Programme

Webinar on COVID-19 and Maritime Transport: Disruption and Resilience in Africa

15 April 2021
9:00 – 11:00 hrs (Geneva); 10:00 – 12:00 hrs (Beirut); 11:00 – 13:00 hrs (Addis Ababa)

The webinar will discuss the following topics from both the global and regional perspectives:
– Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on maritime transport and challenges faced
– Response measures and coping strategies introduced by government and industry stakeholders
– Lessons learned and good practices
– Future proofing the maritime transport and the resilience building imperative

9:00-09:20: Introduction and welcoming remarks

▪ Ms. Frida Youssef, Chief, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
▪ Mr. Robert Lisinge, Chief, Energy, Infrastructure and Services Section, Private Sector Development and Finance Division, UNECA.
▪ Mr. Adel Alghaberi, First Economic Affairs Officer, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, UNESCWA.

09:20-10:00: COVID-19 and Maritime Transport: Disruptions and Resilience in Africa

▪ Mr. Athanasios A. Pallis, Professor, University of the Aegean, Greece (Consultant, UNCTAD) (40 minutes)

10:00-10:40: Experiences from the region

—— Mr. Rachid Houari, Port Central Director, Tanger Med, African Ports Transport Taskforce (10 minutes)
—— Mr. Omae J. Nyarandi, Executive Secretary, Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (NCTTCA) (10 minutes)
—— Mr. Gilbert Langat, Chief Executive Officer, Shippers Council of Eastern Africa (10 minutes)
—— Mr. Yaya Yedan, Senior Transport Specialist, SSATP Integration, World Bank (10 minutes)

Q&As (20 minutes)

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