



Golden Tulip, Zanzibar

30 April - 1 May

EVENT PROGRAM

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Pre Event

📅 April 29th 2025

14:00 – 16:00

Accreditation of National delegates and speakers at Golden Tulip Hotel

18:30 – 20:30

Welcome Cocktail – Zanzibar Serena Hotel

Day 1

📅 April 30th 2025

07:30 – 10:10

1. Arrival of delegates and Networking (Tea /Coffee)
2. Arrival of Leaders
3. Arrival of the Guest of Honor
4. Visitation of the exhibition area

10:10 – 11:30

OPENING SESSION

1. National Anthems
2. Prayers
3. Introductory remarks by Dr. Habiba H. Omar, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Infrastructure, Communication and Transport, Zanzibar
4. Remarks by Hon. Idrissa K. Mustafa, Regional Commissioner Urban, West Zanzibar
5. Welcoming remarks by Sheikh Omar Mussa, President Zanzibar Freight Bureau (ZFB)
6. Remarks by Edward Urrio, President Tanzania Freight Forwarders Association (TAFFA)
7. Remarks by Mr. Turgut Erkeskin, President International Freight Forwarders Association (FIATA)
8. Entertainment (Kibati Cultural Troupe)
9. Remarks by Hon. Dr. Khalid S. Mohammed (MRC), Minister for Infrastructure, Communication and Transport (Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar)
10. Remarks by Hon. Prof. Makame M. Mbarawa (MP), Minister for Transport – United Republic of Tanzania
11. Opening Speech by the Guest of Honor, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania
12. Photo session

11:30 – 12:15

Networking Tea /Coffee and visit the Exhibitions

12:15 – 13:00

Keynote Address: The blue economy and logistics – A Strategic Imperative
Professor Koshy Varghese (IIT Madras) – TBC

Exchange with participants

13:00 – 14:00

Networking Lunch and visit the Exhibition

14:00 – 14:15

Sponsors platform time

14:15 – 15:45
SESSION ONE (1)

Panel Discussion 1: **Unlocking the Potential of Zanzibar's Blue Economy through Logistics**

Description: This panel will explore Zanzibar's and greater Tanzania's efforts to develop its blue economy through port expansion, intermodal logistics, and regulatory reforms. Discussions will focus on the developments, innovations, challenges and opportunities in the blue economy for the logistics sector such as green ports, green ships, climate smart roads, railways, electric trucks etc. The session will assess how these investments align with sustainability goals and FIATA's vision for logistics, but also how they are or are likely to contribute to the sustainability agenda and sustainable development in Africa and the Middle East.



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Key Topics:

- ⊙ Zanzibar's Blue Economy Initiative & New Port Developments
- ⊙ The Role of Logistics in Enhancing Maritime Trade
- ⊙ Sustainable Infrastructure & Environmental Considerations
- ⊙ The Role of Trade Finance in Sustainable Logistics

Panelists

- ⊙ Professor Koshy Varghese (IIT Madras) – TBC
- ⊙ Ministry of Blue Economy – Zanzibar
- ⊙ Kuehne Climate Center
- ⊙ Tanzania Ports Authority
- ⊙ Zanzibar Ports Corporation
- ⊙ Edward Urjo, TAFFA President

Moderator: (Dawit Woubishet)

15:15 - 17:15
SESSION TWO (2)

Panel Discussion 1: **Developing Sustainable Multimodal Corridors in Eastern Africa**

Description: As Tanzania and East Africa continues to position itself as a key logistics hub on the continent, the development of sustainable multimodal corridors is crucial to enhancing regional trade efficiency and connectivity. This session will explore how investments in climate-smart road and rail infrastructure are improving access to ports for land-linked countries, reducing transit times, and promoting greener supply chains. Experts will discuss the opportunities and challenges in developing new transport corridors, the role of freight forwarders in facilitating trade, and the policy measures needed to ensure sustainable and resilient logistics networks.

Key Topics:

- ⊙ Climate-Smart Road & Rail Infrastructure
- ⊙ The Impact on Freight Forwarders & Regional Trade
- ⊙ East-African landlocked countries' access to trade through ports
- ⊙ Development of New Transport Corridors & Intermodal Solutions
- ⊙ Role of Freight Forwarders in driving green supply chain transformation.

Panelists

- ⊙ Adv. Flory Okandju, Executive Secretary, Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency
- ⊙ Charles Mwebembezi, President, FEAFFA
- ⊙ Katie Mumbua, Project Manager East Africa - Smart Freight Centre
- ⊙ Abdallah A. Mhagama, Director of Economic Regulation, Land Transport Regulatory Authority, United Republic of Tanzania
- ⊙ Tanzania Shipping Company Ltd

Moderator: (Prof Thomas Sim)

17:15 – 17:45

Networking Tea /Coffee and visit to the Exhibitions



Day 2

May 1st 2025

08:30 – 09:00

1. Arrival of delegates and Networking (Tea /Coffee)
2. Visit the Exhibition

09:00 – 10:30

SESSION THREE (3)

Panel Discussion 3: **Trade Facilitation in the RAME Region – Intermodal Connectivity & Customs Integration**

Description: Efficient trade facilitation is key to strengthening economic integration and boosting intra-regional commerce in the RAME region. This session will examine how the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) is reshaping logistics by promoting harmonised customs procedures, reducing trade barriers, and enhancing intermodal connectivity. Experts will explore the role of digital solutions, such as AEO schemes, in streamlining cross-border trade and improving supply chain transparency. The discussion will also address the financial and regulatory challenges faced by shippers, particularly regarding cargo guarantees and customs requirements, while drawing lessons from other regional economic communities to enhance trade efficiency.

Key Topics:

- ⦿ Facilitating Trade – Digitalisation / AEO
- ⦿ Single Customs Territory & Simplified Customs Procedures
- ⦿ Cargo Guarantees & Financial Challenges for Shippers
- ⦿ Lessons from Other Regional Economic Blocs
- ⦿ Capacity Building under the AfCFTA

Panelists

- ⦿ Felix Tinkasimile, Tanzania Revenue Authority
- ⦿ Elibariki Shammy, Country Director, TradeMark Africa - Tanzania
- ⦿ Ms. Abdul Aziz Nadia, NAFL
- ⦿ Ms. Faith Mosongo – Programme Coordinator, World Customs Organization, East and Southern Africa, Regional Office for Capacity Building.
- ⦿ David Rwigema – Chairman, Rwanda Freight Forwarders Association

Moderator: (Dr. Juanita Maree)

10:30 – 11:00

Networking Tea /Coffee and visit to the Exhibitions

11:00 - 12:30

SESSION FOUR (4)

Panel Discussion 4: **Challenges in Cargo Shipping: Transforming Logistics through Technology and Innovation**

Description: Cargo shipping in the RAME region faces persistent challenges, from high costs associated with cargo deposits to complex financial requirements imposed on shippers. As the industry evolves, technology and innovation are playing a crucial role in addressing inefficiencies, reducing costs, and improving supply chain resilience. This session will explore how digital solutions, trade finance innovations, and regulatory reforms can enhance cargo movement, mitigate financial burdens, and streamline operations. The role of acting as a contractual carrier using the FIATA multimodal forwarders Bill of Lading and its liability insured feature will be discussed.



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Key Topics:

- ⦿ Addressing high costs & financial barriers in Cargo Shipping
- ⦿ Digital Solutions for streamlining customs & freight operations
- ⦿ Improving cargo security & reducing administrative delays
- ⦿ Empowering emerging markets through digital and finance solutions

Presentation on **Empowering Emerging Markets Through Digital and Financial Solutions** by Viaservice Ltd -Morgan Lépinoy (15minutes)

Panelists

- ⦿ Morgan Lépinoy, MD & Global Head of Trade Facilitation – Viatrans SA & Director Viaservice.
- ⦿ Dr Gladness Salema,
- ⦿ Dr Stéphane Graber, Director General, FIATA

Moderator: (Ms. Kaoutar Guessous)

12:30 - 14:00

Networking Lunch

14:00 – 16:00

FIATA RAME meeting

16:00 – 16:30

Networking Tea/Coffee, visit the Exhibitions

16:30-18:30

FIATA High Level Meeting (closed meeting)

High Level Meeting with Presidents of FIATA Association Members

19:30 -10:30

GALA DINNER AND CLOSING CEREMONY - Golden Tulip Hotel, Zanzibar

Day 3

 2nd May 2025

09:00 – 17:00

Excursion day – Zanzibar and Mainland



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