

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)

Support to NEPAD

Period of report: January to December 2003

Areas of support for NEPAD

Peace and security

Assistance to African countries has been given on development of maritime and port security including port security surveys. This is to ensure that the African ports are free from security threats. Regional and national workshops on maritime security have been held drawing participants from most of the African coastal States. The areas covered are: infrastructure (transportation, energy, water and sanitation, ICTs); human resources development (health, education); environment; others (safety of navigation).

Primary focus of activity

Focus of activity is mainly on the protection of the marine environment in African waters, maritime safety and security, training in and facilitation of maritime traffic in African ports for quick turnaround of ships. In particular, these involve the following:

- Facilitating and promoting South–South cooperation;
- Promoting coordination and coherence in US support of NEPAD priorities;
- Supporting simplification and harmonization of planning, disbursement and reporting procedures as a means of enhancing support for NEPAD;

- Supporting and strengthening sub-regional consultation mechanisms as a Vehicle for fostering collaboration and coordination for NEPAD at the regional level;
- Developing and implementing joint programmes in support of NEPAD; (The UN clusters under ECA have been a driving force though their work seems to be diminishing with time with no follow up.)
- Supporting the NEPAD Secretariat and the African countries in developing NEPAD projects and programmes; and
- Supporting and strengthening regional and sub-regional organizations in their ability and capacity to support conflict prevention, management as well as peace building programmes. IMO works very closely with regional organizations such as SADC, East African Community, Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa and the Port Management Associations.

IMO's financial commitment to NEPAD

\$1.2 million was committed to the Technical Cooperation Programme for the Africa region in 2003.