



## OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

*New Strategic Appointment*

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### ZMA Appoints

## Eduardo Simon Rodriguez

as General Manager of TZIRS

*A new chapter of international excellence, institutional modernization, and strategic growth for Zanzibar's flagship ship registry.*



**Ms. Mtumwa S. Sandal**  
Director General & Registrar of  
Ships, ZMA



**Eduardo Simon Rodriguez**  
General Manager, TZIRS

The **Zanzibar Maritime Authority (ZMA)** is pleased to announce the official appointment of **Eduardo Simon Rodriguez** as General Manager of the Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping (TZIRS). This appointment marks the beginning of a new strategic chapter for TZIRS, reflecting ZMA's firm commitment to strengthening the Registry through professional leadership, institutional modernization, and full alignment with international maritime best practices.

### ■ ABOUT THE APPOINTEE

Eduardo Simon Rodriguez brings eighteen years of distinguished experience in international maritime administration, with a proven executive track record in ship registry management, flag state implementation, regulatory compliance, and strategic development. He has held senior positions within the international maritime sector, including Director of Technical and Seafarer Services, Representative to the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and designated Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS). He holds a degree in Nautical Engineering and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA), complemented by specialized IMO training and advanced certification in sanctions risk management delivered by Sandia National Laboratories.

### ■ STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Under his leadership, TZIRS will advance a transformation agenda centered on:

- Institutional governance and transparency
- Full regulatory compliance under the III Code and IMO framework
- Operational efficiency and modernization
- Attraction of quality tonnage and international clients
- Development of strategic global partnerships
- Consolidation of TZIRS as a benchmark African flag state registry

### ■ STATEMENTS

*"We are confident that Eduardo Simon Rodriguez's experience, leadership, and international profile will contribute decisively to the advancement of TZIRS and to the broader maritime ambitions of Zanzibar. This appointment represents our commitment to building a registry of international excellence, institutional credibility, and strategic value for the nation."*

— Ms. Mtumwa S. Sandali, Director General & Registrar of Ships, ZMA

*“I assume this appointment with full awareness of its strategic importance and a firm commitment to work with discipline, institutional loyalty, and measurable results in service of the nation. TZIRS has the potential to become an exemplary institution, generating international prestige, economic growth, and strategic positioning for Zanzibar. My commitment is to honor this confidence through serious work, real reforms, and a forward-looking vision aligned with the highest national interests.”*

— Eduardo Simon Rodriguez, General Manager, TZIRS

## ■ ABOUT TZIRS & ZMA

### About TZIRS

The Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping (TZIRS) is the international ship registry operating under the authority of ZMA, responsible for the registration and oversight of ocean-going vessels flying the Tanzanian flag, delivering world-class registry services within a robust statutory, regulatory, and governance framework.

### About ZMA

The Zanzibar Maritime Authority (ZMA) was established under Act No. 3 of 2009 as the governmental body responsible for monitoring, regulating, and coordinating maritime activities in Zanzibar. Operating under the Maritime Transport Act No. 5 of 2006, ZMA upholds Zanzibar’s obligations as an IMO Member State.

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