

## **TNPA COMMEMORATES THE WORLD MARITIME DAY WITH SCHOOL LEARNERS**

*[Gqeberha, 29 September 2022]* Today thousands of learners from various schools across the country were hosted by Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) for a Career Open Day in celebration of World Maritime Day observed annually on 29 September.

Grade 9 learners from various schools located in both rural and townships areas spent a day at the ports of Durban, Ngqura, Port Elizabeth, East London, and Richards Bay to benefit from real-time exposure of the port system and a career expo.

Welcoming learners at the Port of Ngqura, Captain Naresh Sewnath, Senior Manager: Pilotage and Vessel Traffic Services said, "Shipping accounts approximately 80% of the global cargo movement, therefore it is important for resources to be trained and qualified on various function onboard the ship."

The exciting Career Open Day aimed to expose learners to the maritime industry and educate them about TNPA's rich maritime heritage as well as its contribution to the economy.

"Our journey with the Grade 9 learners began on 1 September when we embarked on a Maritime Career Awareness Roadshow where we reached 5000 learners. Through the Career Open Day, we have targeted those learners who qualify to continue with Maths, Science and Maritime Studies in the remainder of their school years. This initiative comes at an opportune time when pupils are making subject choices for Grade 10," said TNPA Executive Manager: Corporate Affairs, Ayanda Mantshongo.

The pupils received career guidance from TNPA and other exhibition partners, including South African Maritime Safety Authority, Maritime Business Chamber and Transnet Freight Rail. They were also taken through port tours to see port operations.

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