

## **IMO SUPPORTS AFRICAN MARITIME JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION**

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Media Office has welcomed the establishment of the African Maritime Journalists Association (AMJA), with a pledged to collaborate with the new Association to advance the fortune of the maritime industry in Africa.

IMO's Media and Communications Officer, Natasha Brown, in a congratulatory message, thanked the promoters of the AMJA for bring its formation to the attention of the global maritime agency.

She assured that her office would endeavour to keep the Association and its members, abreast of news and information related to IMO activities.

According to her, "please let me know the best way for IMO to provide information to the journalists and how we can help in ensuring you have the latest news from IMO. We are happy to add individual emails to our press briefing list, so they receive our press briefings in their inboxes", she added.

The IMO, a specialized agency of the United Nations, is the global standard-setting authority for the safety, security and environmental performance of international shipping. The organization provides technical assistance to developing countries in maritime matters, among its other responsibilities.

Meanwhile, the Association has equally been commended by two leading maritime institutions in the continent. Messages of commendation were received from Mrs. Mfon Ekong Usoro, Secretary General of the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control for West and Central African Region (Abuja MoU) and Ms. Funmi Folorunso, Secretary General of the African Ship-owners' Associations.

### **Editor's Note:**

Following a resolution adopted at the inaugural African Maritime Journalists Conference (AMJOC), held 29 and 30 January 2016, in Accra, on the need to establish a continent-wide association or forum for maritime journalists in Africa, delegates resolved and endorsed the formation of the African Maritime Journalists Association.

Therefrom, a four member executive committee was elected to drive the objectives and benefits of the conference across the continent, at regional and national levels.

The committee members are:

- President - Nigeria – Mr. Sesan Onileimo, Publisher of Shipping Position Daily Newspaper, and Producer of Shipping Position Live on Radio
- Vice President - South Africa – Ms. Colleen Jacka, Editor of Maritime Review Africa
- General Secretary - Kenya - Mr. George Sunguh, Editor of Our Ports Magazine and Communication Executive for Port Management Association for Eastern and Southern Africa
- Treasurer - Ghana - Grace Nana Esi Boateng, Presenter of Maritime and Port News on Radio

The inauguration of the Executive Committee is scheduled to take in Lagos, Nigeria.

Signed:

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