

# 2019 maritime transport dialogue DECLARATION

***WE**, the combined Maritime Transport Industry of the Republic of South Africa made up of the public and private sectors gathered here for the **Inaugural Maritime Transport Dialogue**, at the Southern Sun Elangeni Maharani in, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal from 28 February to 1 March 2019.*

## **NOTING**

- The important role played by the maritime sector in socio economic development of the South African society;
- Operation Phakisa and its contribution to the economy;
- Important role of the Island View Strategy as the huge opportunity on transformation within the ports and petroleum sectors;
- Commitment of the maritime sector in general to pursue and accelerate maritime sector transformation;
- Important role and contribution of inland waterways as sources of economic growth and development, tourism and safety.

## **BELIEVING THAT:**

- Acceleration of economic growth, development and transformation, inclusive of blacks, women, youth and people with disabilities and to bridge the urban/ rural divide and inland provinces is important;
- Integration of South Africa's coastal shipping in regional and ultimately continental maritime industry as per the Revised African Maritime Charter and the African Integrated Maritime Strategy (AIM) 2050 is critical;

## **HEREBY DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- (1) We commit ourselves to the acceleration of the implementation of the Comprehensive Maritime Transport Policy (CMTP) in support of Operation Phakisa/Oceans Economy and its objectives;
- (2) We all commit to the transformation of the sector so that it can benefit the previously disadvantaged, blacks, women, youth, people with disabilities, rural communities and inland provinces;

- (3) Putting in place institutional mechanisms including the Maritime Transport Development Council (MTSDC) we commit to drive transformation, starting with the establishment of the interim MTSDC by end of June 2019, which will lay the basis for the establishment of a permanent structure;
- (4) During this year, we will work towards establishing an innovation hub for the maritime sector, working together with other relevant government departments, business, academics, science councils, and other stakeholders in line with the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution;
- (5) Promote a much deeper dialogue between government and the maritime transport industry inclusive of all relevant stakeholders with direct or indirect role and or interest in the maritime sector;
- (6) Working with the Departments of Basic Education and the Department of Higher Education; Science and Technology and other organs of state and all other relevant stakeholders and entities to accelerate the development of skills and competences to support the ocean economy;
- (7) We move with speed to promote the adoption of the existing International Commercial Trade Terms (INCOTERMS) that are in line with the CMTP;
- (8) Promote and Support Coastal shipping through appropriate legislative incentives and other measures;
- (9) Accelerate the maritime development agenda within the context of supporting the African Continental Free Trade Agreement;
- (10) Department of Transport convening round table engagements with Maritime Industry and related industries, to advance the economic growth and development of the sector;
- (11) To promote greater alignment of government's empowerment codes and industry charters on empowerment;
- (12) To establish the Maritime Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Council by the end of May 2019;
- (13) To accelerate the ratification and domestication of international treaties;
- (14) Publish an annual report on progress being made in maritime industry development and transformation.

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