

NOR-SHIPING AFRICA CONFERENCE IN LILLESTRØM - OSLO, WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2019

Venue: Svalbard Conference room, Trade Fair Complex (Nor-Shipping venue), Lillestrøm.

Theme: Unlocking the full potentials of Africa's blue economy

Time	Event
08.00 - 08.30	Arrivals and registration
08.30 - 09.00	All delegates are seated
09.00 - 11.00	OPENING SESSION
Sub-themes: 1. Affirming high-level commitment for the development of Africa's blue economy, 2. Identifying the key challenges facing Africa's blue economy, 3. Setting the right priorities for the future development of Africa's blue economy, 4. Ensuring continuity for high-level initiatives related to Africa's blue economy.	
09.00 - 09.05	Opening remarks by the Moderator – Mrs. Natalie Becker-Aakervik (Norwegian-African TV and Radio presenter)
09.05 - 09.15	Official opening of the Africa conference by the host: H.E. Ine Eriksen Soreide, Norway's Minister for Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the Government of Norway
09.15 - 09.25	Presentation of main outcomes of SBEC 2018 by H.E. Mr. James Macharia, EGH*, Cabinet Secretary Kenyan Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Urban Housing and Public Works
09.25 - 09.30	Goodwill Message from H.E. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General, IMO (by pre-recorded video). Mr. Lim will be officially represented during the conference by Mr. Juvenal Shiundu, Acting Director, Technical Cooperation Division, (IMO)
09.30 - 09.35	Presentation of message of support for Africa's Blue Economy by H.E. Vincent Emmanuel Angelin Meriton, Vice President of Seychelles
09.35 - 09.45	Keynote Address on behalf of the AUC Chairperson H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat
09.45 - 10.30	Davos style panel session with H.E. Ine Eriksen Soreide, H.E. Albert M. Muchanga, H.E. Vincent Emmanuel Angelin Meriton, H.E. Mr. James Macharia and Mr. Juvenal Shiundu (IMO) on "the key issues in Africa's Blue Economy and how to address them".
10.30 - 11.00	Group photos/ Tea & Coffee break/ Brief session with the news media by Government of Norway and AUC.
11.00 - 13.00	SESSION 2: CREATING AN ENABLING FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA'S BLUE ECONOMY - with lessons learnt from the Nairobi Sustainable Blue Economy Conference (SBEC) in November 2018
Sub-themes: 1. Reinforcing the implementation of policies, strategies and regulations pertaining to Africa's blue economy, 2. Ensuring environmental and economic sustainability and improving maritime safety and security in Africa's blue economy, 3. Promoting inclusion and gender balance in Africa's blue economy.	
11.00 - 11.05	Opening remarks by the Moderator Juvenal Shiundu, Acting Director, Technical Cooperation Division, (IMO)
11.05 - 11.50	Panel 1 – “Reinforcing the implementation of policies, strategies and regulations pertaining to Africa's blue economy - perspectives from African Ministers, Maritime Regulators and the African Union Commission” - Speakers to include African Ministers , Dr. Dakuku Peterside (Chairperson Association of Africa's Maritime Administrations & CEO Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency), High level AU representative , Dr. Ismail A. Ghafar (President Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport) and Mr. Fredrik Haag (IMO).
11.50 - 12.25	Panel 2 – “Ensuring environmental and economic sustainability and improving maritime safety and security in Africa's blue economy” - Speakers to include: H.E. Osman Mohamed Abdi, Deputy Minister, Marine Transport & Ports of Somalia, Mr. Chris Trelawny (IMO), Mrs Mfon Ekong Usoro (Secretary General, Abuja MoU), Ms. Olajobi Makinwa (UN Global Compact), Ms. Olufunmi Folorunso (Secretary General, Africa Shipowners Association), Mrs. Nancy W. Karigithu CBS (Principal Secretary, State Department for Maritime and Shipping, Ministry of Transport, Kenya), Dr. David Luke (Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre UNECA) and Amb. Dr. Namira Negrn (AU Legal Counsel).
12.25 - 13.00	Panel 3 – “Promoting inclusion, equity and gender balance in Africa's blue economy” – Potential speakers to be drawn from: Ms Helen Buni (IMO), Mrs Jean Anishere (President Africa Women in Maritime), Mrs. Esther Koimet (Principal Secretary, State Department of Transport- Ministry of Transport Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development & Public Works, Kenya), Mrs. Veronica Waheti Nduati (WOMESA, Kenya), Ms. Josephine Okoeguale (Legal Expert, Nigeria).
13.00 - 14.00	LUNCH BREAK

14.00 - 16.00	SESSION 3: THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA'S BLUE ECONOMY
Sub-themes: 1. Mobilizing the private sector to play a key role in the sustainable development of Africa's blue economy, 2. Developing innovative financial instruments for financing blue economy projects and programs, 3. Developing Africa's coastal infrastructure and tourism potential, 4. Spotlight on the development of the African Shipping Line.	
14.00 - 14.05	Opening remarks by Eivind Fjeldstad, CEO, Norwegian-African Business Association (NABA)
14.05 - 14.45	Panel 1 – “Africa United – what does it mean for our industry?” – Speakers to be drawn from: Mr. Taofik Adegbite, CEO Marine Platforms; Mr. Stanley R. K. Ahorlu; Pan-African Shipping Line; Representative from A.P. Moller Maersk; Norden A/S or Siem Shipping; Ms. Jean Devlin, Partner, Control Risks; Mr. Eivind Fjeldstad, NABA (Moderator).
14.45 - 15.15	Tea and Coffee break
14.15 - 15.55	Panel 2 – “What are the business opportunities in Africa and which financing mechanisms are available?” - The panel will focus on African efforts to strengthen knowledge and why you should invest in Africa's blue economy. Speakers to include: Moderator: Mr. Torbjorn Eide , Vice President, Klavness Ship Management AS; Mr. Sobantu Tilayi, Acting CEO, South Africa Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA); Mr. Ivar Slengesol, Director, Strategy and Business Development, Export Credit Norway; Mr. Babajide Sodipo, Senior Manager, Export Development, Africa Export Import Bank (Afreximbank); Mr. Conrad Benoiton, CEO, Seychelles Petroleum Company Limited (Scepec); Ms. Laura Peinke, Business Development Executive, Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone.
16.00	CLOSURE OF THE NOR-SHIPPING AFRICA CONFERENCE
17.15	Departure of shuttle busses from the Nor-Shipping conference/exhibition venue to the venue of the Africa Evening reception
18.00 - 20.30	NOR-SHIPPING AFRICA EVENING RECEPTION
<i>Location will be at Frogner, Oslo. Details to follow. MC/Moderator TBA. To be co-sponsored and hosted by the Embassies of Morocco and South Africa in Norway.</i>	
20.30	CLOSURE

*Red text means participation is 'yet to be confirmed.'