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1. OBJECTIVE

The core objective of this report is to highlight on the key activities undertaken and the extents to which targets set for the month of November, 2012 have been met.

The analysis has been based on the three (3) pillars outlined in the KTA Strategic Plan namely;

- Advocacy.
- Institutional Development and Sustainability.
- Member Services.

NARRATIVE REPORTS

2 ADVOCACY

2.1 Private Sector and Civil Society Actors Forum

The forum was convened by Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA) with the objective of enhancing stakeholders' dialogue on the political, economic and social issues hindering reforms at the Port of Mombasa. The forum took place at the Whitesands Hotel on the 6th November 2012 and brought together 12 representatives from the civil society and 8 drawn from the private sector.

The following issues emerged from the discussions at the Forum:

- Poor bureaucracy at the port
- No structured consultation with stakeholders in decision making - the stakeholders felt that they were neglected when decisions regarding them were made, for example, tariff changes.
- Non professionalism - Disinterested and reluctant staff members at the port are also a cause of major delays in service delivery.
- Poor governance, political interference- The government in its appointment has mainly been influenced by the prevailing politics; this has resulted in appointing people who may be unable to carry out their roles effectively as they act at the whim of their masters. The process of hiring top management is not competitive. Additionally it seems their focus and motivation is revenue collection and not trade facilitation.
- Corruption and vested interests - Despite several zero tolerance notices erected at the port, cases of bribing to get services are still common.
- The local community generally views the port as a Nairobi project, as they feel it has done nothing to improve their quality of life despite being a high revenue earner to the nation. This indirectly contributes to its poor performance.
- Lack of coordination – Key institutions involved in clearance of goods at the Port (KEBS,KEPHIS,KRA etc.) appear to lack clarity on procedures. The institutions appear not to be working 'in sync' or talking to each other. The ad hoc manner in which regulations are

introduced and then shortly done away with is confusing to stakeholders and affects smooth operation.

Proposed solutions to the issues;

- A centralized body to improve coordination
- Privatization of the port services
- Limit KRA interference in port management
- Educate all stakeholders on the value of the port and its operations for improved compliance and appreciation of the Port
- Establishment of an independent complaints committee drawing in stakeholders
- Representation at the KPA Board should be clarified – preferred representation by association and not individuals
- Transparency and accountability in hiring of top management at the port

2.2 The National Road Safety Caravan

The National Road Safety Caravan took place between 15th – 20th November, 2012 courtesy of Total (K), the Safeway Right way group, Bamburi Cement and KTA. The Caravan was flagged off at the Bamburi Cement Plant in Mombasa on 15th November 2012. The Caravan made stop-overs at Voi, Mtito Andei, Mandiku, Emali, Athi River, Mai Mahiu, Mau Summit and Malaba.

The drive was intended to reinforce the existing national and regional road safety initiatives. During the launch of the event, KTAs CEO reiterated the Association's commitment to safety outlining some of the efforts that have been made so far by KTA including;

- a) Launch of a self regulatory mechanism i.e. The KTA Code of Conduct which delves on health, safety, security and environmental benchmarks. For instance, the Code of Conduct sets out vetting requirements and welfare guidelines for drivers, encourages use of technology in fleet management and security, prohibits overloading, insists on proper maintenance fleet and strict adherence to speed limits among others.
- b) Defensive driver training programs, fleet safety and management programs as well as road safety awareness campaigns held in the past.
- c) Setting up a Heavy Commercial Vehicle drivers training institute.
- d) Dissemination of information through the KTA quarterly publication



KTA CEO addresses participants during the launch of the National Road Safety Caravan at Bamburi Cement Plant in Mombasa.



Participants follow proceeding at the launch.

2.3 Kenya Maritime Authority Workshop

KTA attended a stakeholders meeting organized by the Kenya Maritime Authority on 14th November, 2012 to validate and adopt Standards for Maritime Transport Services. The standards set out timelines for key cargo clearance activities as a basis for monitoring the overall efficiency of the port. They also outline the obligations of port operators.



Participants follow proceedings at the KMA workshop

3 INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY.

3.1 KTA HCV Drivers Training Institute

KTA held a meeting with the consultant seconded by USAID COMPETE. This was a formal introduction of the interim start up management. At the meeting, the general framework to be adopted in operationalizing the Institute was discussed.

Subsequently, proposed names for the Institute were presented to the AG and the following names have been reserved

1. Institute of Advanced HCV Driver Development
2. The E.A HCV Driver Development Institute (TEAHDDI)
3. The E.A Academy of HCV Driver Development
4. The E.A HCV Transportation Institute (TEAHTI)
5. The HCV Institute of Advanced Driver Development (THIADD)

Workshop on the new traffic act

The coast region traffic commandant, Mr. Joshua Omukata is to avail facilitators for the workshop on the new Traffic Act scheduled to take place between 17th to the 21st of December 2012. The commandant also visited the institute in the company of KTA chairman and Secretariat staff. The Commandant agreed to support the institute by periodically providing senior officers to train and create awareness on the need for professional training. Invitations for the workshop have been sent out to KTA members requesting them to avail drivers for training.

Also, 4 workstations (as shown below) have been set up for the envisaged staff.



4 MEMBER SERVICES

4.1 KPA Media Workshop

KTA attended a two day media workshop organized by Kenya Ports Authority in Mombasa on 20th-21st November, 2012. The workshop whose theme was **'Partnering with the media to promote understanding of Port dynamics and transport logistics along the Northern Corridor'** targeted business editors/reporters and industry stakeholders and set out to among other objectives;

- Enhance awareness and understanding of the port dynamics and maritime transport in the region;
- Educate the media on the shipping practice and principles of port operations to ensure informed reporting of port and shipping activities;

- Articulate the role of the media in trade facilitation along the Northern Corridor
- Enhance Port management understanding and appreciation of the role of media in promoting trade and regional economic development



KTA CEO and Programs Officer stand next to a Roll on ship during a visit to the Port. This was part of the KPA Media Workshop