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## KenTrade upscale services as the Board strengthen ties with Port Community



**KMA and KenTrade reps after joint board meeting at KMA headquarters**

**By Benard Milewa**

KenTrade braved austerity to deliver on its trade facilitation mandate, opening up opportunities for growth and expansion for investors in import and export trade business.

Energized by the revamping of its Board and the transformation into a statutory body, the agency ensured import and export cargo were seamlessly processed by over 25 permit issuing and regulatory state agency onboarded on the National Electronic Single Window System, a multi-billion shillings state investment that is credited for simplifying trade processes for Kenya's global competitiveness.

The Board led by Chairman Hon. Basil Criticos hit the ground running with series of strategic engagements with our key stakeholders at the Mombasa Port and Northern Corridor community between March 11th and March 16th, 2024.



**KMA and KenTrade push for annual awards of best performing PGAs on the Single Window System**

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This include visit to Mombasa and Lamu Ports, courtesy call to Kenya Maritime Authority, Kenya Ports Authority (Mombasa), the County Government of Lamu and with reps of LAPSET.

Hon Criticos was accompanied by Independent directors- Dr. Florence Chemtai, Mr. Paul Mucheke and Mr. Abubakar Lewano and Alternate directors- Ms. Rose Masita (PS, State Department for Trade), Mr. Ibrahim Abdi(PS, State Department for Transport), KenTrade CEO Mr David Ngarama and Ms. Noreen Kanyua, representing the Inspector General (Corporations) Inspectorate of State Corporations).

it was the first such visit and therefore an opportunity for induction of the new Board members and also familiarization with the Port affairs in Mombasa and enable the Agency to make strategic Policy decisions that would strengthen partnerships with key Partner Government Agencies on the digitization of the port operations.

The KenTrade-KMA joint board meeting held on 11th March 2024 discussed various issues aimed at strengthening the collaboration between the two agencies. Chairman Mr Hamisi Mwangi with Director General Engineer Martim Munga led the KMA team.

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# Protecting coastal Mangrove forest

*KenTrade partners with Kenya Forest Service & Miritini community to boost forest cover*



The KenTrade Board of Directors had a busy working tour of coast region in the week ending March 16, 2024 with a significant environmental conservation activity as one of the key highlights.

The Directors joined by staff representatives led by CEO Mr. David Ngarama teamed up with representatives of the local community and the Kenya Forest Service in planting 550 mangrove tree seedlings at the Mangrove forest in Miritini, Mombasa

**550**  
 Number of Mangrove trees seedlings planted by KenTrade team in Miritini, Mombasa

This was as part of the Agency's Social Corporate Responsibility contribution and also obligation to the presidential directive and the agency's Corporate Work Plan. Mangrove trees traps carbon emission from the marine transport and also preserve the environment.

KFS representatives Beatrice Mwakha and Elizabeth Wende promised to follow up and ensure growth of the mangrove planted. These ae the pictorials of the activity.



KenTrade CEO David Ngarama and Board member Ms. Rose Masita with representatives of Kenya Forest Service and Miritini Forest Network Association during the planting of mangrove seedlings at Miritini mangrove forest in Miritini, Mombasa

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# Ethiopia emulates Kenya 's success with Single Window System



Representatives of state entities implementing the Electronic Single Window System in Kenya and Ethiopia held a five- days bilateral workshop in central Ethiopia in December 2023.

The Kenyan delegation is drawn from KenTrade and is led by Mrs. Rose Masita who sits on the KenTrade Board as the Alternate Director of the PS, Department of Trade, and include Corporation Secretary and Head of Legal Affairs, Benard Milewa, Managers Edwin Wanyama (Innovations & Solutions Development), Billy Ngumi (Trade Facilitation and Value Add Services) and Senior Officer Francina Ndenge (Business Analyst).

The State Minister for Trade and regional integration Mr. Kassahun Gofe (6th left in the photo) is heading the Ethiopian delegation drawn from the Ethiopian Single Electronic Single Window System under the Ethiopian Customs Commission.

The main objective of the workshop is to discuss and formulate strategies for the integration of the Single Window systems of both countries.



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The main objective of the workshop is to discuss and formulate strategies for the integration of the Single Window systems of both countries.

This will help to foster closer economic ties between Kenya and Ethiopia through integration of their Single window systems. The five days event at the lakeside town of Bishoftu also focused on best practices and emerging challenges in the africa trade logistics

Ethiopia and Kenya enjoys close collaboration on Electronic Single Window System based on shared aspirations and strategic value that each trade economy boast of.

Kenya was the first regional trade economy covering horn of Africa, east and central Africa to successfully implement and roll out the National Electronic Single Window System.

Ethiopia has twice made a study visit to Kenya, specifically benchmarking on KenTrade's sucess story. KenTrade currently hold the presidency of the Executive Council of the Africa Alliance of E-commerce (AAEC).



## **KenTrade and KMA Boards pushes for recognition of the best performing Partner Government Agencies**

**By Benard Milewa**

The Board of KenTrade and Kenya Maritime Authority have recommended that consideration be made for an annual recognition for regulatory and permit issuing Partner Government Agencies that excel in usage of the single Window System. Implementation of such award will largely be fashioned along the Service Level Agreement (SLAs) that already binds members of the Mombasa Port and Northern Corridor Charter.

The two agencies are to work together on information relating to the Maritime Shipping Levy which comprises of 80% of the KMA's gross revenue.

A joint meeting hosted by KMA and co chaired by Hon. Basil Criticos (KenTrade) and Hamisi Mwanguya (KMA) also tasked the chief executive of KenTrade and KMA to spearhead the process of data sharing between the two state entities using KenTrade's Business Intelligence Tool.

The meeting discussed the challenges faced in implementation of the Maritime Single Window System and the need for alignment of the same with the KRA's system

The joint Board meeting recommended that KMA and KenTrade collaborate on areas such as Stakeholder sensitizations and that mechanisms be put in place to identify the best performing PGAs on the Single Window System

The other recommendations were that KenTrade participates in the initiatives of KMA on areas such as KMA framework and collaborations in preparation of FAL guidelines and that KMA and KenTrade work together on the Maritime Single Window Levy Data sharing.

On the implementation of Maritime Single Window System the highlights of the presentations was on the compliance level with the with the IMO conventions.

The Meeting discussed the challenges faced in enforcement of the Mombasa Port Community Charter and noted that there was need to address the enforcement aspect through sharing of reports.

Replacement of late Gilbert Langat as Chair of the Mombasa Port and Northern Corridor Community Charter was also prioritised by the meeting as a recommendation.



**Replacement of late Gilbert Langat as Chair of MPNCC should be prioritised**



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