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PRESS RELEASE

SPA official attends forum on Sustainable Port Development in Tanzania

Seychelles was represented at the Sustainable Port Development Western Indian Ocean Stakeholders' Forum which took place between 16th and 17th August 2022 in Dar Es Salaam by a delegation headed by Mr Franky Laporte, the Director for Projects and Infrastructure at the Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA). Mr Laporte was accompanied by Mr Michael Gabriel, an Examiner at the Seychelles Maritime Safety Authority (SMSA), and Mr Myron Meme, the Director for Environmental Impact at the Department of Environment.

The two-day forum, that was the first in-person stakeholder meeting of its kind, was organised by the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre (MTCC) – Africa.

As part of the mission, delegates had to present the sustainable port developments under implementation in their respective countries which form part of the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) Region. Mr Laporte made the presentation on behalf of the Seychelles' delegation. Other discussions at the forum concentrated on location of ports in the regions and identification of key commercial ports and validation, supporting legislative and institutional frameworks and validation, collation of geospatial data (GIS) on key coastal ecosystems in the WIO region for application at the port scale, overview of potential impacts of ports on coastal ecosystems and associated ecosystem services, amongst others. The delegates also got the chance to share their experiences on environmental matters versus port development and operations which led them the confirmation of the proposed Toolkit for Green Port Development.

In simple terms, Green port refers to the effort and investment by a port towards environmentally friendly and sustainable practices in its daily activities.

Based on discussions and validations made through the forum, a Policy Brief will be prepared to give future recommendations for Green Port Development in the WIO Region. The Policy Brief will be directed at policymakers at country level, where they will propose specific policy and technical recommendations, motivated and supported by the different deliverables produced as part of the project.

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