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KTA NEWSLETTER

WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) ENGAGEMENT WITH THE KENYA TRANSPORTERS ASSOCIATION (KTA)



On April 16, 2024, the **Kenya Transporters Association (KTA)** hosted delegation from the **World Food Program (WFP)** to their Secretariat in Mombasa Tudor. The WFP team, led by **Shane Prigge**, Head of Supply Chain, was warmly received by KTA Chairman **Mr. Newton Wang'oo** and fellow directors.

The visit marked a significant step towards strengthening the partnership between WFP and KTA, with the WFP expressing its reliance on local transport partnerships to ensure the efficient delivery of food aid within Kenya. Mr. Prigge shared that WFP currently works with 85 contracted transporters, 75 of whom are active. He emphasized the potential for a mutually beneficial relationship, aiming to integrate more transporters into the WFP supply chain to meet their operational capacity.

The meeting also served as a platform for KTA to showcase its advocacy successes, notably its negotiations with the **Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)**. These efforts led to a temporary height tolerance for Standard 40 feet High Cube Shipping Containers on standard trucks, pending a long-term legislative amendment.

The WFP delegation expressed interest in KTA's membership management standards. They were informed about the **KTA Code of Conduct** that all members must adhere to, which sets high standards of responsibility and behavior. A proposal was made to align all WFP-contracted transporters with these standards.

In closing, KTA highlighted its subcontracting policy, which mandates that only KTA members with installed cargo tracking systems are eligible for subcontracting – a standard that WFP officials suggested should be adopted by all their contracted transporters.

Source: KTA

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Kenya Transporters Association (KTA) held its Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2024, at Muthu Nyali Beach Hotel marking a significant event that was both well-organized and highly attended by our esteemed members.

Key Highlights and Resolutions

Overcoming Challenges with Resilience: *The Chairman acknowledged the challenges of the past year, highlighting the organization's resilience and the collective determination of the team. Gratitude was extended to members for their unwavering support.*

Membership Growth and Engagement: *Proudly reporting a significant increase in membership, reflective of the trust in the association. Proactive engagement strategies ensure members remain informed and connected.*

Strategic Collaborations: *Partnerships with key entities such as the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), and Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) have been pivotal in achieving operational success.*

Impactful Achievements:

- ❖ *Negotiated extended parking notification times and secured waivers on penalties in Mombasa County.*
- ❖ *Successfully engaged KeNHA's impounding policy, leading to concessions for high cube shipping containers awaiting permanent solution.*
- ❖ *Substantial reduction in non-essential police roadblocks, enhancing transport efficiency.*
- ❖ *Increased validity period for transit goods vehicles' authority letters to 12 months.*
- ❖ *Enhanced role in transport policy formulation, achieving nearly 99% compliance with Vehicle Load Control Regulations amongst others.*

Challenges and Aspirations: *Addressing persistent challenges like fluctuating fuel costs and evolving regulations, the focus is on advocating for sustainable transport policies and embracing technological advancements.*

Appreciation and Future Outlook: *The Chairman expressed profound gratitude to staff, members, and partners for their unwavering support. The KTA remains committed to championing industry interests and contributing to national progress.*

Election of Board of Directors: *For a unified leadership, members unanimously reelected directors for a two-year term, reflecting confidence in their leadership and emphasizing unity for advocacy efforts.*

Unity and Advocacy: *Members underscored the importance of unity among the new Board in advocating for the KTA's interests. The association has strengthened its industry standing, and the continued support of all members is vital for our advocacy efforts. Key issues addressed include persistent police harassment, customs officials' failure to deactivate cargo tracking seals, import duty charges on lost cargo, and varying levies by counties. The new Board pledged to address these concerns diligently.*



The recent launch of the **National Road Safety Action Plan 2024-2028** in Kenya marks a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to address the devastating toll of road accidents. With the objective of curbing road accidents, this comprehensive plan outlines key strategies and initiatives aimed at enhancing safety on Kenyan roads.

Economic Burden and Human Impact

Road accidents not only shatter families and devastate communities but also impose a significant economic burden on the nation. It is estimated that road carnage costs Kenya's economy a staggering Sh450 billion annually. Beyond the financial implications, the loss of lives and injuries resulting from accidents underscores the urgency of effective road safety measures.

Comprehensive Strategies

The **National Road Safety Action Plan** encompasses a range of strategies to tackle road accidents comprehensively:

1. **Road Infrastructure Improvements:** The plan prioritizes enhancements to road infrastructure, including repairs, maintenance, and upgrades. Well-designed roads contribute significantly to accident prevention.
2. **Stricter Vehicle Safety Standards:** The enforcement of stringent safety standards for vehicles is crucial. Regular inspections and adherence to safety protocols will be emphasized.
3. **Public Awareness Campaigns:** Heightened awareness campaigns will educate the public about safe driving practices, the importance of seat belts, and the risks associated with speeding and reckless driving.
4. **Post-Crash Care Services:** Ensuring better care for accident victims is a priority. Swift medical response and efficient emergency services can save lives.
5. **Promoting Safe Driving Habits:** Encouraging responsible driving behavior through education and incentives will contribute to accident reduction.
6. **Road Safety Database and Monitoring Systems:** Implementing robust monitoring and evaluation systems will allow authorities to track progress and identify areas for improvement.
7. **Integration of Road Design and Safety:** Departing from past approaches, the plan emphasizes the integration of road design and safety considerations. Proper road design can prevent accidents and minimize their impact.

CRUCIAL STEP TOWARDS CURBING ROAD ACCIDENTS IN KENYA (CONT'D)

Focus on School Transport Safety

The safety of school transport is a critical concern. The following measures are part of the plan:

- ❖ **School Buses:** School buses must adhere to specified operating hours and undergo regular inspections to ensure their roadworthiness.
- ❖ **Driver Retraining and Retesting:** School bus drivers will undergo retraining and retesting to ensure compliance with safety standards. Their role in safeguarding young passengers is pivotal.
- ❖ **Dignified Working Conditions for Drivers and Riders:** Recognizing the well-being of drivers and riders, the plan advocates for:
- ❖ **Maximum Workday Hours:** Measures will be implemented to ensure that drivers and riders have a maximum workday of eight hours. Prioritizing their health and rest contributes to safer roads.

Leveraging Technology

The plan embraces technological solutions, including:

- ❖ **Speed Cameras:** Deployment of speed cameras at high-risk junctions to deter speeding.
- ❖ **Instant Fines:** Swift penalties for traffic violations encourage compliance.
- ❖ **Surveillance Cameras:** Monitoring critical areas for timely intervention.

The launch of the National Road Safety Action Plan signifies the government's commitment to safeguarding the safety and well-being of every citizen on our roads. By implementing these measures, Kenya aims to reduce accidents, save lives, and create a safer road environment for all.

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Outcome of a constructive meeting held on April 3rd, 2024, between the Kenya Transporters Association's leadership and His Excellency, Governor **Abdulswamad Sheriff Nassir of Mombasa County**. The dialogue centered on several key issues concerning parking charges within Mombasa County.

Highlights of the Discussion:

1. **Waiver of Accumulated Fees:** The county has graciously waived all accumulated daily parking fees on clamped vehicles. Members are now liable only for the principal amount. The initial waiver on interest, set to expire on April 30th, 2024, has been extended by an additional **15 days**, concluding on **May 15th, 2024**. We urge members to capitalize on this waiver period to clear any pending fines. During this time, only the principal amount is payable.
2. **Revision of Daily Parking Fees:** The Finance Bill, currently under review by the County Assembly, proposes the cessation of accruing daily parking fees on clamped vehicles.
3. **Reduction in Clamping Fees:** The proposed County Finance Bill includes a reduction in clamping fees from **Kshs 15,600 to Kshs 6,000**.
4. **Extended Payment Notice Period:** The notice period for parking charges to be increased from 30 minutes to 1 hour, providing more time for payment processing.
5. **Enhanced Notification System:** Vehicle can now be registered with multiple contact numbers, ensuring timely receipt of parking notifications and payment facilitation is under consideration.
6. **Automated Payment Reminders:** An automated system will soon be in place to send reminders for any outstanding parking charges.

KTA ACHIEVEMENTS: PAVING THE WAY FOR A STRONGER FUTURE

The Kenya Transporters Association (KTA) has made significant strides in advocating for the interests of its members, who primarily operate road commercial transport services in Kenya. As we reflect on our achievements, it becomes evident that a united voice and collaborative efforts are essential for the association's continued success.

Notable Achievements:

1. **Vehicle Load Control Self-Regulatory Charter (2014):** KTA, in collaboration with other agencies, signed this charter, compelling our members to adhere to Axle Load Limits specified in The East Africa Community Vehicle Load Control Act, 2013. Compliance rates among members have reached an impressive 99%, significantly reducing penalties.
2. **Free COVID-19 Testing for Commercial Truck Drivers:** While neighboring East African countries charged for COVID-19 testing, KTA successfully lobbied for free testing for commercial truck drivers in Kenya. This initiative prioritized driver health and safety during the pandemic.
3. **Zero-Rated VAT Status for Kenyan Exports:** KTA joined forces with stakeholders to advocate for retaining zero-rated VAT status for transportation services related to Kenyan exports. This prevented an increase in transportation costs for locally made products.
4. **Streamlining Port Processes:** KTA's advocacy led to the removal of physical inspections for KTA member trucks before issuing port passes and granting entry to the port. This streamlined operations and reduced delays.
5. **Influencing Commercial Vehicle Regulations:** KTA actively participated in reviewing the proposed Commercial Vehicle Regulations Act by the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA).
6. **Enhanced Visibility and Public Participation:** KTA engaged with various government agencies during policy formulation, ensuring that transport-related policies consider the association's perspective. The involvement has increased transparency and accountability. KTA is highly regarded by other stakeholders and government agencies, reinforcing our position as a key player in Kenya's transport sector.
7. **Advocacy for Improved Roads and Weighbridge Conditions:** KTA successfully advocated for better road infrastructure and weighbridge conditions, enhancing overall transport efficiency.
8. **Reducing Roadblocks:** KTA's persistent efforts led to the removal of unnecessary roadblocks on major highways. This has positively impacted the flow of goods and services across the country.
9. **Strategic Deployment of Secretariat Staff:** To address members' issues promptly, KTA deployed additional secretariat staff at critical locations, including the **Port of Mombasa, Malaba, Busia, and Nairobi**.
10. **Promoting Professional Standards:** KTA members adhere to the association's Code of Conduct, emphasizing professionalism and ethical practices within the transport industry.
11. **Halting Forceful Railage of Transit Cargo:** KTA collaborated with industry stakeholders to prevent the forceful railage of transit cargo to **Naivasha** and **South Sudan-bound cargo to Nairobi Freight Terminal**.
12. **Challenging Forceful Railage of Local Cargo:** KTA, alongside other stakeholders, instituted legal proceedings against the forceful railage of local cargo to Nairobi.
13. **Extended Validity of Authority Letters for Local Goods:** KTA's advocacy led to the extension of authority letter validity for carrying local goods on transit trucks. These letters are now granted for 12 months, aligning with the Transit Goods License duration.
14. **Height Tolerance for Shipping Containers:** KTA's lobbying efforts secured a temporary height tolerance for standard 40-foot high cube shipping containers on standard trucks (up to 4.5 meters). This facilitates smoother transportation.
15. **Weight Tolerance and Dual Weighing:** KTA advocated for a 5% tolerance on axle load and variance of up to 200 kgs above permissible load on Kenya National Highways Weighbridges. Transit trucks are now weighed both at the start of the journey and the point of exit.

GREEN FREIGHT STRATEGY 2030: PAVING THE WAY TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT



The Kenya Transporters Association (KTA) was part of a two-day sub-regional workshop on **March 25-26, 2024**, aimed at disseminating the **Northern Corridor Green Freight Strategy 2030**. The workshop focused on harmonizing the implementation plan for regional green freight targets and commitments. Additionally, participants discussed international trends related to the electrification of heavy-duty vehicles in the Global North.

Supported by the **Climate and Clean Air Coalition**, **UNEP**, and the **ClimateWorks** Foundation, the workshop brought together diverse stakeholders from six countries, including transporter associations, government representatives, academia, and civil society.

The strategy outlined ambitious goals:

- ❖ **Improve Fuel Efficiency:** Aiming for a **10% improvement** in fuel efficiency of freight transport by 2030, compared to 2024 levels. This could involve adopting newer, more efficient vehicles, and optimizing logistics and routing.
- ❖ **Reduce Harmful Emissions:** Targeting a **12% reduction** in emissions of Particulate Matter, Black Carbon, and Oxides of Nitrogen by 2030, relative to 2024. This would contribute to better air quality and health benefits.
- ❖ **Decrease CO2 Intensity:** Striving to lower CO2 emissions intensity by **10%** by 2030, again benchmarked to 2024 levels. This aligns with global efforts to combat climate change.
- ❖ **Eco-Driving Training:** Planning to conduct eco-driving training for **1000 drivers** to promote more fuel-efficient driving habits.
- ❖ **Climate Resilience:** Enhancing the climate resilience of at least **2000 km of roads** to withstand the impacts of climate change.

Strategies for Shift to Electronic Vehicles

- ❖ **Incentives and Subsidies:** Offering tax credits and rebates to lower the initial costs associated with EV adoption.
- ❖ **Charging Infrastructure:** Investing in a robust charging network to eliminate range anxiety and facilitate long-haul EV transport.
- ❖ **Regulatory Policies:** Establishing clear regulations to provide a framework for the transition to EVs and encourage market growth.
- ❖ **Education and Awareness:** Conducting public campaigns to inform about the environmental and economic benefits of EVs.
- ❖ **Fleet Electrification:** Encouraging the electrification of both public and private vehicle fleets, which can serve as a model for broader EV adoption.
- ❖ **Financial and Technical Support:** Providing support to manufacturers and start-ups to foster innovation in the EV space.

These initiatives reflect a regional commitment to sustainable development and are in line with international efforts to reduce the environmental impact of transportation. The strategy's success will depend on effective collaboration among all stakeholders and the integration of these targets into national policies and practices.

TIPS ON DRIVING IN THE RAIN

The country is currently experiencing rain in many areas. Driving in the rain can be hazardous, but taking a few precautions you significantly reduce risks of accidents. Below are some of the tips.

Before starting the journey

- ❖ Make sure your windshield wipers, headlights, taillights, and brakes are in good working order
- ❖ Check your tyre pressure and tread depth
- ❖ Ensure you have enough fuel
- ❖ Plan your route. If possible, avoid driving in heavy rain or on unfamiliar roads

While Driving in rain

- ❖ **Slow down.** The speed limit is for ideal conditions, and rainy conditions are far from ideal. Reduce your speed to give yourself more time to react to hazards.
- ❖ **Increase your following distance.** The stopping distance on wet roads is much longer than on dry roads. Give yourself plenty of space between you and the car in front of you.
- ❖ **Use your headlights.** Even in the light rain, your headlights will make you more visible to other drivers
- ❖ **Avoid sudden maneuvers.** Don't make sudden turns or stops as this can cause you to lose control of your car.
- ❖ **Be aware of hydroplaning.** Hydroplaning occurs when your tyres lose contact with the road due to the layer of water. If you start to hydroplane, take your foot off the fuel pedal and steer in the direction you want to go. **Do not brake.**
- ❖ **Be extra cautious at intersections and curves.** These are the areas where accidents are more likely to occur in wet weather.
- ❖ **Watch out for pedestrians and cyclists.** They are more difficult to see in the rain, so be extra careful of them
- ❖ **Avoid using cruise control.** Cruise Control can be dangerous on rainy weather because it can prevent you from reacting quickly to changes in the road condition.

Keep yourself updated on road conditions ahead of your journey from the social media and other sources of news as you start and progress with your journey if need be. By following above tips you can stay safe and minimize accidents.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The membership is open to organizations or firms with strategic business interest in the transport sector

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Copy of PIN certificate/Tax Compliance Certificate

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CONTAINER TERMINAL (APR 2024)		25 th – 30 th	18 th – 24 th	Change
Total Number of Ships		11	13	-2
Total Delivered Containers by Road (TEU'S)		6694	10187	-3493
Delivered C'ners by Road	LOCAL	2777	4503	-1726
Delivered C'ners by Road	TRANSIT	3917	5661	-1744
Delivered C'ners by SGR		3510	4218	-708
Imports Population Breakdown	LOCAL	2019	2053	-34
	TRANSIT	6090	5872	218
Transit in Yard Breakdown	Burundi	61	83	-22
	D.R. Congo	491	358	133
	Ethiopia	87	63	24
	Rwanda	817	804	13
	Somalia	7	0	7
	S. Sudan	322	402	-80
	Tanzania	450	463	13
	Uganda	3855	3699	156
Deliveries to CFSs	Consolbase	81	298	-217
	Msa C.T	51	97	-46
	Compact	245	463	-218
	Interpel	106	203	-97
	Mitchell Cotts	155	262	-107
	Awanad	33	170	-137
	Portside	48	147	-99
	Focus	185	231	-46
	MICT	89	134	-45
	Makupa Yard	56	65	-9
	MICD	77	149	-72
	Autoport	281	524	-243
	Regional	156	239	-83
	Greatlakes	0	0	0
	Siginon	49	119	-70
	Boss Freight	52	138	-86

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