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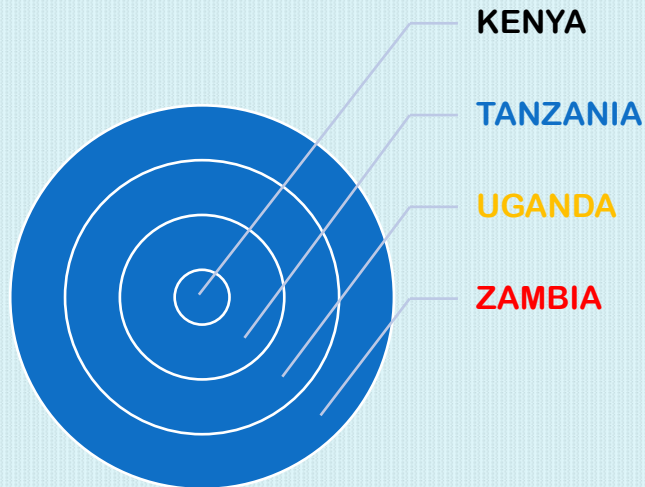


WHAT IS ISCOS?

- Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping
- Formed **1967**
- Permanent Secretariat Established **1974** in **Mombasa, Kenya**.
- **2006** Protocol
- **2014** Strategic Plan **2015-20**
- **Purpose: To Promote and Protect Shipping and Maritime Interests of Member States.**




MEMBER STATES




OBJECTIVES OF ISCOS

- ❖ To Serve the region and the International Community as a **One Stop Center** of Excellence for Regional Maritime Matters and Total Logistics.
- ❖ To ensure that the region is served by adequate and **Competitive shipping Services**.
- ❖ Promote Private and Public Sector **Investment** in International and Coastal Shipping Services and Inland water ways.
- ❖ To contribute to the **Development** of Maritime Economy and the **Harmonization** of National Maritime Polices of the Governments.

WHY ISCOS? COMMON INTERESTS BY MEMBER STATES

- ❖ Same overseas **trading partners**
 - ❖ **Same sea ports** with similar challenges for their sea borne trade
 - ❖ Their seaborne trade is carried by the **same shipping lines** majority of which are foreign owned.
 - ❖ Liner shipping operators serving the trade consider the region as **one single tariff zone**.
 - ❖ **Similar trading goods [Imports and Exports]**
 - ❖ Served by **corridors** with almost similar problems and challenges
 - ❖ Same **development patterns** for the facilitation of Transport and Trade.
 - ❖ Common high sea challenges such as **Piracy**
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ISCOS' CONTRIBUTION TO TRADE FACILITATION IN THE REGION?

- ❖ Advocacy for Efficient Systems in Maritime Transport and the Entire International Trade Logistics Chains.
 - ❖ Building Capacity among **Importers/Exporters**.
 - ❖ Advocacy for **favorable freight rates**.
 - ❖ Monitoring and advising on **Ports Performance**.
 - ❖ Mitigation of unfavorable **pricing mechanisms** in the logistical chain.
 - ❖ Formation and Advocacy for strong **Shipper Institutions**.
 - ❖ Generation and Interpretation of **relevant statistics**
 - ❖ Promoting PPP in Shipping and Shipping Investments.
 - ❖ Advocacy for the **harmonization of Maritime policies**.
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ISCOS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE REGION

- ❖ Provision of a **Common Platform** for conducting structured and evidence based dialogue in shipping matters and logistics
- ❖ Stabilization of **ocean freight rate**.
- ❖ **Reduction** or **removal** of unfair and unsubstantiated pricing mechanisms.
- ❖ Establishment and recognition of agreed **consultative** procedures.
- ❖ Providing **timely advise** and making **timely interventions** on behalf of Member States /Shippers regarding matters of shipping, ports and the movement of cargo.



ISCOS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE REGION CONT'D

- ❖ Consultation with ports authorities on matters affecting port productivity and efficiency.
- ❖ Provision of technical support to shippers.
- ❖ Formation of National Shippers' Councils in region i.e. Tanzania mainland, Uganda, Zambia and Zanzibar and initiation of similar endeavors in Mozambique, Rwanda, Malawi and Burundi and South Sudan.
- ❖ Conducted Programmes aimed at creating awareness amongst Importers and Exporters throughout the region.
- ❖ Conducting research and carrying out studies on emerging shipping issues.
- ❖ Development of an extensive ISCOS Data Bank on shipping and maritime transport.



Current Activities

- ❖ Mitigating the export of Foreign Currency and Capital through traditional trading practices.
- ❖ Developing a mobile based application for reporting and resolving NTBs along the corridors/ **M-SHIP**
- ❖ Organizing cargo owners through the Formation and strengthening of shipper Councils throughout the region.
- ❖ Reviewing the level and manner of engagement with Service providers (Ports, CFS/ICDs, and Shipping Lines, Regulators) for the enhancement of efficiency, and containment of the rising cost of doing business.
- ❖ Carrying out Research on Matters arising in Shipping.




Current Activities Cont'd


- ❑ Providing Cargo Owners with information and Creating awareness on emerging themes in International Trade.
- ❑ Partnering with regional corridors to provide Governments and Shippers with Comparative data on the performance of regional corridors.
- ❑ Have recommended to the Government of Kenya on Terminal Handling Charges (THCs) by Shipping Lines.
- ❑ ISCOS was tasked to mediate between KMA and Shipping Lines over suspension of certain clauses in the KMA Act through a court injunction by shipping lines.



ISCOS' RESPONSIBILITY TO THE MOMBASA COMMUNITY PORT CHARTER

- ❑ Establishing and **implementing** a **real-time monitoring system** that captures the actual experiences and feedback about service providers from users of Mombasa Port and the Northern Corridor.
 - ❑ Generating regular reports to guide the development and implementation of policy and reform initiatives.
 - ❑ Conduct shipper awareness events in Kenya and Regionally in partnership with stakeholders.
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STATUS OF ISCOS COMMITMENTS TO THE MPCC

- ❑ A mobile phone-based trade facilitation tool has been developed by ISCOS for monitoring, reporting and resolving Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) that are encountered by users of ports and trade corridors.
 - ❑ The platform is coined as **m-SHIP**.
 - ❑ Dial ***290#** on Safaricom network.
 - ❑ Testing phase.
 - ❑ Sensitization on the platform is ongoing.
 - ❑ Launch of the platform is scheduled for the first quarter 2014 in Kenya and Tanzania third quarter
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Steps to
olve your
shipping
issues

Welcome to ISCOS,
 Please choose your preferred language.
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1. English
2. Kiswahili

Welcome to ISCOS
 Inform the Governments of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia!

Please choose;

1. Being Delayed
2. Corruption
3. Compliment
4. Feedback

Choose Organisation

1. Mombasa Port (KPA)
2. Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
3. Kenya Police
4. CFB
5. Shipping Line
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CHALLENGES OF M-SHIP

- Lack of resources for:
- Publicity, Information Education and Communication (IEC) of the **M-SHIP**
- Implementing a Call Centre to route Issues and Complaints to Port Charter Institutions for resolution or assistance
- Data-Collection from Mombasa Port & Northern Corridor users for Baseline Survey upon which to track changes/improvements and review and analysis of data collected for the Baseline Survey.



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