The potential impact of decarbonization measures in shipping on States

UNCTAD Ad Hoc Expert Meeting¹

Thursday, 24 August 2023, 15:00 – 17:30 CET Geneva time, Platform: Teams

Background

UNCTAD has for several years undertaken work on the impact that the decarbonization of maritime transport may have on States, including developing countries, with a special focus on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

See in particular the 2021 Comprehensive Impact Assessment here:

• https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/dtltlb2021d2 en.pdf

The present expert meeting builds on our earlier meeting of 14 December 2020. In this folder on drop box

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/qgjxtb88mmslj3we2o799/h?rlkey=7mc6xg5kn5kt4kc64kgbvpbta&dl=0

you can find the recording of the meeting (2.5 hours) as well as background reading, the agenda, list of participants, and presentation files. To refresh our memories, and in order not to have to repeat what we already discussed and learned, it is strongly recommended to review the 2021 UNCTAD impact assessment and the recording and material from the previous meeting.

Objectives of this meeting

The meeting has three main objectives:

- First, information sharing about recent research and outcomes of impact assessments. Here,
 we also want to discuss similarities and differences between outcomes of the recent work.
- Second, an update from the IMO and possibly other partners about future work on comprehensive impact assessments.
- Third, suggestions for UNCTAD on how to approach future comprehensive impact
 assessments, including possibly in collaboration with the IMO. Issues to discuss include time
 lines, methodologies, economic measures versus technical measures, modal shift, which
 impacts to include, use of funds from economic measures, et al.

¹ The meeting is held under the UNCTAD mandate and work programme for 2023, "Ad hoc expert discussions on transport, trade logistics and trade facilitation".

Programme

Introduction and background

1) Assessments undertaken so far

Jan Hoffmann

Paula Pereda

Ronald Halim

Pierre Cariou

[additional tbc]

Discussion on results and possible explanations for differences in results

2) Plans for future assessments

Camille Bourgeon and Aidée Saucedo [additional tbc] Q&A

3) Options and approaches

Harilaos Psaraftis Isabelle Rojon and Rico Salgmann [additional tbc] Discussion on way forward

Next steps

UNCTAD has created a folder on dropbox where we will share and update before, during, and after the meeting

- The recording of the Teams meeting
- List of participants
- Agenda
- Background material and presentation files

Participants may share any documents or links with UNCTAD prior or after the meeting, and UNCTAD will make those available on the shared folder:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5zvt03d84ia9ui6/AAChFQUES1rk8YDcXwBbjEyxa?dl=0

Subsequently, UNCTAD expects to benefit from the discussions and input received during this Ad Hoc Expert Meeting when undertaking future comprehensive impact assessments in line with UNCTAD mandates and resources.