

Dear Stakeholders

The [West African Ports and Rail Evolution Forum](#) has created a platform for us to discuss Africa's port and rail connectivity infrastructure. The development of a sustainable economy through sea trade must be paramount and at the centre of African nations' development plans.

This forum, taking place next week on 22 & 23 July in Lagos, offers the opportunity to consider ranges of aspects from assessing our cross-border trade, to evaluating obstacles that hamper the development of quality port/rail services in our region. To study the geography of trade, our dispositions and abilities and how to enhance intra African trade towards regional economic development.

I welcome all port actors, infrastructure, logistics and construction companies as well as trade and economy experts to Lagos and I invite and encourage all to put our expertise on the table and deliberate on ways of creating sustainable economic development from the potentials, opportunities and benefits to proffer solutions to efficient, safe, sufficient and sustainable intra-African trade.

This is your last chance to secure your seat in the conference by [registering online here](#) or contacting the organisers on +27 21 700 5504 or email info@transportevolution.com. [Download the programme here](#) to view the conference agenda and speaker line-up.

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