

**24<sup>th</sup> IMPA Congress  
Dakar, Senegal**

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Work is well in hand for the 24<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA) to be held in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 27 April 2018.

A vital aspect of the biennial IMPA Congress is the opportunity for communicating and networking with over 400 pilots and international maritime experts. There will be opportunities to exchange experiences, participate in discussions and to engage with pilots regarding current issues affecting them in particular and the maritime sector in general.

In turn such debates will have an impact on the strengthening of pilot safety and the maritime profession, security of port facilities, safety of navigation and the monitoring of ever-increasing vessel sizes.

The Congress will have as its core discussions on key issues affecting all maritime pilots and ports and harbours around the world. These include:

- Best operational practices
- Personal safety
- Technical advances and innovation
- Environmental issues
- Laws and regulations
- Training and professional development
- Responding to the ever-changing profile of the shipping industry

During Congress sessions will be devoted to the industry and its research and development, technology and current expertise.

In associated exhibition halls there will be shown equipment, expertise and technology relevant to the global maritime industry and, of course, to the port authorities of Africa.

There will also be a programme for partners and guests enabling an appreciation of the rich Senegalese culture, the country and its historical sites.

An introductory item is to be found here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKhQc\\_aaMek](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKhQc_aaMek)

Further information can be obtained from the Congress website at:  
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