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Interferry Announces Follow-Up Workshop on African Ferry Safety in conjunction with Annual Conference in Marrakech

Building on the success of the April 2024 Africa Ferry Safety Seminar in Dar es Salaam, Interferry, the association representing the ferry industry world-wide, will on October 30th host a half-day follow-up workshop in conjunction with Interferry2024, the association's 48th annual conference to be held in Marrakech from October 26th to the 30th.

Promoting the highest standards in domestic Ferry Safety has been a key strategic objective of Interferry for many years. Through collaboration with African ferry leaders, Interferry aims to create a comprehensive African Ferry Safety Program that will improve safety standards across the continent and contribute to reducing the high level of incidents in some of its states.

The workshop in Marrakech will be a strategic planning exercise, utilizing roundtable discussions to prioritize initiatives identified through post-Dar es Salaam surveys. Participants will then work together to explore ways Interferry can support the implementation of these initiatives.

The invitation-only event brings together African ferry operators and regulators. With a focus on practical solutions, potential initiatives include fostering best practice sharing through networking events, enhancing crew training and capacity building, and supporting the use of technology to improve safety and operational efficiency.

Mike Corrigan, CEO of Interferry, emphasizes the importance of continued dialogue: "The positive spirit and commitment at the Dar es Salaam seminar were truly inspiring," says Corrigan. "This follow-up session allows us to leverage that momentum and work together to tackle the challenges of ferry safety in Africa."

Interferry is a highly respected global ferry trade association with consultative status at the International Maritime Organization and similar influence at the European Union as well as many other maritime governance authorities. With membership exceeding 270 companies in more than 40 countries, its primary purposes are to represent the ferry industry on regulatory and policy matters including safety and sustainability; to speak on behalf of the worldwide ferry sector which provides transport for over four billion passengers and 370 million vehicles annually; and to facilitate networking and communications among its members.

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