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**African Smart Port:
AI and Cybersecurity
Driving Performance**



**PORT OF CASABLANCA,
MAROCCO**



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01 – STAKES AND VISION

➤ 3 %

In global trade

2030

Vision Horizon

54

African nations

MARITIME CONTEXT

The African port sector is undergoing an unprecedented transformation, driven by the urgency of digital transition, decarbonization, and logistical resilience. It is within this dynamic that the **African Ports Conference** (COPAF 2026) is taking place, Organized by **CRF PERFECTION**, under the joint auspices of the **AGPAOC** and the **UAPNA**, and under the high patronage of the **ANP**. Focused on Artificial Intelligence, cybersecurity, and terminal digitalization, this edition aims to equip maritime decision-makers with the technological tools essential to propelling Africa to the center of global trade.

To host this strategic event, the Port of Casablanca was chosen—a true economic engine and pioneer of the "**Smart Port**" model in Africa, thanks to the success of its PortNet single window. This historic hub successfully demonstrates how innovation and intermodal connectivity can reinvent logistical performance. Bringing together **COPAF 2026** in Casablanca thus offers participants a living laboratory to adopt best practices in digital transition and strengthen South-South cooperation.

02 — CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Create a platform of excellence to enable African maritime decision-makers to adopt disruptive technologies (**AI, digitalization**) in order to accelerate the transition of ports toward a high-performing and secure "**Smart Port**" model.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- **Learn from the local model:** Analyze the successes of paperless processes and the single window system of the Port of Casablanca (PortNet).
- **Integrate AI:** Identify opportunities for applying AI to optimize terminal management and cargo processing.
- **Secure data:** Define collective cybersecurity strategies to protect critical port infrastructure.
- **Streamline the Hinterland:** Improve multimodal connectivity between ports and landlocked countries.
- **Strengthen Cooperation:** Facilitate strategic networking and South-South partnerships among African ports.
- **Learn through immersion:** Observe innovations in real-world conditions during field visits to the Port of Casablanca.

03 — THEMATIC PILLARS

PILAR 1 — AI & STRATEGIC VISION

(Day 1— 19 October)

- Understanding the technological landscape and identifying opportunities.
 - AI at the Heart of the Smart Port Revolution
 - Automation of Port Operations through AI
 - Case Studies: Successes and Failures of AI Projects in Africa and Worldwide
 - Digital Maturity Assessment for Port Authorities



PILAR 2 — OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE & SECURITY

(Day 2— 20 October)

- Seeing how AI transforms the field: docks, terminals, access points.
 - Predictive ETA and Intelligent Berth Management
 - Hinterland Traffic Flow and Urban Congestion Reduction
 - Automated Anomaly Detection (Scanners, Video Surveillance)
 - Port Cybersecurity Against Criminal Threats



Day 3 — FIELD IMMERSION

► (21 October)



04 — ADDED VALUE OF THE PORT OF CASABLANCA



1. The Pioneer of Digitalization and Single Window Systems (PortNet)

For a conference focused on "Smart Ports" and AI, Casablanca is the perfect example. It is here that PortNet, the national single window for foreign trade, was deployed. The port serves as a model for integrating paperless supply chains, bringing concrete legitimacy to COPAF's workshops on digital transition.

2. The Trade Hub of West Africa

The Port of Casablanca has historically been the primary trading partner for ports in the sub-region (Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Togo). Hosting COPAF here strengthens the South-South cooperation framework advocated by PMAWCA and centralizes discussions where West African cargo flows actually intersect.

3. A Model of Intermodal Connectivity

Casablanca is not limited to the sea. It is an interconnected hub (highways, ONCF rail networks, and direct proximity to Mohammed V Airport). This "hinterland" connectivity model is a crucial topic for all African port directors general seeking to relieve urban congestion.

4. A Showcase for Modernizing Mature Infrastructure

Unlike ports built from scratch, Casablanca has successfully reinvented itself over the decades. Terminal management by operators such as Marsa Morocco or Somaport proves that a historic port can integrate cybersecurity, automation, and AI into existing structures—a daily challenge for most ports in West and Central Africa.

05 — TARGET AUDIENCE



Directors General / CEOs of Port Authorities: Strategic leadership



Directors of Strategy and Development: Planning & governance



Chief Information Officers (CIOs) / IT Directors: Digital transformation



Terminal and Operations Managers: Operational excellence



Harbor Master's Office: Maritime safety, security & regulation



Innovation & Technology Managers: Smart Port deployment

06 — LOGISTICS & PRACTICAL DETAILS

Venue:

Port of
Casablanca,
Morocco

Languages:

French & English
with pan-
African
simultaneous
interpretation

Educational Materials:

Pre-loaded tablet with
case studies,
roadmaps, and a
Smart Port bibliography

VIP Service:

Dedicated concierge
service: airport-hotel
transfers and
protocol
management

Deadline:

Registration deadline:
09 October 2026

07 — REGISTRATION FEES

3 500 €

PER
PARTICIPANT



- Airport welcome and hotel check-in
- Airport ↔ Hotel shuttle service (round trip)
- 4 nights hotel accommodation
- Lunch during the stay
- Coffee breaks during sessions (Days 1 and 2)
- Badges
- Access to conferences, workshops & networking (Days 1 and 2)
- Technical tour of the Port of Casablanca (Day 3)
- Lunch (Day 3)
- Tech kit (Pre-loaded tablet)
- Certificate of participation

08 — SPONSORSHIP & PARTNERSHIP

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