

Conference on ports development, financing holds in London

THE eighth yearly financing and development in ports conference comes up on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd this month in London.

A statement from Jeff and O'Brien, a consultancy firm in Lagos, over the weekend, said the theme of this year's conference: "Strategies for financing the development of ports and terminals" was promising, adding that it would unite top representatives from participating countries, companies and financial institutions.

According to the firm, participants would be afforded the opportunities to be exposed to recent developments and the challenges facing ports and terminals globally.

The statement said the two days conference is expected to feature professionals from the industry as well as case studies on;

- privatisation, commercialisation, and globalisation;
- emerging markets port development and the technical issues that the project face;
- considering the development of PPP projects in ports, case study of PUSAN Newport, Korea and Maputo port development;
- public capital market opportunities for ports;
- financing options for developing ports;
- EU ports policy;
- the due diligence process; and
- ports privatisation; opportunity, interest and challenges in Africa.

Jeff and O'Brien said key practitioners in the intricate business of projects finance and management of ports, privatisation agencies, executive and legislative policy makers of ports, active players in the maritime business, import and export compa-

nies, banks involved in ports investment, parastatals and supervising ministries involved in ports activities and a handful of others were being expected at the London conference.

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