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Wide Body Vs Narrow Body Aircraft

"Wide body" aircraft refers to a larger plane with a wider fuselage, allowing for significantly more cargo capacity compared to a "narrow body" aircraft, which has a smaller fuselage and can carry less cargo, typically used for shorter distances and smaller shipments; wide bodies are generally used for larger, heavier cargo on longer routes.

Wide bodies can accommodate larger cargo items like large pallets or oversize cargo, while narrow bodies are limited to smaller cargo.

Example of narrow body aircraft

NARROWBODY

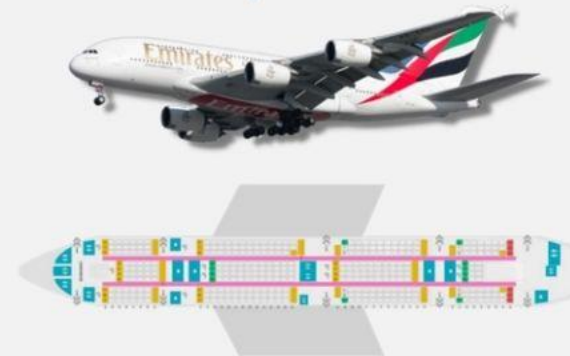
Single Aisle



Example of wide body aircraft

WIDEBODY

Multiple Aisles



(SOURCE SAAFF/BUSA/ACOC/TNPT)



Executive Summary

- Global schedule reliability remained stable between 50%-55% into early 2025, with January recording 51,5%, a ↓2,1% (m/m) decline. Maersk led with 55% reliability, while the gap between the most and least reliable carriers narrowed to 8,5%. Port congestion remained stable at 2,83 million TEU (9% of global fleet). Container spot rates dropped again, with further declines expected. Despite a weakening freight market, charter rates remain high due to Red Sea diversions. Carriers aim to implement general rate increases (GRIs) in March to stabilise rates. Further developments include (1) labour developments – US & France, (2) a \$1,5 million fee on Chinese-built container ships entering US ports, and (3) eB/L a step closer with a standardised framework.

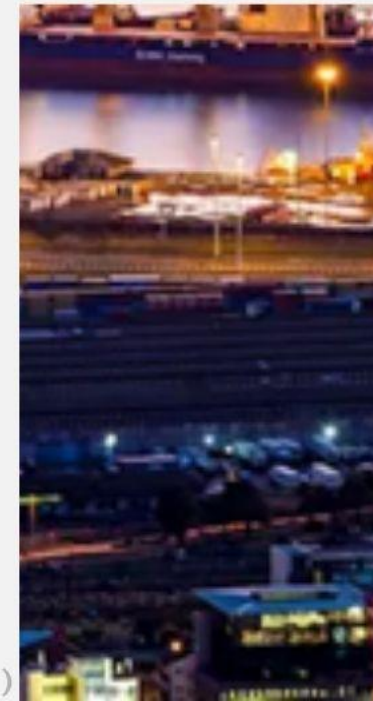


Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) Invests in Durban Container Terminals

- TPT to receive over 100 new cargo-handling machines at Durban Container Terminals (DCT) in 2025.
- New equipment includes 20 straddle carriers for Pier 2 and 9 RTG cranes for Pier 1.
- Aims to address port delays and backlogs affecting container and vessel movements.
- TPT investing R3.4 billion in fleet upgrades, with DCT receiving the largest share.

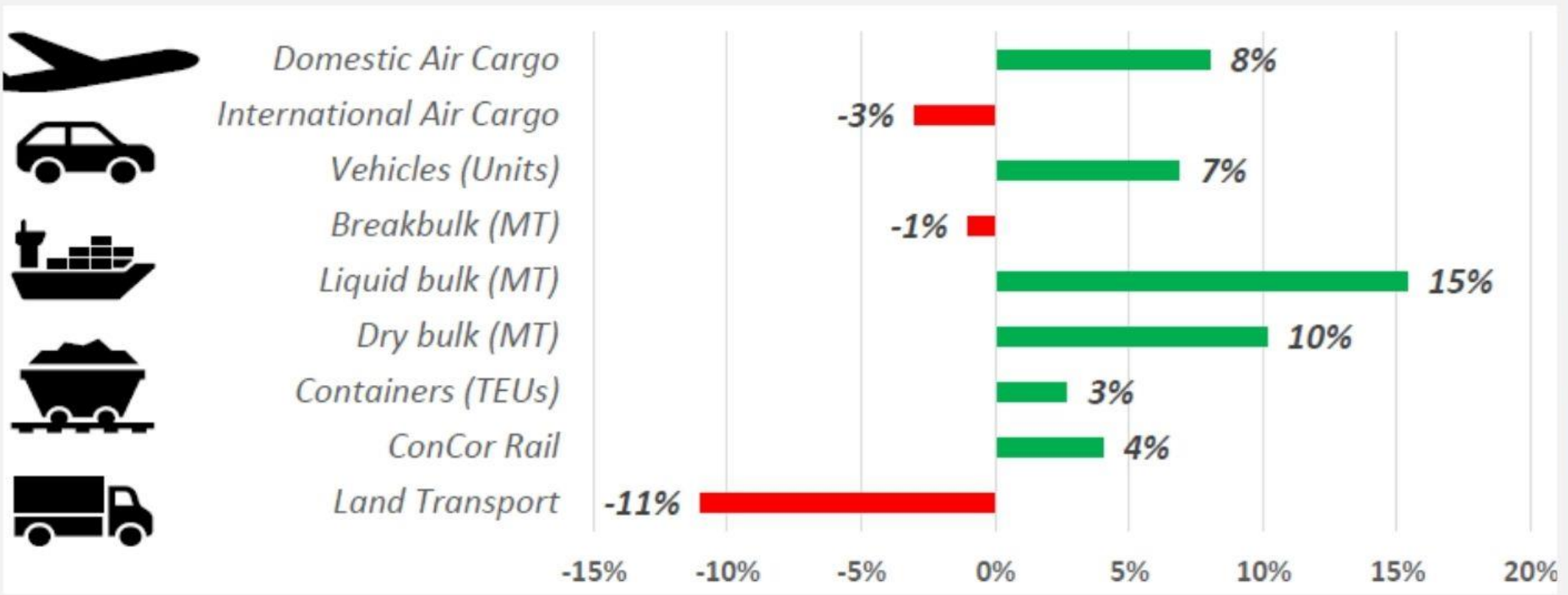
CTCT Ramps Up Operations After Severe Wind Delays

- Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) has intensified efforts at the Cape Town Container Terminal (CTCT) to recover from recent weather disruptions. Strong winds reaching up to 120 km/h resulted in over 200 lost operational hours and left 12 vessels waiting at anchor.
- To address the backlog, TPT has deployed an additional crane and despite these challenges, CTCT handled 5% more cargo in January 2025 compared to the previous year. With peak season for deciduous fruit in full swing, the terminal continues to monitor conditions and optimize truck appointments to minimize further delays.



YEAR-ON-YEAR CARGO VOLUME

Feb 23 vs. Feb 24 (% growth)



Skills Development

Synergy remains committed to empowering and developing our staff through continuous learning. Customers rely and expect a knowledgeable team to assist them and we are committed to exceeding their expectations.

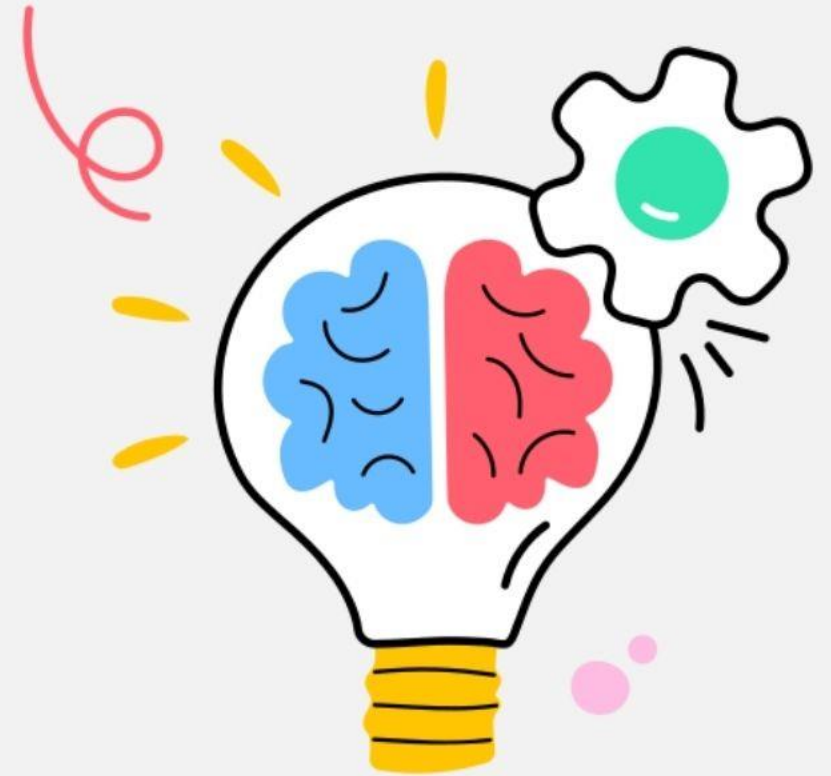
We will be rolling out our Future Leaders programme, which focuses on Leadership, Meetings, Time Management, Communication, and Customer Services next month.

In addition, all staff will participate in our internal, Smart Shipping training, which will cover topics such as Marine Insurance, Stress Management, Basic Legal Principles, and Documentation.

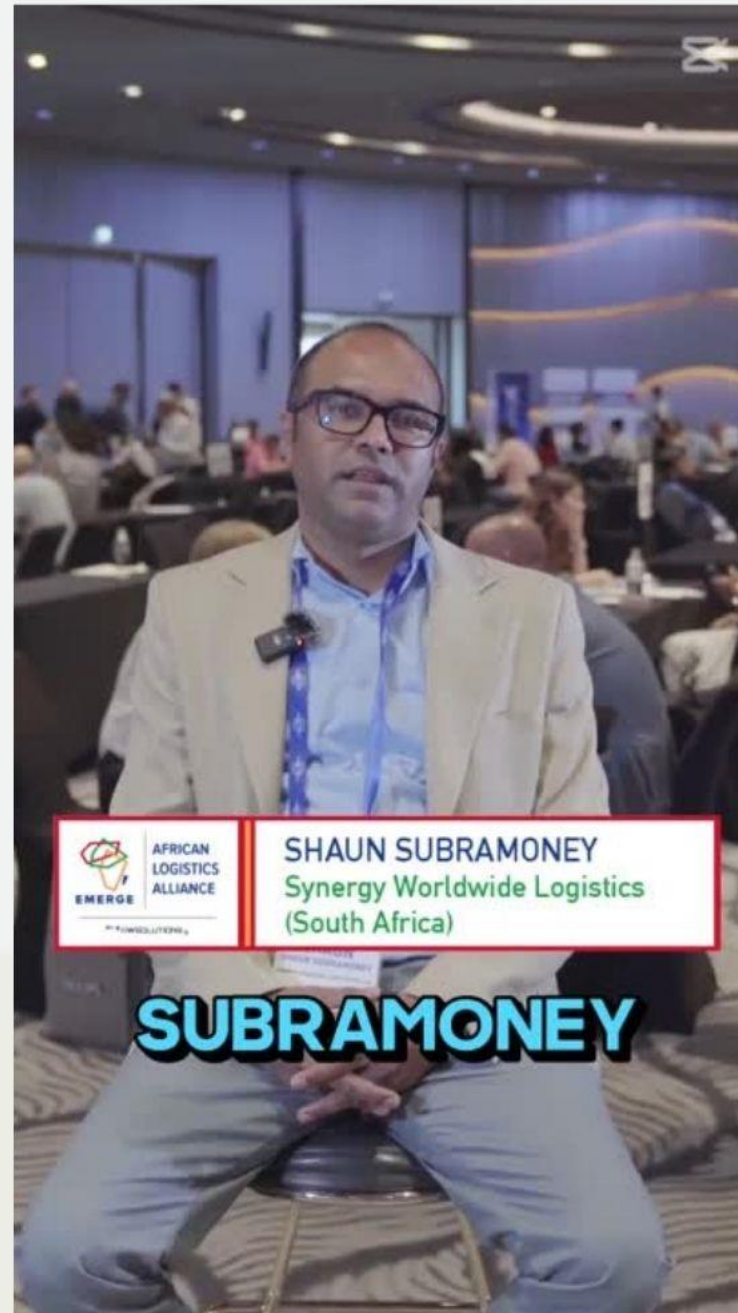
These programs are designed to enhance skills and ensure excellence in service delivery.

Our internal in- house academy can offer the following courses to our client

- Incoterms
- Export fundamentals / Import fundamentals
- Time Management
- How to conduct a structured meeting



Our very own... Shaun Subramoney



UNLOCK THE POWER OF SUPPLY CHAIN FINANCE

Benefits of Supply Chain Finance:

For Buyers:

- Extend payment terms.
- Improve cash flow without damaging supplier relationships.

For Suppliers:

- Receive early payment for invoices.
- Boost liquidity and improve financial stability.

For Both:

- Optimized working capital.
- Minimized financial risks and payment delays.
- Seamless integration into existing processes.



ACHIEVEMENT- AEO

AEO stands for: **Authorized Economic Operator.**

It's a certification issued by customs authorities to businesses that meet specific criteria related to customs compliance, safety, and security standards in the supply chain.



Competitive Advantage

AEO status serves as a mark of credibility and reliability, potentially attracting more business opportunities.



Supply Chain Efficiency

AEO criteria encourage robust internal controls, leading to improved overall supply chain efficiency.



Access to Simplified Procedures

Some countries offer simplified customs processes exclusively to AEO accredited importers.



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