

Seychelles Ports Authority Overseas Mission - Namibia

Event: PMAESA's AGM & the  $31^{st}$  Intermodal Africa Conference & Exhibition Component held from  $26^{th}$  to  $29^{th}$  February 2024

## SPA represented at PMAESA's AGM & the 31st Intermodal Africa Conference & Exhibition

Three personnel from the Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA) attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa (PMAESA) that was held in Namibia on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Since the Secretariat is in the process of finalizing the PMAESA Strategic Plan 2024–2028, it was an opportune time for members to validate the draft strategy document and enrich its content.

The AGM's objective was to enable the facilitation of dialogue and interface between member ports and experts. It also enabled strategic partners and members to engage with Associate Members who have joined PMAESA recently.

During the meeting, Ms Rajelle Barbe, the Environment and Social Impact Manger at SPA, made a presentation about green port initiatives in the region.

Following the AGM, the delegation attended the 31st Intermodal Africa Conference & Exhibition that was being held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> February, also in Namibia.

The objective of this event was to promote trade and economic development throughout the SADC region through effective and reliable modes of transportation and logistics, as well as promoting foreign direct investment and international business tourism into Namibia and the region.

It kicked off with a technical site visit at the Port of Walvis Bay in Namport. The event, which was organized by Transports Events, was highlighted by a conference and an exhibition that were held on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February.

The two-day conference saw the representation of SPA with Ms Philippa Samson, the Deputy Director for Project Management at SPA, who presented about "The Evolution of African Ports Economics in the Age of Intermodal Transportation". As the moderator of the session entitled "Integrating Digitalisation, Automation and Intelligence to Enhance Port Efficiency", Dr. Moustache, the Deputy Chief Executive of SPA, made the opening remarks for that session.

Both events were being hosted by the Namibian Ports Authority.