



# EThekweni Maritime Cluster

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center of discussion. Equally important topics of discussions were global security, economic growth and sustainable development. The conversation was primarily based on how the Indian Ocean Region can and should make a contribution towards these important oceanic factors which are a part of the IORA’s priorities.

This meeting comes after the port city of Durban benefitted enormously from the African Ports and Rail Evolution Conference which took place last month as we were celebrating Transport Month. In this issue, we are excited to let you in on this conference which set a significant stamp within the maritime industry as more than 350 maritime and rail executives from across Africa participated in a bid to expand and enhance our ports.

More importantly, ports and rail professionals benefitted immensely from training and networking sessions, workshops and exhibitions all of which were a part of the conference.

Enjoy reading all about these beneficial engagements as well as the Durban Port’s freshest activity, the cruise season during which our port is graced by the breath-taking MSC Musica.



*EThekweni Maritime Cluster (EMC), Acting Managing Director, Mrs. Nomalanga Sokhela*

**Message from the MD**

**T**HE Durban Port began this month in a noteworthy manner with the 18th Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers taking place last week. This was a significant occurrence for the maritime industry, specifically in Durban, as issues such as Maritime Safety and Security, the Blue Economy, Women’s Economic Empowerment as well as Tourism were at the

# Indian Ocean Coastal States Unite to Boost Maritime Industry



*Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ms Lindiwe Sisulu speaking at the 18th IORA COM Meeting recently held at Elangeni Hotel, Durban.*

**M**ARITIME Safety and Security, the Blue Economy, Women's Economic Empowerment as well as Tourism were in the spotlight at the 18th Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers which took place at Elangeni Hotel, Durban on Friday, the 2nd of November 2018.

Ministers from coastal countries including Kenya, Mozambique, Madagascar, Iran, Indonesia, Australia, Bangladesh, Comoros, Malaysia, Mauritius, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, India and of course South Africa all met to discuss how these respective countries can positively contribute towards the enrichment of the Indian Ocean.

The meeting was held under the theme: "IORA – Uniting the Peoples of Africa, Asia, Australasia and the Middle East through Enhanced Co-operation for Peace, Stability and Sustainable Development."

Speaking at the event, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ms. Lindiwe Sisulu said the IORA had a huge potential of becoming a beacon of hope for multilateralism and regional cooperation in the world.

"As a collective, we are taking this opportunity to build and expand our understanding and mutually beneficial cooperation through IORA's consensus-based evolutionary and non-intrusive approach," said Ms. Sisulu.

She said, as a group, the IORA must use this approach to promote cohesiveness and unity within the region while resisting the emerging and very real threat of geopolitical rivalry taking root in the Indian Ocean Region.

Minister Sisulu also said the association's institutional structure, through the charter, was also being reformed to ensure that it is able to accommodate and respond to the new priorities and goals that have been identified in the Jakarta Concord and its Action Plan (2017-2021) to take the association into its third decade and beyond.

"To this end, we are establishing new dedicated functional bodies to deal specifically with IORA's priorities in areas such as Maritime Safety and Security, the Blue Economy, Women's Economic Empowerment, and Tourism," said Minister Sisulu.

She said, at the same time, they were also looking to revitalize existing institutional mechanisms to enhance Trade and Investment facilitation, with a focus on the promotion of Small and Medium Enterprises, while also strengthening and increasing the role of academia in IORA.

India's Minister of State for External Affairs, General Vijay Singh commended the collective commitment towards the formation of working groups on Maritime Safety and Security, Blue Economy and Women Economic Empowerment that has been achieved in the past year.

He informed the meeting about the initiatives that India has launched, which include the flagship project of the establishment of an "IORA Centre of Excellence- the Digital Knowledge Hub". This center, he said, is envisaged to serve as a data center and a resource of expertise, knowledge, data and analysis. General Singh said the Digital Knowledge Hub was being developed to collectively pool the knowledge, resources, expertise by and for the member states

International icon, Nelson Mandela, was also honored at the event with an announcement of an internship programme called The IORA Nelson Mandela be the Legacy Internship Programme. The late former South African president's daughter, Princess Zenani Mandela-Dlamini, who is also South Africa's High Commissioner to Mauritius expressed gratitude to the IORA member states, saying that it had always been Madiba's conviction that education is a key to empower people.

The internship programme will empower youth from IORA member states below the age of 30 with work experience in their chosen fields of study. Madiba, the first democratic president of South Africa, is also widely known as the Father of IORA. In 1995, Madiba visited India where he shared his concept for the Indian Ocean Rim for socio-economic cooperation, subsequently birthing the IORA in 1997.



*Ministers from the Indian Ocean coastal states at their 18th meeting at Elangeni Hotel, Durban.*

## All aboard, the Cruise season is Upon Us



*THE MSC Musica set off on its voyage to the Portuguese Island yesterday. Bigger and better than the MSC Sinfonia which she is replacing, this beauty is set to wow its passengers with impressive features.*

**T**HE 2018/2019 cruise season has officially begun. The exquisite MSC Musica docked on the majestic Durban Port on Wednesday morning at 5 AM. This year, the MSC Musica is being welcomed as a replacement for the MSC Sinfonia. The elegant ship sailed off to its first destination, the Portuguese Island on Thursday, 8 November 2018.

On Wednesday, the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry partnered with long-time member and platinum sponsor of the event, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) Cruises, for the 162nd Annual Gala Dinner aboard the majestic ship to officially launch the beginning of this highly anticipated period on the Durban Port.

Impressive with bigger and better features, the MSC Musica cruise ship boasts more space, more balcony cabins, more swimming pools, and more restaurants including a sushi restaurant, more bars and designer venues.

It is only fitting that The Port of Durban hosts this dazzling cruise ship as the port was recently honoured at the World Travel Awards where it shone as The Best Cruise Port. The port still has greater ambitions to do better on marine and coastal tourism since the deal to build a Cruise Terminal has been finalized.

## Unlimited Work Exposure for Graduates



*Lerato Cele (22), a Human Resource Management graduate placed by EMC at the SEDA Construction Incubator*

**T**HE unmatched love of interacting with people is one of the main reasons that 22-year-old Lerato Cele is making her presence felt in the human resource field. The Durban University of Technology graduate works at the SEDA Construction Incubator in the Human Resource Management Unit where she started in June this year.

The bubbly Pinetown young lady has a Diploma in Human Resource Management and is just catching her breath having recently finished with her final exams for her Bachelor of Technology in the same studies.

Lerato, who was placed by the EThekweni Maritime Cluster's Training and Skills Development Unit under the graduate placement programme at the SEDA Construction Incubator refers to this opportunity as "grace from God" as it came just at the right time when she was looking for an interactive work environment experience where she could apply her university knowledge and grow.

"I was stressed out, just out of varsity and thinking what I was going to do with myself, with no work and no money and this opportunity just fell on my lap," says Lerato.

She says even though it has only been six months with the Incubator, she has already learnt a lot than what she had envisaged.

"I've gotten so much exposure to the work environment.

Currently we are busy with recruitment and I've been learning a lot, even with aspects of the job that I thought I knew

when I first came here. From creating job adverts to screening CVs, I've learnt that HR is much bigger than what I thought."

Boundless growth in the field is what Lerato aspires to, hence the continuation of her studies.

"I've always dreamt of myself growing and growing in this field, operating in all facets of HR, even moving up to being an HR director, getting into Labor Relations," she asserts.

The steadfast young woman says what she loves most about her job, other than her personal growth, is helping others grow.

"I remember initially I wanted to study drama but I thought to myself what I actually need is a qualification that can help me showcase and grow my leadership skills because I love it when I have learned something useful and then I can impart that knowledge onto someone else and help them grow," says Lerato.

One goal that has been cultivated through working on the current recruitment process at the Incubator is to invest some of her time into teaching people about effective ways of selling themselves to potential employers.

"When you haven't dealt with human resources, it's easy to overlook how much unemployed graduates struggle with presenting themselves to companies that are potential employers and I think it is important that they be guided, starting with writing CVs," she advised.

## African Partnership Unlocks Industrialism For Sustainable Economic Growth.



From the left : EMC Board Chairman Mr. Moshe Motlohi, Honorable Blade Nzimande & his team visiting EMC Exhibition stand at the Port & Rail Conference



Transnet Chief Executive Officer , Mr Siyabonga Gama at the Port & Rail Conference



EMC Enterprise & Supplier Development Manager Mrs. Zenzile Makelo

**T**HE Department of transport (DOT) and EThekweni Municipality (EM) in partnership with Transnet National Port Authority (TNPA) , Platinum sponsor (PS) , co-located event (CLE) , Transnet freight rail (TFR) and Official Mobility Partner (OMP) hosted the 7th Annual African Ports and Rail Evolution Conference at the Durban International Convention Centre (ICC). The Conference was happened over two consecutive days, the 2nd & 3rd of October 2018.

The conference address was to define the future of transport infrastructure maintenance and expansion in Africa as stakeholders of the sector were engaging in pivotal and strategic decision making. It was also aimed at providing an opportunity for capacity building for African ports and Rail authorities, technology and knowledge transfer and extended networking

opportunities with international transport industry stakeholders, investors and hundreds of leading maritime and rail professionals.

This year, the African Port and Rail Evolution was strategically co-located with TIKZN's Export week. This conference hosted various dignitaries of the Rail and Ports industry. Amongst the keynotes speakers were the Minister of Transport the honorable Dr. Blade Nzimande EMC Board Chairman Mr Moshe Motlohi and former Durban Port Manager and Transnet Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr Siyabonga Gama.

The conference was running parallel with the exhibitions. EThekweni Maritime Cluster (EMC) was among the exhibitors of this year's African Ports and Rail Evolution Conference. EMC Enterprise and Supplier Development Manager, Mrs. Zenzile Makelo unpacked a workshop under the theme, "Maritime Cluster, a

platform for partnership of Maritime Industry and Economic Development".

Her presentation was highlighted by the opportunities within the maritime sector, maritime skills development that the aspiring youth maritime can be involved in. "We are proud as EMC to be part of the conference and engage in decisive and strategic decision making as it is aligned with the cluster's mandate to promote the Smart Port City initiative for a sustainable economic growth of the maritime sector at large," said Mrs. Makelo. The conference concluded on a high note when the Minister of Transport Dr. Blade Nzimande challenged The South African Maritime sector to work hard and plan a conference that would enable role players to engage and make decisions for the sustainable future of the industry.

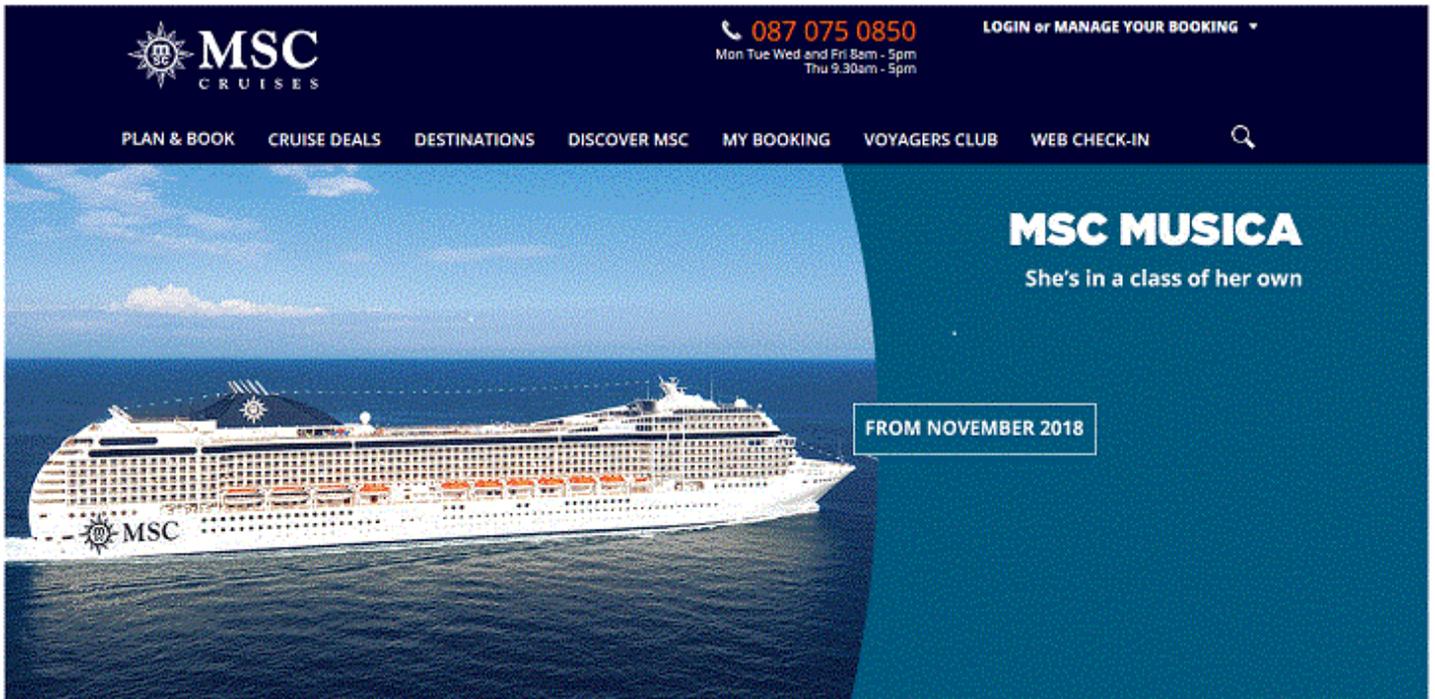
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	DEPARTURE DATE	NTS	ITINERARY	INTERIOR CABIN FROM	OUTSIDE CABIN FROM	BALCONY CABIN FROM	SUITE FROM	PORT INSURANCE & SERVICE FEES
1	14 Oct '18	24	Venice, Brindisi, Heraklion, Suez Canal Transit, Eilat, Aqaba, Port Victoria, Port Louis, La Possession, Durban	R 32 499	R 34 999	R 39 199	R 41 799	R 5 935
2	08 Nov '18	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 7 300	R 7 900	R 8 800	R 10 000	R 1 235
3	12 Nov '18	4	Durban, Pomene	R 7 100	R 7 700	R 8 700	R 9 800	R 1 235
4	16 Nov '18	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 6 500	R 6 900	R 8 000	R 8 800	R 1 005
5	19 Nov '18	5	Durban, Maputo, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 8 900	R 9 500	R 10 500	R 12 000	R 1 365
6	24 Nov '18	2	Durban, Nowhere	R 4 150	R 4 500	R 5 100	R 5 800	R 775
7	26 Nov '18	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 7 300	R 7 900	R 8 800	R 10 000	R 1 235
8	30 Nov '18	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 7 500	R 8 000	R 8 800	R 9 600	R 1 005
9	03 Dec '18	4	Durban, Pomene	R 9 000	R 9 600	R 10 500	R 11 200	R 1 235
10	07 Dec '18	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 7 500	R 8 000	R 8 800	R 9 600	R 1 005
11	10 Dec '18	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 9 500	R 9 900	R 11 000	R 11 800	R 1 235
12	14 Dec '18	2	Durban, Nowhere	R 4 500	R 5 000	R 5 400	R 6 000	R 775
13	16 Dec '18	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 7 800	R 8 200	R 8 900	R 9 800	R 1 005
14	19 Dec '18	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 7 800	R 8 200	R 8 900	R 9 800	R 1 005
15	22 Dec '18	5	Durban, Maputo, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 13 200	R 14 700	R 15 100	R 16 500	R 1 365
16	27 Dec '18	11	Durban, Port Louis & La Possession	R 28 000	R 28 800	R 31 500	R 33 500	R 2 515
18	07 Jan '19	3	Durban to Cape Town	R 5 600	R 6 000	R 7 200	R 7 700	R 1 005
19	10 Jan '19	4	Cape Town, Walvis Bay, Cape Town	R 8 500	R 9 000	R 9 900	R 10 600	R 1 235
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22	20 Jan '19	4	Cape Town, Walvis Bay, Cape Town	R 8 500	R 9 000	R 9 900	R 10 600	R 1 235
23	24 Jan '19	4	Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban	R 8 000	R 8 500	R 9 400	R 10 400	R 1 235
24	28 Jan '19	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 7 300	R 7 900	R 8 800	R 10 000	R 1 235
25	01 Feb '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 6 000	R 6 500	R 7 100	R 8 000	R 1 005
26	04 Feb '19	4	Durban, Pomene	R 7 000	R 7 600	R 8 700	R 9 700	R 1 235
27	08 Feb '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 6 000	R 6 500	R 7 100	R 8 000	R 1 005
28	11 Feb '19	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 7 300	R 7 900	R 8 800	R 10 000	R 1 235
29	15 Feb '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 6 000	R 6 500	R 7 100	R 8 000	R 1 005
30	18 Feb '19	4	Durban, Pomene	R 7 000	R 7 600	R 8 700	R 9 700	R 1 235
31	22 Feb '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 6 000	R 6 500	R 7 100	R 8 000	R 1 005
32	25 Feb '19	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 7 300	R 7 900	R 8 800	R 10 000	R 1 235
33	01 Mar '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 6 000	R 6 500	R 7 100	R 8 000	R 1 005
34	04 Mar '19	4	Durban, Pomene	R 7 000	R 7 600	R 8 700	R 9 700	R 1 235
35	08 Mar '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 6 000	R 6 500	R 7 100	R 8 000	R 1 005
36	11 Mar '19	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 7 300	R 7 900	R 8 800	R 10 000	R 1 235
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38	18 Mar '19	4	Durban, Pomene	R 7 000	R 7 600	R 8 700	R 9 700	R 1 235
39	22 Mar '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 6 000	R 6 500	R 7 100	R 8 000	R 1 005
40	25 Mar '19	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 7 300	R 7 900	R 8 800	R 10 000	R 1 235
41	29 Mar '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 6 000	R 6 500	R 7 100	R 8 000	R 1 005
42	01 Apr '19	4	Durban, Pomene	R 7 400	R 8 100	R 9 100	R 9 900	R 1 235
43	05 Apr '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 7 000	R 7 800	R 8 600	R 9 700	R 1 005
44	08 Apr '19	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 7 600	R 8 400	R 9 000	R 10 400	R 1 235
45	12 Apr '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 7 000	R 7 800	R 8 600	R 9 700	R 1 005
46	15 Apr '19	4	Durban, Pomene	R 7 400	R 8 100	R 9 100	R 9 900	R 1 235
47	19 Apr '19	4	Durban, Portuguese Island & Pomene	R 8 600	R 9 300	R 9 900	R 10 800	R 1 235
48	23 Apr '19	3	Durban, Portuguese Island	R 7 000	R 7 800	R 8 600	R 9 700	R 1 005
49	26 Apr '19	24	Durban, La Possession, Port Louis, Port Victoria, Aqaba, Suez Canal Transit, Katakolon, Kotor, Split, Venice	R 30 499	R 32 999	R 37 199	R 39 799	R 4 735

MSC Musica Advert



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