THE CONTINENTAL ARCHITECTURE
(Challenges and Opportunities)

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‘If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together’

African Proverb
INTRODUCTION

- Water covers 2/3 of the world's surface.
- Africa is the 2nd biggest continent and the largest island.
- Africa has an approximate 26000nm of coastline and EEZ.
- 90% of Africa's international trade is carried by sea.
- Africa's indigenous owned ships account for 1.2% of world shipping and 0.9% of world gross tonnage.
INTRODUCTION cont’d

- 46% of Africa lives in abject poverty and rising
- AMD was increasingly under intense pressure through criminality and environmental degradation
- AU saw need to develop integrated maritime strategy to harness vast growth potential of AMD
- Decision of 13th AU ordinary session of 2009
- Inclusive process with the document adoption in 2014
AIM

To apprise the distinguished participants on the Continental Architecture, challenges and opportunities
SCOPE

• Background
• 2050 AIM strategy
• The Goals of the strategy
• Strategic challenges
• Strategic Opportunities
• Conclusion
2050 AIMS STRATEGY

What is it?

• A tool to address Africa’s maritime challenges for sustainable development and competitiveness
2050 AIMS STRATEGY

GOALS

• Comprehensive Understanding of existing And Potential Challenge
• Provide a comprehensive and coordinated approach to improve maritime conditions
• A common template to guide on planning and execution
• A business plan that specifies milestones
  • Emphasizes on the economic core
  • In line with national interests of Member states
2050 AIMS STRATEGY cont’d

2050 AFRICA’S INTEGRATED MARITIME STRATEGY

CONSOLIDATION

~ 19 years

GROWTH

~ 13 years

CREATION

~ 8 years
STRATEGIC CHALLENGES

Implementation

- 2050 AIM Strategy is not a treaty
  - Lack of institutional leadership
- Countries have different development priorities
  - Maritime/Blue economy are new frontiers
  - Analysis/Mapping for potential benefits required
- Political buy in
- Resource constraints
STRATEGIC ACTIONS REQUIRED

Continental

- Review/ reform the AU such that:
  - MS are obligated to adopt, ratify and enforce/implement decisions
  - Create AU Office for Maritime affairs for leadership
  - Review strategy to close identified gaps

- Include Maritime Safety & security and Blue Economy in APSA
Regional

- Strengthen regional initiatives:
  - include MSS & Blue economy
  - Regional mapping of BE and desired initiatives
  - Develop Regional action plans
National

- National mapping of BE/Develop National maritime strategy
- Strengthen existing national institutions
- Realign national legislation for compliance
- Disciplined execution
STRATEGIC ACTIONS REQUIRED cont’d

ACADEMIA

GOVERNMENT

MARITIME INDUSTRY

ACADEMIA

GOVERNMENT

MARITIME INDUSTRY

DESIRED SHIFT

RESTRICTED
CONCLUSION

- 2050 AIM Strategy is good document
- Must be implemented in consistent and coherent manner
- Strong leadership required at Continental, regional and national levels
- National responsibility to move forward
- Develop linkages between Government, Maritime industry and Academia for desired leap forward
THANK YOU

"I AM, BECAUSE WE ARE."