

SUSTAINABLE SMART PORTS FOR AFRICA

The Sustainable Smart Port concept: Definition and key issues

Webinar: Leveraging the energy transition for improved performance

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Decarbonization: a major challenge for the maritime industry

- Ship design
- Fuel use (and shift)
- Investment
- Logistics costs

Potential changes from the Green Transition





Source: UNCTAD (2021). <u>Assessment of the Impact of the IMO Short-Term GHG Reduction Measure on</u> <u>States</u>



The post-covid resilience imperative for ports



Since 2020, ports resilience and adaptive capacity have been tested:

- Financial performance
- Congestion
- Equipment shortages
- Supply chain disruption





Ports are reflecting on their role in the energy transition

Sustainable Ports as Energy Hubs



- Adapt to a changing competitive environment
 - Prepare for a carbon-constrained future

Explore new business opportunities

- Respond to social demands
 - Pollution
 - Congestion (traffic)
 - Energy



The « Sustainable Smart Ports for African countries » project...

• <u>Goal:</u>

Strengthen capacity of selected countries in Africa, including SIDS, in building SSP that promotes sustainable energy and technology-driven solutions for a better sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and for achievement of SDGs.

• Objectives:

- 1. Raise awareness among ports and national authorities about the strategic importance of SSP and improve their understanding of its implications for their ability to continue to operate and compete on a level playing field
- 2. Support ports and national authorities in their efforts to integrate sustainability principles and technology-based solutions into their **port planning and decisions**.
- 3. Help them assess the potential of selected ports to emerge as key players of SSP and **identify needs and gaps**
- 4. Formulate a roadmap for SSP development and implementation.
- Beneficiaries:
 - Mauritius (Port Louis), Morocco (TangerMed) and Ghana (Port of Tema)



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Partners

UN Country Teams and resident coordinators, UN organisations

(UNECA, UNEP, IMO), and development banks (Africa Development Bank)

United Nations Development Account (14th Tranche)

Beneficiaries

Morocco, Ghana and Mauritius

Duration 2022-2025

Budget \$ 600,000



Project stages and activities

2022	2023	2024	2025	
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 ✓ Project starts ✓ Consultations with beneficiaries on expected outcomes from project ✓ Preparatory work for methodological approach 	 ✓ SSP Assessment Methodology Expert group meeting to review/refine methodology 1 regional webinar to share experience, gather feedback and input and endorse UNCTAD SSP methodology 	 1 regional webinar to share experience, gather feedback and input and endorse UNCTAD SSP methodology National assessments, including recommendations and an action plan/roadmap Validation workshops to discuss and validate findings/recommendation ns/action plan/roadmap Preparation of SSP-related guidance and training material 	 2 capacity building and training workshops to support in the implementation of 1 priority action from the action plan / road map 1 regional webinar to disseminate project findings and lessons learnt with a broad regional audience and promote exchange of experience 	



Smart Sustainable Port (SSP):

Ports that leverage the energy transition and technology-based solutions to:

Improve port operational efficiency by promoting energy efficiency and

Harness the ability to use, produce and distribute clean/renewable energy* to support sustainable development





Needs identified

- Stock-taking/assessment:
 - Status of on-going initiatives linking port development and energy transition (national policy reforms)
 - Dashboard system to monitor reform advancements
 - Exploring regulatory obstacles linked to electric grid interconnection
 - Explore export potential
- Capacity-building:
 - Developing supply capacity (storing, bunkering and distribution)
 - Measuring the carbon footprint of port activities
 - Enhancing inter-institutional coordination for improved policy coherence between port and energy transition strategies
 - Support to assess and enhance energy efficiency
 - Support to evaluate alternative green technologies
- > Experience-sharing:
 - Learning from best practices
 - Enhance cooperation with the African continent (leveraging financing, potential for regional trade in green fuels)
- Finance mobilization





Relevant policy spheres to develop the SSP status in the port



