COP 22 UN System side event: International transport (marine and air)

International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Concept Note

Update of IMO’s work to address GHG emissions from international shipping

Information will be provided on the regulatory activities of the IMO’s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) since COP 21, including:

1. progress on implementation of the mandatory international regulations on energy efficiency for ships and an update on the important technical cooperation activities to support implementation.
2. consideration of further measures to enhance the energy efficiency of ships including development of a data collection system for fuel consumption of ships as part of a three-step approach: data collection, data analysis, decision making on what further measures, if any, are required.
3. consideration of the reduction of GHG emissions from ships.

UNCTAD’s work to address climate change impacts and adaptation for ports

With an estimated 80 per cent of the volume of world trade carried by sea, international shipping and ports provide crucial linkages in global supply-chains and are essential for the ability of all countries, including those that are landlocked, to access global markets. Ports are likely to be affected directly and indirectly by climatic changes, such as rising sea levels, extreme weather events and rising temperatures, with broader implications for international trade and for the development prospects of the most vulnerable nations, in particular LDCs and SIDS.

1. UNCTAD will highlight the case for action, including in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, and provide an overview of its recent and ongoing work in support of climate change adaptation for transport infrastructure, including through multidisciplinary and inter-agency initiatives and in collaboration with industry.

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