



Port Effectiveness
and Public Private
Cooperation for
Competitiveness
Project (PEPP II)

Annual Report

2022

Inception Meeting

The project kicked off with an inception meeting on January 14, 2022 at the Royal Nick Hotel in Tema where the PEPP II team introduced the second phase of the project and presented the goals and objectives.



Arrival of Danish researchers and student assistants

Researchers (Martin Arvad Nicolaisen and Professor Annette Hansen) and student assistants (Vivyan Yan Mygil and Soren Jakobsen) from Denmark arrived in Ghana on the 2nd of August 2022 and lodged at the Grace Court Guesthouse in Tema.





Tema Berthing meeting

Researchers attended the berthing meeting to listen in on discussions about vessels and cargo berthing and discharge times. The meeting also provided an opportunity for researchers to conduct interviews with some key members of the ports and maritime community at the port of Tema.





MPS Visit

The researchers also paid an industrial visit to the Meridian Port Services at the port of Tema. There was a presentation by the deputy PRO, Mr. Charles Osafo followed by interviews from researchers. PEPP II team members were then driven around in minivans and given a tour around the terminal.



Stakeholder Meeting and Project Kick off

A stakeholder meeting was held at the Regional Maritime University at Tema on the 3rd of August 2022. A host of maritime stakeholders were invited. The meeting involved presentations by the PEPP II researchers and breakout sessions. Participants of the meeting were divided into three working groups to discuss the various work packages.





Issues for the discussions included Port governance, sustainability and communication. The meeting ended with a networking session. Participants included Ato Brown from Ports Marine Limited, Alexander Odoom from the Tema Berthing meeting, Ziad Hamoui from Borderless Alliance, Romeo Frimpong, Abel Todjo and David Nutakor from the Ghana Institute of Freight Forwarders.



Writing retreat

A writing retreat was organized at the Grace Garden Hotel in Takoradi from the 10th of August to the 14th of August. The retreat involved conference meetings which allowed researchers to meet up and discuss strategies in developing and publishing papers related to the project. The team wrote up and discussed papers in line with project proposal and visited the Takoradi port to discuss the activities at the port.





International Advisory Board Meeting

Members of the Advisory board and researchers on the project had a meeting at the University of Ghana Graduate block on the 16th of August, 2022 to discuss the various packages and provide recommendations.

Attendees included Professor Anita Bosch from the University of Stellenbosch Business School, Samuel Ntow-Kummi from Ports and Harbour and Harry Barnes Dabban, the founder and executive coordinator of PENAf. There was a gender focused presentation by Professor Bosch and discussions on the insights from the Stakeholder meeting.





Visit to Embassy of Denmark in Ghana

Researchers paid a visit to the Danish embassy to deliver briefings on work done, to evaluate the writing retreat and findings.

Salaries were disbursed on a quarterly basis throughout the year and meetings were held at the end of every month. These meetings provided an avenue for researchers to update one another on the progress of the various work packages and discuss any emerging issues.

