

PMAWCA CORPORATE PROFILE

The Ports Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA)

PMAWCA was established in October 1972 under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and it covers the seaports located along the West Coast of Africa including Mauritania and Angola. The shipping area covers a coastline about 12,000 km. Its ports handle about 300 million tons of maritime import/export trade for the sub-region excluding crude oil. Many of the countries in this region are producing and exporting crude oil in commercial quantities while some others have also discovered oil in commercial quantities and are preparing to commence production in the near future. The Association's membership has grown from just nine since inception, to forty members in 2018.






Membership Category I - Port Authorities – Regular members

Annual dues paid to the Secretariat by each member port is based on the volume of annual total cargo traffic of the port in question.

24 Autonomous Port Authorities as Regular Members:

1. ANGOLA / Association des Ports de l'Angola (APANG) 
2. BENIN / Port Autonome de Cotonou (PAC) 
3. CAP VERDE / ENAPOR, Praia 
4. CAMEROUN / Port Autonome de Douala (PAD) 
5. CAMEROUN / Autorité Portuaire Nationale (APN) 
6. CAMEROUN / Port Autonome de Kribi (CIPK) 
7. CONGO / PAPN, Port Autonome de Pointe Noire (PAPN) 
8. COTE D'IVOIRE / Port Autonome d'Abidjan (PAA) 
9. COTE D'IVOIRE / Port Autonome de San Pedro (PASP) 
10. GABON / Office des Ports et Rades du Gabon (OPRAG) 
11. GAMBIA / Gambia Port Authority (GPA) 
12. GHANA / Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA) 
13. GUINEA / Port Autonome de Conakry (PAC) 
14. GUINEA-BISSAU / Administration Portuaire de la Guinée Bisau (APGB) 
15. EQUATORIALE GUINEE / Administration Portuaire de la Guinée Equatoriale (APGE) 
16. LIBERIA / National Port Authority, Monrovia 
17. MAURITANIA / Port Autonome de Nouakchott dit de l'Amitié (PAN-PA) 
18. MAURITANIA / Port Autonome de Nouadhibou (PAN) 
19. NIGERIA / Nigeria Ports Authority 
20. R.D. CONGO / Société Commerciale des Transports Publics (SCTP) 
21. SAO TOME & PRINCIPE / ENAPORT 
22. SENEGAL / Port Autonome de Dakar 
23. SIERRA LEONE / Sierra Leone Port Authority 
24. TOGO / Port Autonome de Lomé 





Membership Category II – Associate Members (8 Members)

(Others – Direct Port– Terminal Operators, Dockworkers, Stevedores, Logistics, Shippers, etc.)

Membership dues are paid per annum by each shippers council, operator from landlocked countries and terminal operators in this category.

8 Port and maritime sector organizations as current Associate members

1. GABON/Gabon Port Management 
2. BENIN/SOBEMAP, Cotonou 
3. BENIN / National Shipping Line (COBENAM) 
4. BURKINA FASO / Shipper's Council (CBC) 
5. BURKINA FASO / Chamber of Commerce 
6. NIGERIA / Maritime Administration (NIMASA) 
7. NIGERIA / Shipper's Council (NSC) 
8. ANGOLA / UNICARGAS 

Membership Category III – Observer Members (10 members) Ports outside the PMAWCA geographical region, other maritime service providers, conference organizers, consultants, training institutes, etc.). Note: Ports outside the PMAWCA geographical region also have the option to join as Associate Members.

A fixed annual due is also paid by members to the secretariat.

1. FRANCE / Port of Le Havre 
3. SOUTH AFRICA / Marine Data Solutions 
4. SOUTH AFRICA / DMG Event 
4. COTE D'IVOIRE / CODEX 
5. MOROCCO / Groupe Afrique Performance 
6. MOROCCO / Marsa Maroc 
7. TOGO / Africa Consulting Leaders (ACL) Group – Togo 
8. SOUTH AFRICA / MARINE CREW SERVICES (MCS) (PTY)LTD 
9. GHANA / LINK INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LTD (L-IH) 
10. DUBAI / WEBB FONTAINE 





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Individual Membership

Individuals, consultants, Business men/women, Researchers, etc... who choose to join the Association could do so under 2 options:

- i. With the payment of a minimal sum , members in this category have access to all PMAWCA meetings free of charge; and get their name and logo listed on the PMAWCA website to benefit from privileged access to the PMAWCA platform; or
- ii. Pay a given sum to attend any PMAWCA meeting.





Working languages: English, French and Portuguese

Main Objective: Cooperate and share knowledge on best practices in port management and operations in order to deliver efficient and effective port services to our clients (ships and cargo owners), while maintaining the best culture of safe, secure and environmentally clean port operations.

Indeed, the globalization of the world's economy and by extension the demand for maritime transport services has brought ports, which constitute a critical component of maritime transport supply logistic chain, to promote increased cooperation. Within this context, PMAWCA also opened her doors to other ports and organizations in the transport sector.

Our Mission is to contribute to the improvement in the quality of services of port activities and services of our members in order to promote a sustainable socio-economic development of our countries and the sub region.

To achieve this mission, our objectives amongst others are to:

- ▶ Contribute to the improvement, coordination and harmonization of equipment and services offered by member ports;
- ▶ Establish and consolidate our partnership relations with associations, institutions or organizations working in the transport and maritime trade sector;
- ▶ Provide a privileged platform for meetings and sharing of experiences amongst members so as to contribute to the development synergy of our members and of the sub region.

In order to achieve these objectives, PMAWCA operates through the following Organs:






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1. **A Council** – This is the apex decision-making body of the Association represented by all the Director Generals of the member ports and organizations. The Council meets once each year. During the Council Meeting, PMAWCA holds the Roundtable conference where relevant current issues are presented and discussed.
 2. **A Board of Directors** – This is made up of 6 members (Ports Authorities only) elected by the Council for a 2 year mandate. They support the Secretariat in the running of the affairs of the Association.
 3. **The Secretariat:** Headed by the Secretary General responsible for the day to day running of the Association. Providing policy advice, program implementation, conduction and coordination of research and other technical studies for the benefit of member ports and organizations.
 4. **Technical Committees** - They are four in number and meet bi-annually to deliberate and share knowledge on various subjects matters including port operations, maritime security, safety and environmental protection; port infrastructure development and technical studies, finance and economic studies, and administrative and legal affairs.

The 4 Technical Committees are:

- ▶ Maritime Safety, Environmental Protection and Operations Committee (MSEPO)
- ▶ Technical Studies, Infrastructure and Development Committee (TSID)
- ▶ Finance and Economic Studies Committee (FES)
- ▶ Administration and Legal Affairs Committee (ALA)

Also are:

- ▶ Harbour Masters' and PfsO Network
- ▶ Liaison Officers' Forum
- ▶ Professional Women Network;
- ▶ Statisticians and IT Network



Prospective benefits to PMAWCA Members

1. Privileged access to the top echelons of Port Authorities within the PMAWCA members to learn from best practices, promotes and explores business opportunities:
 - i. Opportunity to meet and network with the Managing Directors of member ports during the annual Council meetings
 - ii. Obligation by member ports to assist or facilitate any requests in matters relating to information needs or business links from members.
 - iii. For ports and terminal operators, opportunity to meet and share knowledge on best practices to enhance service quality and customer satisfaction;
 - iv. Opportunity to benefit from technical assistance leveraging on PMAWCA expert knowledge of the industry at minimal or no cost.
 - v. Obligation by the Secretariat to facilitate access to all member organizations to pursue business interest.
2. Broader visibility through the PMAWCA platform to market services, prospect new shippers and create other commercial partnerships
 - i. Free participation in PMAWCA meetings and access to related documentation
 - ii. Free listing of company e-address and logo link on PMAWCA website
 - iii. Option to place adverts on PMAWCA website at special rates
 - iv. Participation in PMAWCA international exhibitions at special rates
3. Privileged access to port sector information relating to port tariffs, Customs cargo clearance administrative procedures and hinterland transit information.

Among other benefits, this will aid informed planning towards potential new markets to explore, informed investment and operational logistics decision-making, and thus position the member appropriately to offer improved services to clients and increase market share.



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