

AAMA 6TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THE 29 MARCH 2023, ON VIRTUAL PLATFORM MS TEAMS, HOSTED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY (SAMSA)

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1.	Opening and Welcome	• The Head Secretariat gave opening speech and welcomed the delegates in attendance.	Head of AAMA Secretariat (SAMSA)
	Introduction of the AAMA Chairman	 The new AAMA Chairman, Mr. John O'mingo, was introduced by the Head Secretariat and welcomed to the Association. 	

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2.	Adoption of Agenda	 The agenda was agreed upon and adopted by all members present. 	AAMA Chairperson (Kenya)
3.	Administrative Matters		AAMA Secretariat
	3.1 Report on Credentials of the 5 th AAMA Extraordinary Council Session.	 At the 5th AAMA Session of the Executive Extraordinary Council Meeting, held on the 26 July 2022, the Secretariat received confirmation from seven (7) countries out of the twelve (12) member states that make up the Executive Council, namely: Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, Comoros, Egypt, Cape Verde, and South Africa. 	
		 The meeting was fully hosted by the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), on the virtual platform, MS Teams. 	
	3.2 Report on the 5 th AAMA Executive Session	 The Secretariat had also extended invitations to the following bodies: The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), as well as The Inter-Governmental Standing Committee On Shipping (ISCOS), representatives of both bodies were in attendance on the day. 	

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		 The resolutions of the 5th AAMA Executive Council meeting, held on the 26th of July 2022, was prepared, and circulated to all AAMA members for their noting and action. 	
	3.3 Reading of 6th AAMA Executive Council Session credentials	• The 6 th Session of the AAMA Executive Council, was held on the 29 March 2023, hosted by the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), on virtual Platform MS Teams.	
		 The Secretariat received confirmation of attendance from the following countries who were present in the meeting. Those countries are from Cabo Verde, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. A total of eight (8) out of the twelve (12) Member Executive Council Committee. 	
		 An invitation was also extended to the Maritime Business Chamber, South Africa, and who was also present in the meeting. 	
	3.5 Report on the deposition of instruments	 The current total of AAMA member states who have submitted their instruments of membership to the Secretariat is 11 Countries out of the total 34 member countries of AAMA. These countries are Ethiopia, Ghana, 	

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		 Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, South Africa, Liberia, Kenya and Sao Tome and Principe Island. This brings the total percentage to be 32%. During the reading of the resolutions, the issue of 	
		registration of AAMA as a legal entity was raised as well as the challenges found in opening the AAMA bank account in the host country.	
		 It was proposed to move the matter to the General Assembly in May, which will be held in Kenya, Mombasa. 	
		 The report was adopted by South Africa and seconded by Ghana. 	
	3.6 Reading of AAMA Status report	• The Secretariat gave the meeting a thorough status of AAMA report, which the meeting noted for information purposes.	

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4.	Presentation of framework for implementation of Article 11 of AAMA Constitution	 The framework was presented and adopted. However, due to the issue of the instrument depositions, AAMA still experiences difficulties in implementing the framework. 	AAMA Secretariat
	4.1 Budget and Expenses	 The item was resolved to be deferred to the upcoming General Assembly in Kenya, Mombasa in May 2023 to get approval on the scale of contributions. South Africa moved to adopt the item and Ghana supported. 	
5.	Maritime Celebrations		Member States
	7.1 Maritime Celebrations in 2023	 South Africa was congratulated for hosting the World Maritime Parallel Event in October 2022. The IMO congratulated the Secretariat for a successful event. It was resolved that AAMA member states should observe some key events by the IMO which: Celebration of the Women in Maritime (18 May) Day of the Seafarers (25 June) and World Maritime Day 	South Africa Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)
		(28 September).	

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	7.2a Hosting the 6 th AAMA Conference in Mombasa, Kenya 3-5 May 2023	 Kenya confirmed to the meeting her readiness to host the General Assembly AAMA Conference taking place from the 3^{rd-}5th May 2023. 	Kenyan Maritime Authority (KMA)
	7.2b Hosting of the 7 th AAMA Conference in 2024	 No countries present in the meeting indicate interest to host the 7th AAMA Conference of 2024, thus the meeting resolved that member states were requested to return to their line Departments to reflect in offering to host the conference 	Chairperson
	7.3c Hosting of the 7 th Exco Committee meeting in 2024	 No countries present in the meeting indicate interest to host the 7th AAMA Executive Committee Session of 2024, thus the meeting resolved that member states were requested to return to their line Departments to reflect in offering to host the conference. 	Chairperson
6.	AAMA Strategy on Africa's IMO Elections for 2024- 2025- Biennium	 The meeting resolved that the Secretariat would circulate the IMO Strategy to the AAMA members with the inputs to reach Secretariat by the 13th of April 2023. Ghana will assist with the consolidation of inputs. 	Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA)

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		 Further deliberation on the strategy document will take place at the upcoming General Assembly. 	
7.	Presentation on the MBC partnership with AAMA	 The MBC Chairperson was invited to make a detailed presentation to the AAMA EXCO on the proposed collaboration and partnership between the two Associations. The meeting was requested to reflect on the 	Chairperson of the Maritime Business Chamber (MBC)
		 presentation by MBC as well as to deliberate on the request of granting the MBC an Observer Status to AAMA. The meeting resolved that conferring observer status to 	
		MBC would be beneficial to both Associations, and thus the meeting agreed to move the matter to the upcoming General Conference, where the formal signing of the MOU would take place.	

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		 South Africa moved to adopt the resolution and Cote D'Ivoire seconded the move. 	
8.	Final Remarks	 Chairperson shared his words of appreciation to South Africa for hosting the Executive Council Session and highlighted the need for the continuation of the work of AAMA, through the council session as well as the nigger General Assembly Conferences. The Chair also expressed gratitude for the continued good work of the Secretariat and thanked the meeting for their attendance. The meeting was adjourned. 	Chairperson