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MARITIME TRANSPORT AND PORT/HARBOR ISSUES

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Diversion of funds by

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Introduction

Port Reception Facilities

 A port reception facility is anything which can receive shipboard residues and mixtures containing oil, noxious liquids, or garbage. (Ship generated waste and cargo residue)



Introduction

• Marpol requirements - Annex 1 - prevention of pollution by oil

Annex 2 – prevention of pollution by noxious liquid

Annex 3 — prevention of pollution by harmful substances in packaged form

Annex 4 - prevention of pollution by sewage

Annex 5 - prevention of pollution by garbage

Annex 6 - air pollution

 IMO has recognized that provision of reception facilities is crucial for effective MARPOL implementation, and strongly encouraged Member States, particularly those Parties to MARPOL as port States, to fulfil their treaty obligations on providing adequate reception facilities.

Effects of Improper Waste Disposal

- Pollution (chemical pollution, plastic pollution, air pollution)
- Negatively affecting the environment (negative impact on flora and fauna, diseases, negative impact on health of humans and animals







Case of Improper Waste Disposal in Cote d'Ivoire

Ten years ago, the cargo ship the Probo Koala reached the end of a four-month journey that resulted in toxic waste being dumped illegally in Côte d'Ivoire.

The sheer scale of the impact of the dumping created headlines around the world. More than 100,000

Multinational oil trading company Trafigura produced the toxic waste on board the ship as a result of refining a dety potentions product called color naphtha to real with geodeline and sall it or as pethol. Trafigura a how the waste was hazarbons, but hadn't flagmed on how to dispose of it salety.

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This is the story of a company putting profit over people and a community still waiting for justice and semedy.

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I DON'T KNOW HOW WE DISPOSE OF THE SLOPS AND I DON'T IMPLY WE WOULD DUMP THEM, BUT FOR SURE THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO PAY SOMEONE TO TAKE THEM.

Internal Trafigura email dated 10 March 2006

Challenges

- Absence of legal framework
- Inadequate enforcement strategies
- Lack of financial capability
- Lack of regional cooperation
- Inadequacy of waste treatment systems
- Human factors (prioritizing needs)



Solutions

- Formulate/review legal framework
- Strengthen enforcement tools (follow up actions, SOPs, strategy)
- Upgrade existing facilities to enable treatment of all kinds of waste (incinerators, use of barges
- Develop a financing plan for reception facilities (allocation of percentage of port generated revenue)
- Agreements between ports in the same region to set up regional facilities



Recommendations

- Ratification of MARPOL (all 6 annexes)
- Domestication of international conventions such as MARPOL
- Enforced implementation of legal framework, policies, strategies
- Use of waste for power generation and fertilizer production
- Innovation or alternatives in waste management (sale of waste, development of local technologies)
- Leverage on existing regional cooperation, i.e. PSC MoU)





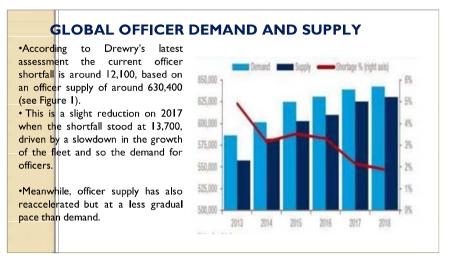
MARITIME EDUCATION AND TRAINING

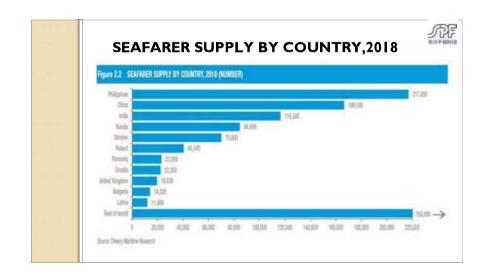
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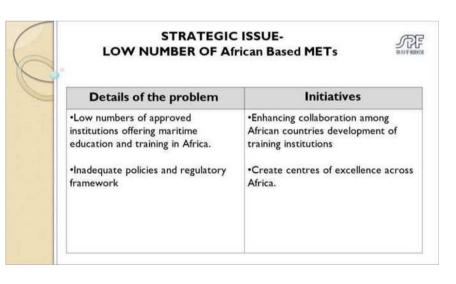


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INTRODUCTION ❖ The international maritime Labour possess immense opportunities for Africa but so far been rarely explored or exploited. ❖ This group explores the challenges that Africa is facing and gives out suggestions on how to tackle them.











	STRATEGIC ISSUE-
-	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT



Details of the problem	Initiatives	Details of
•Most of the training institutions across Africa lack adequate training infrastructure required to deliver MET courses	*Funding for development and continues upgrading of samee.g. Simulators, laboratories, classrooms, online learning facilities, internet facilities, fire fighting, lifesaving, swimming pool, libraries, training ship, workshops.	Current requirm not meeting the needs. STCW needs to address future tr

Details of the problem	Initiatives	
Current requirmnets of STCW are not meeting the future industry needs.	•Work with IAMU in implementing GMP	
STCW needs to be reviewed to address future trends	•African countries should take an active role in the Comprehensive review of STCW under IMO.	

STRATEGIC ISSUE-RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUCTORS – TRAINERS AND EXAMINERS



Details of the problem	Initiatives
Insufficient number of Maritime instructors, Trainers, and examiners employed in MET institutions	•Provide incentives to attract andretain trainers and examiners.
un satisfactory levels of Competency in	 Road map for Career development for seafarers.
TIET IIIST decors	Enhance training of Trainers and similar personal development courses

STRATEGIC ISSUE-LACK OF SHIPBOARD TRAINING

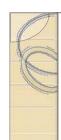


Details of the problem	Initiatives	
*Lack training vessels to accommodate cadets graduating from MET institutions	*Close collaboration between shipping companies and maritime administration and offering incentives to adsorb cadets.	
inadequate training berths for cadets	10000000000000000000000000000000000000	
•Weak linkage between the industry, administrations, and METs	*Develop MET support policy- government to set up a fund for financing placements of cadets onboard commercial vessels	



STRATEGIC ISSUE-RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES (Nationally& Bilaterally)

Details of the problem	Initiatives	
•Problem towards getting IMO approval for Administration to issue COCs	*Improvement of training standards and implementation of STCW requirement will set up a platform that wilfacilitate recognition process	
 Lack of recognition agreements among African countries. 		



CONCLUSION

Reforms in the African Maritime Education and Training sector are necessary for the continent to be one of the leading suppliers of maritime labour thus fight against unemployment and helping towards economic development.



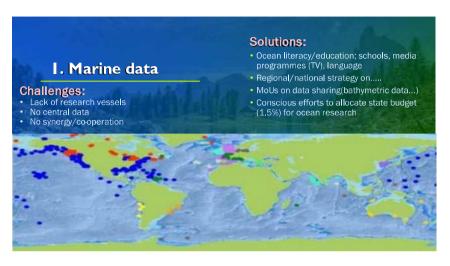
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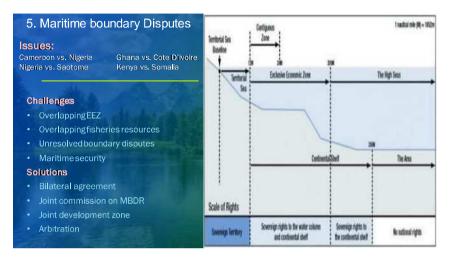


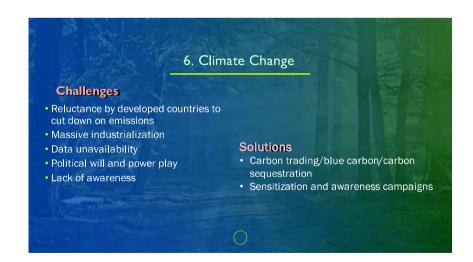














Sasakawa Fellows' Network Meeting in the African Region 2022



Discussion on Alumni Networks in Africa

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Moderator: Stella Joshua Katondo (Tanzania, 2001)

Main Topic of Discussion: How can we make the WMU alumni network more

active?

The WMU Sasakawa Fellows Network

Alumni Network Activities

As a starting point for discussions, the Friends of WMU, Japan Secretariat did a presentation on the types of activities being conducted in the WMU Sasakawa Fellows Network. The following is a summary of what was said:

It was the Secretariat's opinion that these activities could be divided into two categories: passive and active. They categorized passive activities as ones that require little to no alumni involvement. The Friends of WMU, Japan website and the Sasakawa Fellows directory were considered as such; these are resources primarily maintained by the Secretariat and are readily available for Fellows to access and take advantage of.

On the other hand, activities such as the annual Gathering Orientation, Japan Field Study Trip, and the Sasakawa Fellows Award Ceremony require the active participation of alumni. The social nature of these events is crucial for connecting those of the same graduating classes. Students may otherwise never know which of their classmates belong to the WMU Sasakawa Fellowship Program. Then, how should alumni of different graduating years connect with one another? This is where the Regional Network Meetings come in. Though Regional Network Meetings occur only once every several years, they bring together a large group of alumni from not only different classes, but also from various countries. All the aforementioned events ensure that alumni are given opportunities to create relationships and ultimately, networks, spanning countries and years.

Alumni Newsletter

It can be argued that the Newsletter actually falls under both categories. Issues will be sent to the alumni's offices or homes four times a year regardless of whether they are involved in its production. That being said, as an *alumni* newsletter, it cannot exist without Fellow contributions. Its continuation – its survival – depends on alumni to actively propose ideas for future newsletter content and write articles.

Alumni Networks in Africa

Report from Each Country

Fellows were asked one by one to report on the current status of their respective countries' Sasakawa Fellows alumni network - whether it is an active group or not, or if there is one at all. They were also asked to mention if their country had a WMU alumni network that was separate from the Sasakawa Fellows alumni network.

Ghana: There are 17 Fellows total. They have a WhatsApp group with ten people in it, so there are seven missing from the group. There has been no formal meeting.

Kenya: There are 15 Fellows total, but only ten members are on their platform. They do communicate with one another, but do not meet. There is an active WMU alumni group which makes efforts to recognize the members' achievements and projects.

Togo: There is only one Fellow.

Uganda: Has two Fellows, and one is currently overseas.

Egypt: There are 12 Fellows total, of whom ten are working at the same employer. The majority have the opportunity to meet on a daily basis.

Tunisia: There are three Fellows total, one is overseas but two work at the same organization and communicate with each other.

Africa	Algeria	3
	Benin	2
	Cameroon	8
	Cape Verde	2
	Comoros	1
	Cote d'Ivoire	2
	Egypt	12
	Eritrea	1
	Ethiopia	3
	Gabon	1
	Gambia	3
	Ghana	17
	Kenya	15
	Liberia	9
	Madagascar	1
	Malawi	
	Morocco	4
	Mozambique	1
	Namibia	5
	Nigeria	13
	Seychelles	1
	Sierra Leone	3
	South Africa	1
	Sudan	1
	Tanzania	11
	Togo	1
	Tunisia	3
	Uganda	2
Total	28 Countries	127

Number of WMU Sasakawa Fellows per country as of Sep. 2022

Tanzania: There are 11 Fellows total. They are part of a WhatsApp group and meet from time to time, but meeting is difficult as they all work in different institutions and regions. A successful regional meeting with other Fellows from Africa has been convened under their leadership. They are considering registering their alumni association.

Nigeria: There are 15 Fellows total. They are part of a larger group of 77 WMU alumni, which had a meeting recently.

Benin: There are two Fellows total. They are part of a group of 12 WMU alumni, many of whom are retired. The alumni have a WhatsApp group to communicate and support each other when they have events or need help.

Côte d'Ivoire: There are two Fellows total. Though the exact number of WMU alumni is uncertain, most of them are retired. The Fellows do not meet unless it's for work. There is no official WMU alumni association, but there are efforts to set one up.

Cameroon: There are eight Fellows total. They are part of a larger group of 31 WMU alumni that is active, conducting activities and elections. They are in the process of registering their alumni association with their government, which is a requirement in their country. The Fellows live in close proximity to one another and meet from time to time.

Morocco: There are four Fellows total. They are part of a larger group of approximately 15 WMU alumni. They will try to establish a platform even with their limited numbers.

Challenges

Inadequate funding is one of the biggest issues that was discussed. It can be expensive to organize in-person events, especially since some must travel great distances, and it's not realistic for Fellows to pay out of their own pockets for travel and lodging every time. Funding was also a factor for why some alumni were unable to participate in an independent regional meeting that was held by Tanzanian Fellows. Thus, it is very helpful when the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) organizes and offers financial support for those events. It was however acknowledged that due to many constraints - including financial - it's difficult for SPF to bring together all the Fellows in one place. This means that some Fellows may never receive the chance to get to know the entire network on a personal level. Even if there's a directory, in-person meetings are indeed crucial for developing ties.

In fact, another challenge mentioned was related to the directory itself. People pointed out that even if they could find information about Fellows through it, they don't have comprehensive or up-to-date knowledge on the Sasakawa Fellow graduates who may be on there. The directory is most useful when there's a person in mind already whom you wish to contact. While it could bring people together, it is not a platform on which new people can meet one another. One more note about the directory is that some have trouble accessing it.

In relation to accessibility issues, the Friends of WMU, Japan website can be difficult to navigate. Suggestions were made about improving the functionality of the website and make it more user-friendly. Furthermore, similar to the directory, it is not a platform for socializing or meeting new people.

There is also lack of steady updates on Fellow activity and nowhere for Fellows to contribute their knowledge such as new information and worldwide trends. Though this can technically be done through the Newsletter and the website, they are not like Facebook where any user at any time can easily post content, which is a shame since there is such a high caliber of talent and wisdom among the alumni. Furthermore, many Fellows are busy with their own lives and cannot necessarily devote themselves to alumni network activities. However, this creates a loop where the absence of activity leads to other Fellows losing motivation to maintain the network, which further propagates the issue.

Lastly, it was pointed out that there actually is a dedicated Facebook page for the WMU Sasakawa Fellows, but it is in disuse. This is due to the simple fact that the Secretariat lacks the personnel to properly manage the Facebook group on top of maintaining the website, directory, newsletter, and day-to-day program operations. This was an insightful comment: there is an ongoing problem where networking activities do not happen unless the Secretariat, SPF, or NF take the initiative do so.

Conclusion

Ideas for Solutions

Though many types of challenges were brought into the discussion, they could be generally summarized as 1) the lack of organized activity and events initiated by Fellows, and 2) the lack of a socializing platform accessible to all Fellows. Several suggestions for solutions were made in response to these two larger issues.

First, it was decided that there needs to be a group of Fellows who are consistently and willingly involved in the network, even if it's in small numbers. Thus, an alumni group was created on the spot from just those who came to Tunisia for the Sasakawa Fellows' Network Meeting in the African Region 2022. It felt appropriate that these members take the initiative as they have already shown committed effort and involvement in this regional meeting. The Fellows also created a WhatsApp group so they could easily communicate with one another after the meeting. There was mention of eventually expanding this group to include as many WMU Sasakawa Fellows as possible.

Furthermore, an organized leadership structure was established within the group. This would hopefully address the issue of the absence of Fellow activity: the leadership's role is to keep the network engaged. This can be a demanding role, so for now an interim president and secretary were elected for a year-long period, after which different Fellows would rotate into the positions.

Though the following was not stated in the discussion, it is the Friends of WMU, Japan Secretariat's goal to improve the various networking resources to make it more user-friendly and engaging. This would include, for starters, making consistent posts on the Friends of WMU, Japan website, and leaving clearer instructions on logging in and using the directory. The final objective is to resume utilization of the defunct Facebook group and keeping it active.

All of the above solutions will involve the efforts of many people who all lead their own busy lives outside of the alumni network framework. Bringing together people who come from all over the continent and maintaining these ties is no easy task. However, it was clear from these discussions that there is much to gain from being part of the network and a strong desire to maintain it. As long as this desire and determination exist, the flame that is this alumni network – even if it may dwindle at times - will surely never die.



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asakawa Fellows' Network

Port Visit

Sasakawa Fellows' Network Meeting in the African Region 2022 Port Visit

Date: August 29, 2022

Locations: Port of La Goulette, Port of Radès

Port of La Goulette

On the morning of August 29, the Fellows gathered in front of the hotel in a timely manner to board the bus that would take them to their first stop: Port of La Goulette (also called La Goulette Port). The weather was hot as usual, but otherwise the clear skies made it a perfect day for educational excursions.



En route to the Port of La Goulette



Settling down in the ornate guest room

Arriving at La Goulette Port

After passing through security, the Fellows were led to a beautiful meeting room for honored guests at the La Goulette passenger terminal. They were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Radhia Ben Arbia, Director of the External Affairs Relations Department, Mr. Amine Hosni, Head of the Safety Division, and Mr. Jobrane Ben Mansour, Head of the Development and Statistics Division. It was nice to see the delegation from the Office of Merchant Marine and Ports (OMMP) again after the opening ceremony on August 27, and as Mrs. Ben Arbia explained the day's itinerary, it was very apparent that they went to remarkable lengths to make the port visits happen.

They then proceeded outside for a thorough overview of La Goulette Port's functions and learned about its strategic importance being a major port in the western basin of the Mediterranean

Sea. Even Fellows who didn't necessarily work or specialize in the fields of ports or shipping showed great interest and asked many follow-up questions.



Learning about La Goulette Port's operations



Tugboat Travel

Next came the much-anticipated tugboat trip to the next destination, the Port of Radès (also called Radès Port). Everyone excitedly lined up to board the tug and assumed the best positions for taking videos and pictures as they slowly pulled away from land. The trip in and of itself was a refreshing and scenic tour around the different passenger posts and bulk terminals, and included sights of the touristic village of the terminal. In addition, when Fellows needed a reprieve from the sun's rays, they could venture inside the airconditioned vessel and enjoy "piloting" the tug.



All aboard the tug



A "captain" in action

Port of Radès

Upon arrival at the Radès container terminal, the Fellows were greeted by a large crowd of welcomers including the Director of Radès Port, Mr. Karim Nouira, port staff, and photographers.



Pink, green, and blue safety vests for everyone

Neon-colored safety jackets were handed out after disembarking, and many commemorative photos were taken of the whole group together wearing them (see cover). They were divided into two groups and boarded buses to tour the terminal, and given a briefing of its characteristics, equipment, and performance. After getting dropped off at the port administrative building, the two groups went on separate tours of the building and the L'Institut Méditerranéen de Formation aux Métiers Maritimes (IMFMM, also known as Mediterranean Institute of Maritime Training).

Touring the Facilities



Mr. Karim Nouira answering questions on Radès Port

(The groups switched facilities after finishing touring one. The following is a summary of one group which saw the administrative building first and the training institute second.)

The Fellows were ushered inside the building, with some pausing along the way to snap pictures of the many decorative and informative maritime-related displays adorning the hallways. Much to their delight, the conference room they were guided to presented plates of exquisite traditional Tunisian sweets in front of each seat. As they munched on stuffed dates and pistachio balls, they were shown a comprehensive short video about the port, which was followed by a Q&A session.



Tunisian WMU Sasakawa Fellow Mr. Houcem Cherni sharing his knowledge

Next, they visited the video surveillance control room which had several personnel monitoring an array of camera feeds. They learned about the different procedures in place that would ensure the security and safety of all the port areas. The ever-studious Fellows asked many detailed questions about these operations.

After leaving the surveillance room, they walked over to the Mediterranean Institute of Maritime Training where they were introduced to the academic director. He led the Fellows to several different simulators, much to the interest of those who also worked at academic and training institutions. In addition, they had the chance to hear about the various course specialties and STCW training courses offered by the Institute.

The tours were now officially done, and everyone convened back in front of the administrative building. When the air filled with the tunes of the WMU song, the Fellows broke out into a chorus to the familiar melody. This was followed by final group photos and thank you speeches. Though it has already been a packed morning, no one showed their tiredness. It seemed, in fact, that everyone was feeling more invigorated after such a rewarding experience. The port visits ended in resounding success.



Simulator at the IMFMM

Commemorative Video

It doesn't end there, either. OMMP even went as far as to commemorate the whole day with a video!



The Office of Merchant Marine and Ports produced a video on the tour

The OMMP put an amazing amount of thought and care into every part of this day, from planning the fun tugboat tour to preparing mementos and desserts. We could easily tell that they spared no effort or expenses to provide a truly memorable experience for the WMU Sasakawa Fellows. They went above and beyond to make this day extraordinary, and it was no doubt one of the highlights of the regional meeting for the Fellows.

Words cannot begin to express how grateful we are to them for providing such a memorable and educational excursion. We would also like to express our utmost thanks to Houcem Eddine-Cherni for his tireless efforts before, during, and after the regional meeting. This entire meeting would not have been possible without our kind Tunisian friends. We are forever thankful to have had such reliable and supportive partners. May the WMU Sasakawa Fellows' Network Meeting in the African Region 2022 be just one of many future occasions of Tunisian and Japanese maritime partnership. More importantly, may this be a lasting symbol of the strong friendship between Tunisia and Japan!

Sasakawa Fellows' Network Meeting in the African



Photos

Region 2022

Pre-Meeting









Welcome Reception







Opening Ceremony











Visit from Chairman Sasakawa















Various Photos from Sessions





























Port Visit











Tunis Sights

















Resolution Signing and Farewell Ceremony









Other







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