Dear Sirs,


I have the honour to refer the decision of the 22nd Ordinary Session of Heads of State and Government adopting the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM-Strategy) and its Plan of Action for implementation (decision Assembly/AU/Dec.496 (XXII)).

The Commission would like to inform you that it will launch the Decade of African Seas and Oceans (2015-2025) and celebrate the African Day of Seas and Oceans on 25 July 2015 at the African Union Commission HQs in Addis Ababa. In addition, the Commission will hold the AU 2050 AIM-Strategy Conference on the 21 to 22 July 2015 with working group sessions on cross-cutting African Maritime issues in relation to the implementation of the 2050 AIM-Strategy and the first meeting of the 2050 AIM Strategic Task Force on 23 and 24 July 2015.

The RECs and RMs members are therefore invited to participate in the above mentioned events in the period 21-22 and on 25 July at the AU HQs in Addis Ababa. The Concept note for the whole period is herewith enclosed.

The Commission will communicate more details of the agenda upon receipt of confirmation of attendance to the events and list of delegates. The 2050 AIM-Strategy and other relevant documents are available at www.au.int/maritime.

Due to budgetary constraints, the Commission would like to inform you that ALL Participants shall be self-sustained (travel-, hotel-, DSA costs etc.) and make their own travel and hotel arrangements.

Together, let’s navigate the future... now!
Tell your neighbor to keep an eye on www.au.int/maritime, and swim with us on Twitter and Facebook in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese and... Kuvahili.
2015-2025: Decade of African Seas and Oceans!
25 July: African Day of Seas and Oceans!
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I thank you.

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