



Kenya Shippers Council

The Voice of Cargo Owners

Kenya Shippers Council Quarterly Progress Report

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1. Introduction

The second quarter witnessed significant milestones in implementing key project activities. Most notably, the KSC integrity workshop on weighbridge operations and axle load control attracted huge participation from the KSC membership, road transport service providers and government agencies involved in road transport and axle load regulations and enforcement. Other activities undertaken during the second quarter period included the development of policy papers, advocacy meetings and continuous improvement of the KSC website for purposes of disseminating the information generated by the knowledge management function.

1.1. Summary of Key Activities and Accomplishments over the Reporting Quarter

1.1.1. Member Services and Advocacy

KSC integrity workshop on weighbridge operations and axle load control was held on 28th April 2011 at Ole Sereni hotel in Nairobi. The workshop, which was officially opened by the KACC Director, Prof. Patrick Lumumba Ochieng, and facilitated by the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC) attracted huge participation from KSC membership, road transport service providers and government agencies involved in road transport and axle load regulations and enforcement. The detailed report of this workshop, together with a list of participants is attached in annex I of this report.



Participants at the KSC integrity workshop

Prof. Lumumba addresses participants

The KSC newsletter issue No. 4 was sent out on the month of June. The issue contains a number of topical discussions that include the following:

- KPA explains port congestion
- IAPH conference tackles overloading
- EAC States on harmonization of axle load regulations
- Cost of Piracy: A worrying trend

The entire newsletter can be found on the KSC website by following this link <http://www.kenyashippers.org/component/acajoom/mailling/view/listid-1/maillingid-7/Itemid-9.html>

KSC and KPA held a joint meeting on July 6th, 2011 at KSC offices. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss short term measures to improve port efficiency and cargo clearance times. It was attended by senior KPA management including Eng. Joseph Atonga – Chief Operations Manager, Amos Wangora – Principal Operations Manager in Charge of CFSs, Charles Kisewa – Senior Customer Care Officer and Simon Wahome – Manager, Inland Container Depots. A detailed report on the proceedings of this meeting is attached in annex II of this report.



ICD Manager Simon Wahome (left) and KSC CEO Gilbert Langat (right) during the KSC – KPA meeting

KSC – KeNHA media awareness on axle load regulations and control on the Northern Corridor section of Mombasa and Nairobi. Please make reference to the Thursday, March 31st edition of the East African Standard newspaper attached in the annex section.

KSC participated in the meeting of experts working group on piracy conference held on 7th June 2011 at Chatham house in the UK. The meeting was organized by the Oceans beyond Piracy (OBP) working group, which is sponsored by One Earth Future Foundation and is made up of Experts from maritime Industry, Governments and International organizations, Seafarers groups and Academia. This was an inaugural meeting which discussed the Economic Cost of maritime piracy on the international Economy. Report is attached in the annex III.

KSC also participated in the 5th and final validation workshop for the EAC transport strategy and regional road sector development programme held in Bujumbura on 29th and 30th June 2011. A detailed report of this workshop is attached in annex V.

1.1.2. Knowledge Management

KSC policy paper on container freight stations and the extra cost of doing business at the port of Mombasa is currently with the printers and is due for circulation.

Two consultancies were directly contracted by COMPETE on behalf of KSC during the second quarter to develop the following pieces of works:

- East Africa's Handbook for Regional and International Trade
- The Directory of Logistics Service Providers

Correspondence between the KSC secretariat, the contracted consultants and COMPETE indicates that these two pieces of work have been completed and are due for printing and circulation.

Membership Development

KSC membership has increased from 51 to 56 over the second quarter period and maintained a 96.4% level of membership retention.

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The KSC website recorded a 5% increase in direct traffic to 35% compared to the first quarter where there was a 30% of direct traffic. KSC is currently encouraging its members to obtain any information through the website. The inclusion of the e-portal is a contributor towards the increase in generation of direct traffic. The users are using this section to obtain information on import and export procedures.

2. Planned Activities for the Second Quarter of 2011

- Membership scoping mission and KSC awareness workshop in Kigali Rwanda
- KSC competitive forum on the benefits of implementing the maritime regulations of the Merchant Shipping Act of 2009
- KSC policy paper on unlocking the stalemate on axle load control and regulation among the EAC partner states
- Advocacy meetings
- Quarterly collection of transit performance indicators

3. Key challenges Encountered and Proposals for Future Programme Implementation

- Lack of sufficient hosting space on the KSC server to host the increasing information generated by the council. The council currently has a less than 1GB storage space which is not sufficient. It needs to be upgraded to 5GBs to cater for the Council's growing database.
- Budgetary constraints related to travel and accommodation for the collection of crucial monthly data on transit performance