

Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, trade logistics and trade facilitation

11th session

Maritime transport in times of polycrisis

Programme

23–24 October 2024, 10 a.m to 6 p.m. (CET)

Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Wednesday, 23 October

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| 10–10.30 a.m. | Opening plenary meeting |
| Agenda item 1 | Election of officers |
| Agenda item 2 | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work |
| Agenda item 3 | Maritime transport in times of polycrisis |
| Opening remarks | Ms. Shamika Sirimanne , Director, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL), UNCTAD |
| Introduction of the background Note | Ms. Frida Youssef , Chief, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD |

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Agenda item 3

Informal discussion

Understanding the challenges: Presentation of the UNCTAD Review of Maritime Transport 2024, “Navigating maritime chokepoints”

Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Head, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

Panel discussion

- Ms. Soha Tharwat, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the UN in Geneva
- Ms. Elvira Haezendonck, Professor of Strategy, Infrastructure and Sustainability, VUB, Brussels
- Ms. Marina Sousa, Global Head of Legal at Fyffes International S.A., and Treasurer of Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) Switzerland, Geneva

Interactive discussion

1–3 p.m. **Lunch Break**

3–5 p.m. **Informal discussion**

Agenda item 3

Future proofing maritime transport and logistics

Navigating disruptions and enhancing resilience:
 Focus on maritime chokepoints and shipping networks

- Mr. John Manners-Bell, Founder and CEO of Transport Intelligence Ltd, London
- Ms. Zera Zheng, Global Head of Business Resilience Consulting, Maersk, The Hague
- Mr. Ahmed Elshazly, Senior Economist, Economic Unit, Planning & Research Department, Suez Canal Authority, Ismailia, Egypt
- Mr. Hossam Abdelkarim, Deputy Director and Economist, Suez Canal Authority, Ismailia, Egypt
- Mr. James Hookham, Director, Global Shippers Forum, London
- Ms. Hassiba Benamara, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

National experiences, Interactive discussion

5–6 p.m. **Harnessing sustainable and resilient transportation systems and logistics for food security**

- Ms. Frida Youssef, Chief, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD
- Mr. Jonathan Hepburn, Counsellor, World Trade Organization, Geneva
- Ms. Zera Zheng, Head of Global Resilience, Maersk, The Hague
- Ms. Paula Bartolomeu, Board Member, Angola Cargo and Logistics Certification Regulatory Agency (ARCCLA), Luanda

National experiences, Interactive discussion



Thursday, 24 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal discussions

Agenda item 3 **Maritime decarbonization, energy transition and ports**
 Decarbonization of the shipping sector as an imperative and the
10–11 a.m. criticality of a just and equitable transition to a low/zero carbon
 shipping paradigm

- **Ms. Aideé Saucedo**, Technical Officer, Subdivision for Protective Measures, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization, London
- **Mr. Jan Hoffmann**, Head, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD
- **Mr. Ludovic Laffineur**, Senior Policy Advisor, Shipping Decarbonisation, Global Maritime Forum, Copenhagen
- **Mr. John Fatuimoana Kautoke**, Advisor, Micronesia Center for Sustainable Transport, London

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Unlocking the potential of ports to support energy transition and decarbonize shipping

Interactive discussion ➤ **Ms. Luisa Rodriguez**, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

➤ **Mr. Victor Shieh**, Communications Director, International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), Brussels

National experiences ➤ **Mr. Wisdom Ahiataku-Togobo**, Director, Renewable & Sustainable Energy, Alternative Technology Consult, Accra

➤ **Mr. Hicham Kharoufi**, Port Call Optimization and Invoicing Manager, Tanger Med Port Authority, Tangier

➤ **Ms. Minerva Lim**, Senior Sustainability Manager, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), Singapore

Interactive discussion

3–4.15 p.m. Informal session: Role of innovative finance in supporting sector transformation

Agenda item 3

➤ **Mr. Richard Bolwijn**, Head, Investment Research Branch, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

➤ **Ms. Frida Youssef**, Chief, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

➤ **Mr. Yves Leyss**, Co-founder and Managing Partner, Capital 2050 SA, Geneva

➤ **Ms. Marie-Caroline Laurent**, Group Vice President, Deputy Head of Maritime Policy and Government Affairs, MSC Group, Geneva

➤ **Ms. Tanja Buzek**, co-rapporteur, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels

National experiences, Interactive discussion



- 4.15–6 p.m.** **Interactive discussion on conclusions, key messages, recommendations and priority areas for further work**
Building sustainable and resilient transport and logistics:
UNCTAD's Role
- **Ms. Regina Asariotis**, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD
 - **Ms. Celine Bacrot**, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD
 - **Mr. Edwin Gonzalo Ayala**, Knowledge Management Officer, TrainForTrade Programme, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD
 - **Ms. Frida Youssef**, Chief, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

Item 4

Closing plenary

Adoption of the report of the meeting

