

### TEMA MPS TERMINAL TRUCKERS ENGAGEMENT MEETING

### Facilitated by: Dr. George Acheampong





### Venue: Royal Nick Hotel Time: 10:00am - 2:00 pm

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome Dr. George Acheampong (University of Ghana)







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### **ABOUT THE PEPP PROJECT**

### aims.

The aim of the project is to map and improve approaches to Capacity Development for the maritime sector in Ghana in order to enhance the potential of the maritime sector to drive Ghana's economic growth in a sustainable manner.

The concerns include digital transformation, national content, labor, corruption, and, most recently, the reactions to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.







## focus.

The project focuses on implicit and explicit alliances between public and private entities in shaping capacity development programs as a result of a constantly changing port service economy at the unique site of Tema Port in Ghana.

PEPP critically investigates the aims, effects, and politics of capacity development with specific focus on continuities and ruptures in conditions for capacity development when moving from aid-to-trade.

## relevance.

The project has been relevant to the Ghanaian maritime sector policies, the Ghanaian business sector, the Danish strategic sector cooperation with Ghana, Danish companies, and the Danish aid-to-trade strategy for Ghana.

These refer to effective measures to ensure sustainable development through public private partnerships in advancing capabilities in the maritime sector in Ghana.



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# Research Findings

One integral component of the new terminal's operations are the activities of truckers who load and offload containers.

For three years of operations at the New Port terminal, we analyze how independent truckers have interacted with the new terminal systems to inform policy directions.

### Research Highlights

#### Gender of Truckers



#### Formal Education Levels Of Port Truckers

University Education

SHS(A-Level)

No Education

JHS(O-Level)











### Number of Hours Spent in Picking Containers at the Old Vrs New Ports





### **Truckers Challenges at New Port**

Most of the sampled truckers indicated that they had concerns about the new port systems. We summarized them into the following four: 1. The scanning area for trucks is small and damages the trucks

2. Drivers are not allowed to get out of their vehicles even when they had been in the yard for hours or have faults on trucks

3. No mechanics in yard to fix minor truck issues instead there are expensive tow trucks towing trucks with minor issues

4. No toilet facilities in the terminal

truckers

irrelevant.

- 5. No eating area in the yard.
- 6. Tolling at the New MPS port although directive ensure no tolls
- 7. National security agents extorting from

8. Banning issues too much and sometimes

### **Policy Recommendations**

It is important to note that the several stakeholders of the new port contribute enormously to the success of operations. As such critical attention should be paid to conditions of their work to sustainably ensure efficiency and effectiveness. There are some policy points to note:

**Geographical Differences:** MPS, in their quest to ensure that port operations meet international standards extends their procedures from western ports to the current Tema Port. Some differences such as high temperatures for instance makes it difficult for truckers to sit in their vehicles inside the terminal for long hours without coming down, for which they will be sanctioned if they do.

**Stakeholder Engagement:** Clearly, many of the independent truckers are faced with difficulties in their activities at the port because they believe that there is limited mentorship by MPS and GPHA as a whole. Periodic engagements with truckers for instance will unearth their challenges which can be amicably solved to give value to both parties. **(Tackling (mis)understandings and Tension).** 

## Break Out Session





### **Further Questions**

- Education and Port Technology Adoption
- Port Training and Technology Adoption
- Efficacy And Technology Adoption
- Mentorship and Technology Adoption
- How would you contribute to a more efficient Port
- Other Concerns



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# Closing Remarks

# Lunch

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