

Stakeholders push for Kruger Airport as regional cargo hub

COULD THE Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA) become a competitive regional cargo hub?

Only if it is "quicker, cheaper and closer" than other cargo centres, Gerd von Mansberg, chairman of The Cargo Connection told a workshop on the subject recently.

He also confirmed that location was paramount to the success of cargo hubs, and emphasised the need for a balance of inbound and outbound cargo.

Looking at the possibilities for cargo services from KMIA, the workshop focused on the

need for competitiveness in the areas of time, cost and service in the logistics chain.

Airport MD, Sisa Tanda, was upbeat about the cargo possibilities for KMIA and reiterated that the success of the planned facility was key to the economic development of the region.

"KMIA is an integral part of the Maputo development corridor," Brenda Horne, CEO of the Maputo Corridor Logistics Initiative (MCLI) told FTW, "and will increasingly provide vital services to this fast-growing economic node."