

IAPH WOMEN FORUM AFRICA UPDATE

2017- 2018

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Ports of the Future: Creating Hubs, Accelerating Connectivity

- This is the theme for the IAPH mid term conference held in Baku Azerbaijan May 8-12 May 2018

AFRICA IAPH OFFICE BEARERS

- Ms Hadiza Bala Usman Managing Director is the elected Vice Chair IAPH Africa, sits in the Board along other Vice chair of the 5 regions under President IAPH Santiago Garcia – Mila
- The Vice chair IAPH Women Forum-Africa is Fiona Mbandi- Senior Human Resources Kenya Ports Authority
- This has generated a lot of interest and anticipate active participation continents agenda

Firsts-PORT MANAGING DIRECTORS IAPH WOMEN

- Mrs Catherine Mturi- Wairi was appointed as the MD at Kenya Ports Authority in 2016 first female MD in the port's existence of over 100 years
- Ms Hadiza Bala Usman is the Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) 2016, first female in the port's existence of 60 years

ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2017/8

- Lead by Siti Noraisha Azizan the chair of IAPHWF and the Managing Director Policy and Strategy-Patrick Verhoevan ,we had several Skype meetings with other regions
- OUTCOMES
- developing structures for upcoming IAPH activities and
- preparations for the ongoing conference including helping source out for speakers
- For members countries active participation which is still a challenge

IAPH WOMEN FORUM SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2017 IAPHWF winner is Ngozi Stella Obikil of Nigeria who is make a presentation during the Baku 2018 conference other winner is Nitzeria Watson of Panama will take a Master class under the same sponsorship program.
- Inaugural winner of IAPHWF award 2016was Fiona Mbandi of Port of Mombasa

CHALLENGES EXPERENCED

- Need to consider how to encourage the number of African countries to participate at IAPHWF activities and forum.
- How to ensure contact with regional meetings such as PMAESA for synergies in agenda
- How to establish formal structure within the region.
- Funds are needed for any mobilization and activities in countries to start the relevant programs.

WAY FORWARD 2018-2019

- Exchange program/ benchmarking with other established ports
- Take statistics of those in the various areas in maritime industry
- To work closely with the regional bodies to leverage on existing initiatives
- Continue to be involved in the government programs -Blue Economy, Africa Port Forum

WAY FORWARD contd

- Encourage IAPHWF members to attend the Africa Forum in September 2018 under the leadership, the Vice chair Africa MD Nigeria Ports Authority Hadiza Bala Usman
- Establish structure/framework, leadership, Mentoring Exchange programs
- Align activities with the IAPH /IAPHWF calender
- document all processes and forward to social media for sharing

WAY FORWARD contd

- Actively participate in the media; facebook, linkedIn, whatsapp and skype on the Maritime matters for improved communication,
- Share the IAPHWF booklet to improve participation
- Give update and feedback on IAPH matters- surveys
- Celebrate during the IAPHWF award winners with framed letters, plaques given by President IAPH
- Lastly see you at IAPH China 2019