

# South African Maritime Policies



## Introduction

Legislation and regulation, declarations by the government and policy papers applicable to the various sectors of the maritime domain constitute the national policies towards the maritime affairs of the country. Those policies are described and discussed in this course, with attention being given to legislation that stems from the ratification of international maritime conventions.

## Who should attend

Government officials responsible for administering maritime and marine affairs in the Departments of Transport, Trade and Industries, Environmental Affairs, Tourism, Mineral Resources, and Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as well as officials from corresponding departments in other African countries. Managers with maritime responsibilities in state enterprises; managers in private firms seeking participation in business with the public sector; senior naval officers and maritime consultants.

## How will you benefit

After completing the three (3) day course you will understand how the policies towards maritime affairs in South Africa have evolved, the content and implications of the policies and where policies might be lacking. You will also be informed of the international maritime conventions that have passed into international law and the conventions presently awaiting international ratification.

Topics to be covered:

- What constitutes maritime policy
- International maritime conventions
- Policies towards shipping and maritime safety, with relevance to South Africa
- South African ports policy and comparative port policies
- South African policies towards:
  - ◊ Maritime industries including ship repair, shipbuilding, ship recycling and offshore mining
  - ◊ Protection of the marine and coastal environment (brief overview)
  - ◊ Fisheries (brief overview)
  - ◊ Peacetime naval functions
  - ◊ Maritime education
- South African Comprehensive Maritime Transport Policy

Presentation methods include PowerPoint, videos, group discussions and group work. A list of recommended reading is provided.



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