

NPA looks forward to sharing fresh ideas and perspectives from Nigerian ports and the wider region



The International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA) has significantly boosted its influence in Africa by welcoming the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) as a new member in June 2024.

This strategic move marks an important expansion for IPCSA, enhancing its network and collaboration opportunities across the continent. By joining IPCSA, the NPA aims to leverage the association's expertise to improve efficiency and innovation in port operations, benefiting from shared knowledge and best practices. This membership reflects the NPA's commitment to advancing port community systems and integrating into a global network dedicated to optimizing port and maritime logistics.

Nigerian Ports Authority is the statutory authority responsible for owning, developing and operating ports and harbours in Nigeria, providing safe and navigable channels and ensuring safety and security. NPA operates as a landlord port with terminals concessioned to and operated by private operators. It is responsible for the planning and development of port operational infrastructure, leasing and concessions, including setting benchmarks for tariff structures, enacting, monitoring and enforcing port regulations and bylaws, and





presents,” said Nurudeen Ibrahim, of NPA’s ICT Research and Special Projects Department. “Nigerian Ports Authority decided to join IPCSA due to a plethora of benefits such a membership offers us. IPCSA is a reputable global organisation that aims to promote the use of modern information technology in the world’s ports, aligning with our goal of leveraging technology to improve operational efficiencies at our ports.”

Among the numerous benefits of joining IPCSA, Ibrahim noted improved efficiency as IPCSA promotes the adoption of digital solutions such as Port Community Systems, which can streamline processes, reduce manual errors and increase overall efficiency. Additional benefits include enhanced collaboration among ports and sharing of best practice, knowledge and expertise, which will help NPA to learn from others and improve its operations, he added.

“Membership of IPCSA will also benefit NPA in terms of gaining increased trade facilitation, better data management, global connectivity, improved security, enhanced customer service, increased competitiveness and access to training and capacity building. By joining IPCSA, NPA expects to gain a competitive edge, improve operational efficiency and contribute to the growth and development of the country’s economy.”

providing nautical and harbour services such as hydrographic surveying, towage, mooring, bunkering and dealing with pollution and marine incidents.

NPA is currently moving ahead with a number of expansion and development projects, including greenfield port developments – Badagry Deep Sea Port in Lagos State, Bonny Deep Sea Port in Rivers State and Burutu Deep Sea Port in Delta State. Others to be developed in the near future are Ibom, Olokola, Ondo, Agge and Bakassi deep sea ports. Membership of IPCSA will be especially

important for NPA as it is in the process of developing a Port Community System, with the assistance of IPCSA as well as the International Maritime Organization, with a plan to integrate the new PCS into Nigerian National Single Window project. Both the PCS and the SW are in the development phase, and NPA is working with IPCSA and in-country stakeholders to achieve their successful completion.

“We are delighted to be part of the IPCSA community and we look forward to the many prospects for growth, collaboration and support that this community

In its turn, NPA can bring a unique perspective and valuable contributions to IPCSA, he added – including regional expertise, emerging market insights, innovative solutions, cultural diversity, collaborative spirit, networking opportunities and regional representation. “NPA has implemented various innovative solutions to address its unique challenges, such as the Nigerian Port Process Manual and various automation and digitalisation solutions developed over the years. We believe that sharing these experiences can benefit other IPCSA members.

“NPA can bring a diverse cultural perspective, enriching IPCSA’s global community and fostering a deeper understanding of the requirements of ports in different regions.” He concluded: “We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to IPCSA for admitting us into its esteemed ranks and we look forward to fostering a lasting, mutually beneficial partnership.”

IPCSA Chairman Javier Gallardo said: “We are delighted to welcome Nigerian Ports Authority to the IPCSA family. IPCSA has expanded significantly across all regions of the world in the past few years, and we are

pleased to see our presence expanding in the important Africa region. IPCSA members pride themselves on their openness and willingness to share experience, expertise and best practice, and we look forward to sharing and collaborating with Nigerian Ports Authority, while learning more about the particular challenges and opportunities of the region.”

Nico De Cauwer, Secretary General of IPCSA, added: “Nigerian Ports Authority will bring fresh ideas and a unique perspective to the IPCSA family, whose members will benefit from learning more about the Nigerian and wider Africa region port landscape. We look forward to gaining insights into the needs and challenges of ports in the region, which will in turn help IPCSA to tailor its solutions and services to meet those needs.”



About IPCSA

IPCSA is an international association of Sea and Air Port Community System operators, sea and air port authorities and Single Window operators that is recognised across the globe for providing advice and guidance on the electronic exchange of information across borders and throughout the whole supply chain.

The association has members from across the globe who handle the exchange of information for Business to Business, Government to Business and Government to Government processes and facilitate the smooth cross-border movement of goods. This equates to the electronic exchange of information relating to more than 500 million TEU movements and 10 billion tonnes of cargo for air, sea and land transport – estimated to be in excess of 50 billion million exchanges every year.

IPCSA focuses on supporting and facilitating systems and innovations for Port Community System members and users, and promoting the use of international data standards in sea and air ports, at border crossings and via Single Window systems around the world. IPCSA is a recognised NGO with consultative status at UNECOSOC and IMO.

For more information, please contact: inga.morton@ipcsa.international



IPCSA

International Port
Community Systems
Association