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KTA- COMPETE CAPACITY ENHANCING TO SUSTAINABILITY

2013 MONTHLY TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

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KTA – COMPETE GRANT – BASIC INFORMATION

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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 April 2013 have been met.

This analysis has been based on two (2) pillars outlined in the KTA Strategic Plan namely;

- Advocacy.
- Member Services.

NARRATIVE REPORTS

2 ADVOCACY

2.1 Meeting with Mombasa County Governor

KTA and other key industry stakeholders attended a meeting chaired by the Honorable Governor of the county of Mombasa on the 19th April, 2013 to discuss ways of improving traffic flow in the region. The meeting identified, among others, that trucks parked by the roadside especially in Shimanzi and Port Reitz areas were largely contributing to the traffic congestion and endangering lives in these areas.

In support of the initiative by the governor to decongest the county, KTA has instructed members to cooperate by removing all trucks parked by the roadside and abiding by the Traffic rules. We envisage that this will be crucial in mitigating against delays in our transport operations.

KTA was represented by the Chairman and the CEO at this meeting.

2.2 Workshop on Feasibility Study on the Establishment of an Online Portal for Trading In Freight

KTA participated in a one day workshop organised by TMEA on the 22nd April, 2013 to review the inception report on the establishment of an online portal for trading in freight services (e-freightex) in East Africa. The inception report was the product of a feasibility study that evaluated the viability of how services such as terminal handling, cargo clearance, insurance, customs bond, IT solutions, agency/representation, brokerage, market intelligence, training and consultancy can be traded on an e-portal. The e-freightex is envisaged to be among the leading portals for regional transport information dissemination with the capacity to dispatch e-news, notifications/alerts (via email and SMS) and other information materials on behalf of clients.

KTA was represented by the Chairman and the CEO at this meeting.

2.3 High level Breakfast Meeting on the Port of Mombasa

KTA attended a breakfast meeting to discuss preparatory issues on the proposed presidential roundtable forum on the Port of Mombasa. The forum brings together key port stakeholders to address the challenges bedeviling the port such as;

1. Lack of sufficient investment in port operations.
2. Capacity constraints in the face of increase in cargo over the last decade.
3. Slow cargo uptake occasioned by overdependence on roads and a collapsing rail infrastructure.
4. System downtime at KRA and lack of harmonised clearance system.
5. Inefficient utilization of yard capacity in the port and CFSs.
6. Lack of sufficient regulatory framework to effectively govern port operations and other maritime port service providers.

KTA was represented by the Chairman and the CEO at this meeting.

3 INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

3.1 EA HCV Drivers Development Institute

KTA has received the draft of EA HCV Drivers Development curriculum. The draft curriculum has been developed by a consultant hired by the USAID-COMPETE and is a crucial precursor to the official launch of the Institute. The curriculum is currently being reviewed by the KTA Board of Directors in preparation for a review and validation workshop to be held in May. A number of key industry stakeholders are expected to take part in the review process. In the same month, **USAID-COMPETE** also purchased two laptops for Institute's staff, one desktop computer for the front office and an accounting package.

The KTA has also commenced the procurement process for supply of remodelling and advertisement services for the Institute. So far, three potential suppliers have been identified namely;

1. Creative Concepts
2. Outlook Media
3. Point Media

4 MEMBER SERVICES

4.1 Member Recruitment

The ABC Bank has joined KTA as an associate member. It is envisaged that the new partnership will avail favorable asset financing options to our members. The ABC Bank membership application form was received by the KTA CEO at the Secretariat offices in Mombasa.



In the picture from left to right: Mr. David Ndua, Branch manager - Mombasa; Mbugua Muiruri - Relationship manager, Mombasa Branch (handing in the application) and Mrs. Jane Njeru - KTA CEO