

General Department of Ports

Statement on the Activities of the North African Port Management Association during 2008

- The 34th session of the Association's Board of Directors along with the 36th session of the Board of Directors of Arab Seaports Federation in Casablanca on May 6 and 7, 2008 were held simultaneously for the first time in the history of the two organizations.
- The joint session was chaired by Mr. Karim Ghalab the Moroccan Minister of Transport and Equipment and he delivered a speech that was considered as an instructive document.

The Activity of the Association during 2008:

1. Meetings:

- A round table discussion was organized during the 34th session of the Board of Directors of the Association in order to exchange expertise and consultations on the following topics:
 - The legal relation between the port authority and port operators.
 - The privatization of port services.
 - Law related to the reform of ports sector in Morocco.
 - A presentation on Tanga Mediterranean Port established by Morocco.
 - A presentation on ports shelf
 - A presentation on Jordanian ports.
 - A presentation on Bahraini ports.
 - A presentation on Lattakia Port.
- The delegations visited Casablanca Port and the Ports Training Institute affiliated to the International Ports Agency.

2. Relations with Arab and Continental Ports Authorities:

A. Arab Seaports Federation:

The cooperation with the Arab Seaports Federation resulted in the organization of the meetings of the Board of Directors of the North African Port Management Association and the Arab Seaports Federation simultaneously during 6-7 May 2008.

B. Arab Maghreb Transport Union

The cooperation of the Arab Maghreb Transport Union resulted in the adoption of two proposals regarding training in the ports field and the safety and security of port facilities according to ISPS Code by creating two separate networks including experts from the members with two work programs on the long, medium and short term undertaking the following tasks:

- **With regard to ISPS:**
- Analyzing and follow-up of the information included in the international data bases.
- Reviewing the systems of the Code's rules in the Union's ports and considering their compliance with the international requirements to maintain the compliance certificates, information exchange and the means of applying the safety and security rules.
- Expanding the scope of the Code's rules to include all the port area and vessels.
- Initiative of safety and security of containers and trucks to ensure their security in export process.
- Reviewing the applicable rules and maintaining the compliance certificates.
- Responding to the initiative of the safety and security of containers and trucks to ensure their safety in the export process.
- These proposals are derived from the meeting of the working group on safety and security of port facilities and vessels held in Tunisia on the 5th and 6th of June 2006.
- **With regard to training in the field of ports:** The Federation proposed the establishment of the Moroccan Federation in this field with a work program on the short, medium and long term in order to:
- Listing the capabilities and the opportunities of training and capacity building.

- Considering the needs coping with the changes that the port and maritime sector are witnessing and responding to the clients' needs.
- Creating an integration and interface of the financial and information capacities between the training institutions.
- Promoting the available training opportunities on the short and long term.
- Establishing complementary training programs according to the needs in order to enhance qualification and skills.
- Enabling training institutes to be expertise centers undertaking relevant studies.
- Qualifying trainers in all specializations.
- Opening up to third parties to market the training opportunities.
- Seeking for the independence of projects and concluding training agreements with a commercial nature with the beneficiaries.

C. The Pan- African Association for Port Cooperation:

- The Pan- African Association for Port Cooperation and the Euro-African group affiliated to the International Association for Ports and Harbors organized the 7th meeting for ports conference in Djibouti from 15-18 December 2008 and it was attended by the Sudanese Port Authority noting that one of the Association's member will organize the conference next year 2010.

3- Exchange of Information and Knowledge of UNCTAD and UNESCO:

The Secretariat of the Association provided the members with all data regarding training courses, workshops and meetings of UNESCO Organization related to the ports sector. It provides the members with the maritime transport annual report and circulars.

4- A- Electronic Data Interchange:

Coordination was maintained with Alexandria Port Authority and Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector to organize a training course on electronic data interchange 10-13 May 2009.

B- Meeting of the Directors of the Training Administrations, Institutes and Centers affiliated to Port Authorities:

With regard to the above mentioned meeting that was held in Casablanca from 13-15 October 2009, preparations are ongoing for the organization of this meeting from the Moroccan side to cope with the Association's decisions regarding training.

The meeting aims at benefiting from competences and making use of the training capacities available in the training institutes and centers affiliated to port authorities and integrating their capacities, programs and specialized human resources.