Tunisia – Office de la Marine Marchande et des Ports (OMMP)
- French government (at inception)
- France – Port de Marseille Fos
- France – Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port
- France – HAROPA Port

Spanish-speaking Network

- Argentina – Agencia Nacional de Puertos y Navegación (ANPYN), Puerto Comodoro Rivadavia, Puerto Bahia Blanca, Puerto Madryn
- Bolivia – Puerto Jennefer, DGIMFLMM - Ministerio de Defensa
- Dominican Republic – Haina International Terminals (HIT), Puerto Santo Domingo Sansouci
- Peru – Autoridad Portuaria Nacional (APN)- Ministerio de Comercio Exterior y Turismo (MINCETUR)
- Panama – Maritime Policy Bureau (MPB)
- Uruguay – Centro de Navegación (CENNAVE), Instituto Nacional de Logística (INALOG)
- Guatemala – Comisión Portuaria Nacional (CPN)
- México – Secretaría de Marina, Administración del Sistema Portuario Nacional Veracruz, Ensenada, Manzanillo y Lazaro Cardenas
- Spain - Gijon Port Authority
- Spain - Valencia Port Authority
- Spain - Las Palmas Port Authority
- Spain - Cartagena Port Authority

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- Spain - Vigo Port Authority
- Spain - Santander Port Authority
- Spain - Puertos del Estado (Regulator for the 28 Port Authorities of Spain)
- Spain - Ministry of Economy, Trade and Enterprise, Spain (MINECO)



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Programme

Opening remarks: SG request

Mr. Mark Assaf, Chief, TrainForTrade, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Interactive discussions

Moderator:

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Availability of interpretation

English, French, Spanish, Arabic

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