



AAMA 7TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THE 26 MARCH 2024, ON VIRTUAL PLATFORM ZOOM, TANZANIAN SHIPPING AGENCIES CORPORATION (TASAC)

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1.	Welcome Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Director General of the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) gave the opening speech and welcomed all delegates in attendance the meeting 	Tanzania
2.	Opening remarks and Introduction of the AAMA Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new AAMA Chairman, Eng Martin Munga was represented by Mr. John Omingo, who gave the opening remarks of the meeting. 	AAMA Chairman
3.	Adoption of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was altered slightly wherein item 10 and 11 were swopped, the agenda was moved to adopted by the meeting. 	Head Secretariat

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	<p>5.3 Report on deposition of instruments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current total of AAMA member states who have submitted their instruments of membership to the Secretariat to date is 14 Countries out of the total 34 active member countries of AAMA. These countries are Comoros, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Nigeria, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, South Africa, Liberia, Kenya and Sao Tome and Principe Island. • The Secretariat noted to the meeting that of the 12 Members that make the Executive committee, 6 Executive member states have deposited their instruments of membership to AAMA to date. 	
6.	<p>PRESENTATION OF STATUS OF AAMA HEAD OFFICE AND BANK ACCOUNT:</p> <p>During the 6th AAMA conference held in Mombasa, Kenya offered to provide the physical infrastructure for the AAMA headquarters set to be located at the newly developed Kenya Maritime Authority towers and pledged to facilitate the</p>	<p>The office of the chair shared the extent to which the two important undertakings have been progressed:</p> <p>OPERATIONALIZATION OF AAMA HEADOFFICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 12th floor of the KMA building was designated to accommodate the AAMA headquarters. • Partitioning of the floor awaits determination by the AAMA executive committee the required number of the AAMA staff in order to allocate appropriate office space. • It also requires a budgetary allocation for portioning and furnishing of the headquarters. <p>OPERATIONILZATION OF THE AMMA BANK ACCOUNT.</p>	AAMA Chairperson

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	opening of the AAMA bank account.	<p>Following consultations with the Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) and the Consolidated bank, two major banks in the country. The office of the Chair proposed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a board of trustees made up of signatories from Kenya be appointed by the AAMA executive committee to manage AAMA transactions as approved by the AAMA governing council. 2. The Board of Trustees may be made up of the Director General, Cooperation Secretary and Director of Finance from KMA. <p>Considering the proposal from the office of the Chair, the meeting resolved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kenya to address the issue of space partitioning in the AAMA Headquarters by consulting the existing Organogram depicted in the AAMA 3-year Action plan as a guiding model. 2. The Secretariat and Kenya engage the local government for a 'host government agreement', to determine the officers to be appointed in the AAMA Headquarters. 3. The Secretariat and the Kenya to engage on finalizing the process of establishing a board of trustees to facilitate the of opening a bank account. <p>Annexure 1. Relates to the full report given by the Chair.</p>	

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7.	PRESENTATION OF STATUS OF AAMA 3-YEAR ACTION PLAN	<p>The 3-year action plan was circulated to Exco prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Ghana Maritime Authority gave the presentation on the status of the 3-action plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Of the 8 member states that made up the AAMA 3-year action plan working group, only 3 countries submitted inputs to the document. 2. The Secretariat in addition had periodically sent reminders to the working group to submit their inputs to Ghana. 3. Ghana being the lead put the document together factoring the received inputs. <p>Considering the presentation made by Ghana, the meeting resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The document was accepted as presented. 2. Members to be given until the 1 June 2024 to provide their inputs to the document and send back to the Secretariat. 3. Secretariat to submit to Ghana for consolidation with the intention of Adoption of the 3-year plan during the Assembly in October 2024. 	Ghana Maritime Authority

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8.	<p>MARITIME CELEBRATIONS</p> <p>8.1 Maritime Celebrations in 2024 (Plans)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women in Maritime (18 May) • Day of Seafarers (25 June) • African Day of the Seas and Ocean (25 July) • World Maritime Day (26 September) 	<p>Member states were invited to share with the meeting the individual plans as per the Maritime Celebration dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Africa shared with the meeting future plans for the Maritime Celebration. • Liberia indicated that they would share with the Secretariat the plans as soon as they retrieve them. • Liberia also reminded the meeting of the IMO World Parallel day event which is taking place in Spain 20-22 October 2024. • Tanzania shared with the meeting future plans for the Maritime Celebration. • Cote D' Ivoire share with the meeting future plans for the Maritime Celebration. • Kenya indicated they will also be sharing their celebrations with the Secretariat. <p>The meeting resolved that the Secretariat to continue to remind all member states to celebrate the important Maritime Celebrations.</p>	<p>Member States</p> <p>South Africa</p> <p>Liberia</p> <p>Tanzania</p> <p>Cote D' Ivoire</p> <p>Kenya</p>
9.	<p>READINESS (UPDATE) FOR THE HOSTING OF THE AAMA GENERAL CONFERENCE BY TANZANIA IN OCTOBER 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanzania ran the meeting through update on her state of readiness to host the General Assembly in October 2024. • Tanzania is guided by the host responsibility template provided by the Secretariat. <p>The presentation was accepted by the meeting.</p>	<p>Tanzania</p>

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		<p>The meeting resolved that the Secretariat to initiate the first meeting of the AAMA planning committee and to ensure the addition of IMO representative to the committee.</p>	
10.	<p>10.1 TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION (TCID) BY THE IMO</p> <p>10.2 MARITIME TECHNOLOGY CENTERS AND GREEN VOYAGE FOR 2050</p>	<p>IMO presented the new form of the TCID which is now called the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division.</p> <p>IMO requested the regional persons of IMO based in East Africa to be included in the AAMA planning committee.</p> <p>IMO requested that member states continue showcasing their Maritime Celebration and where possible include the IMO in those celebrations.</p> <p>The presentation was accepted the meeting.</p> <p>IMO presented its ITCP and major projects available to support developing countries.</p> <p>Liberia took the opportunity to thank the IMO including the regional office and for their presentation and their unwavering support to AAMA.</p>	IMO Representatives

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		South Africa noted and thanked both Liberia and the IMO for their continued support to AAMA.	
11.	IMO CO-SPONSORSHIP OF 7TH AAMA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	IMO confirmed its readiness and willingness to co-sponsor the 7 th AAMA General Assembly Conference (Travel, DSA, Speakers, and any other support within the IMO budget).	Chairperson
12.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Tanzania shared words of appreciation to IMO for confirming co-sponsorship of the delegates to attend the General Assembly in October 2024, and for the major projects availed to member states in terms of TCID.</p> <p>Tanzania also noted that through the work of AAMA, Africa will be able to benefit to those projects availed by the IMO.</p> <p>Ghana queried the issue of the operationalization of the AAMA Headquarters as well as encouraging more members to ratify to the Association. Ghana further queried the possibility in mobilizing an officer to start managing the Head Quarters and liaising with member states on how best or assist in ratifying. Ghana indicated that there should be a discussion on the funding of the officer located in the AAMA Head Quarters Ghana put to the IMO as to whether the IMO would be able to resource a member in the Secretariat to lead the operationalization of the Secretariat of least one officer in this respect.</p>	<p>Tanzania</p> <p>Ghana</p>

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		<p>South Africa and Liberia moved to have the concern raised by Ghana as an Agenda item needing a resolution.</p> <p>South Africa noted to the meeting that AAMA's presence in the African union needs to be further strengthened as well as in the IMO. South Africa suggested that a work programme would need to be developed to assist in this regard.</p> <p>Kenya agreed on both reflections made by both Ghana and South Africa. Kenya noted on the AAMA meetings an invitation to the African Union has always been shared however there has been no response. Kenya also shared that the African Ship Owners Association expressed interest in leading the Maritime agenda together with AAMA in the AU: through either written submission letters or physical visit to the AU Head Quarter.</p> <p>Kenya emphasized the need as highlighted by Ghana to mobilize a member from the Secretariat to be more on the ground soliciting members to deposit their instruments to AAMA.</p> <p>Kenya put the matter to the meeting: how will the work be implemented?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should funding be sought from the IMO or member states of AAMA or combination to mobilize a person from the Secretariat? 2. Write to the relevant ministries or head of delegation to give a clear letter of support of ratification to AAMA prior to a General Assembly meeting? 	<p>South Africa</p>

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		<p>Liberia supported the suggestion of one person to be mobilized to garner member states to deposit their instruments of ratification. Liberia further suggested that engagement with the regional IMO office can be an option to consider.</p> <p>Liberia further supported the re-engagement with the AU and suggested that a letter written by the Chair immediately to the AU requesting the AU to undertake their responsibility under the AIMS 20250 strategy as it relates to the establishment of a Department of Maritime Affairs.</p> <p>AAMA should establish a delegation that would then physically take the letter to the AU Headquarters.</p> <p>The Chair moved to resolve the points and suggestion made by Liberia as a resolution item.</p> <p>South Africa supported the suggestion and recommendation made by Liberia adding that the matter of participating in International (AU and IMO) platforms be a standing item on the AAMA agenda.</p> <p>South Africa reminded the meeting that there is an existing AU desk at the IMO, however it is not clear who should take that desk. South Africa requested that the meeting should consider a developing working programme that will see AAMA being able to utilize the AU desk in the IMO.</p> <p>The Chair agreed with the suggestions made by South Africa</p>	

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		<p>Ghana supported the submissions made by both South Africa and Liberia.</p> <p>Ghana reminded the meeting to refer to the 3-year action plan as the plan deals with the issue of salary and resourcing, and to deliberate as to whether the estimations made are sufficient.</p> <p>The Chair suggestion that between the office of the Secretariat and the Office of the Chair a written submission dealing with the mobilization of a member of the secretariat to solicit member states ratification be developed.</p> <p>IMO reminded the meeting of the presentation made early by IMO representatives both from the TCID and from Green Hydrogen projects highlighting the available budget that AAMA should seriously consider engaging in.</p> <p>South Africa agreed with the suggestion of a member of the Secretariat should be located in Kenya, given the proximity to both the office of the Chair and the Head Office. South Africa also confirmed continued support of a second person from the Secretariat to also assist with the travelling obligation as well as the duly Secretariat duties of reporting, monitoring etc., if the Secretariat structure still comprises a representative from South Africa and an officer from the KMA.</p> <p>Kenya agreed on the suggestion made by South Africa.</p>	

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13.	Summary of Resolutions	Secretariat read through the resolutions reached during the meeting	Secretariat
The meeting was adjourned.			