

New revenue streams arising out of West Africa's blue economy

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CAPE TOWN, WESTERN PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA, July 6, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With West Africa now receiving significant attention from global investors, over 100 of the region's maritime leaders are uniting in September to showcase upcoming mega-projects and call for partners in development. Dramatic expansion plans at the region's ports not only promise to improve port capacity but also hinterland connectivity to exponentially grow West Africa's blue economy. Against this backdrop, the [African Ports Evolution - West Africa](#) Forum takes place in Accra, Ghana from 5-7 September 2017.

The forum will unite leading port users and customers from bulk exporters to international investors and tourism boards to discuss multi-modal requirements and infrastructure solutions to propel the blue economy into a leading contributor to GDP. Paul Asare Ansah, Director General of the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority will discuss the \$1.5 billion project for the expansion of the Port of Tema and Hadiza Bala Usman, Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, will discuss procurement for various projects under NPA's proposed 2017 Capital and Recurrent Budget that includes maintenance, rehabilitation and construction projects.

Dr Chinedrum Onyemechi, Acting Head of the Department of Maritime Management Technology at the Federal University of Technology Owerri in Nigeria explains, "the conference is a meeting point of major decision makers in West Africa's port and maritime ecosystem and a citadel for advanced frontier innovation of West Africa's port system's advancement."

Other headline keynote speakers scheduled to address the forum include The Honourable Kwaku Ofori Asiamah, Ghana's Minister of Transport and Michael Luguje, Secretary-General of the Port Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA). Supported by Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority, Equatorial Guinea Ports Administration (APGE), Port Autonome de Conakry, Nigeria Ports Authority and Sierra Leone Ports Authority and sponsored by GC Net, Red Sea Maritime, Ares Prism, and SCSS Southeast, this forum will not only expand the potential of the local blue economy but also assist West Africa's ports to prepare for future energy developments and increased throughput of significant cargo volumes.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in two site visits to the Tema Port and Takaradi Port, and to attend an exclusive networking breakfast dedicated to recognising the women at the helm of pioneering development in the West African maritime sector.

More information on the African Ports Evolution - West Africa forum is available at www.west.portsevolution.com

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