

KMA hosts Heads of African Maritime Administrations Summit

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) hosted the second session of the Executive Committee of the Association of African Maritime Administrations (AAMA) on 6 - 8 February, 2018 at the Pride inn Hotel, Mombasa. The meeting was attended by Heads of African Maritime Administrations from about 11 different African countries including, Nigeria led by the Director General- Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency(NIMASA) and Chairman of AAMA, Dr. Dakuku A. Peterside and Ghana led by the Director General, Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA), Mr. Kwame Owusu. Heads of African Maritime Administrations from South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan, Seychelles and Mozambique were also present.



The Association brings together all African Maritime Administration Authorities to address issues of common interest in Africa's maritime sector.

"We are gathered here today to improve among others, the capacity, capability and performance of Africa's Maritime Administrations, with emphasis on human resources development, technology and information sharing," said the AAMA Chairman, Dr. Dakuku A. Peterside, who is also the Director General of NIMASA.

Speaking during the meeting, the Ag. Director General of KMA, Mr. Cosmas Cherop noted that the continent's existing aspirations as captured in the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM Strategy) and Agenda 2063 on maritime safety, security, infrastructure, management

and sustainable resource utilization provide a good platform for the continent to progress its ambitions to revive the blue economy.

“Our main task is to roll out programs that will hasten the realization of our dream in the sector,” said Cherop.

At the conclusion of the two day meeting, a number of key issues were deliberated upon such as engagement with the African Maritime Advisory Group (AMAG) on provision of data on illegal migration, establishment of a maritime department in the African Union Commission, the role of AAMA in the implementation of the Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy (AIMS) 2050, preparation for the 2018 Maritime Awards in Africa, establishment of a continental Cabotage regime under AIMS 2050, establishment of a database of Ship Registries in Africa, the AAMA work plan, the framework for monitoring and controlling fishing activities, Near-Coastal Trading, Certification and Competency Code to foster economic cooperation among AAMA members, prevention of marine pollution and implementation of the 2016 Lomé Charter to strengthen inter-agency and transitional coordination and cooperation in maritime domain awareness, fight against all forms of maritime crimes and the promotion of economic growth of Africa.

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) is one of the founder members of the Association of African Maritime Administrations (AAMA). Kenya was endorsed to host the 2nd Session of the Executive Committee of AAMA by the association’s Executive Committee of its 1st Session held at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) on 17-19 September 2017 in Egypt.