



Call to Action

Maritime CEOs in support of decarbonization

Climate change is a serious social and economic challenge. As business leaders from across the shipping value chain, we endorse the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Vision to phase out greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as soon as possible. We encourage public and private collaboration to demonstrate leadership through timely and appropriate action. We urge our business peers to join us, as we stand committed to support this challenge and to thrive within a changing context. The IMO Strategy – to reduce the total annual GHG emissions from international shipping by at least 50% by 2050 compared to 2008 – is a step towards achieving GHG emissions reductions consistent with the Paris Agreement temperature goals. To achieve this, the shipping industry needs to further improve operational and technical energy efficiency, and must transition to zero carbon fuels and new propulsion systems. It must do this whilst ensuring safety standards are maintained and possibly enhanced.

Commitment

We, a group of CEOs and board members from across the broader maritime industry, support the IMO strategy. We stand ready and willing to work with our peers, the IMO, and governments to help this succeed.

- **Evidence-based:** We accept the scientific rationale for urgent action presented by the IPCC and in the IMO GHG Studies, and we are committed to addressing climate change.
- **Ambitious but achievable:** We recognize that this will require significant reductions in the carbon intensity of vessels to accommodate expected growth in global trade.
- **Innovative:** We believe that a shift to a low-carbon economy by 2050 has the potential to create new opportunities for business through both technological and business model innovation.
- **Leading by example:** We are already pursuing emission reductions in our operations. We will continue to pursue further emission reductions and accept the need for transparency to help drive change.

Recommendations

From a business perspective, it is essential that any transition to a future low-carbon economy is economically viable and well planned. We recommend that core principles of the “Roadmap” be:

- **Ambitious:** The Strategy should be consistently in line with the Paris agreement’s temperature goals.
- **Predictable:** Regulations should provide long-term certainty for financiers, builders, owners and charterers to make the required investments in low-carbon technologies.
- **Market-oriented:** Emissions reduction objectives should be met at the lowest possible cost, and the industry should explore the use of carbon pricing and other mechanisms that can create economic value from GHG emission reductions.
- **Technology-enabling:** The Strategy should accelerate the use of low-carbon technologies and fuels by encouraging significant funding flows for research and development.
- **Urgent:** Certain mid- and long-term measures will require work to commence prior to 2023, including the development of zero-emission fuels to enable implementation of decarbonization solutions by 2030.
- **Coherent:** Solutions implemented should build on and reinforce existing technical, operational, and energy efficiency measures whilst maintaining or enhancing safety standards. In this context it is critical that all IMO environmental regulations be compatible with future 2050 regulations.
- **Enforceable:** Legally binding, enforceable actions set by the IMO and enforced by member countries are required to compel the industry to shift.

Finally, we support private sector engagement in the continued improvement of the Strategy. We encourage the creation of a concrete agenda of public-private cooperation to develop cost-effective decarbonization options, create and diffuse new technologies, mobilize private financing for clean technology and communicate the scale of the challenge we face across the full maritime value chain.

By promoting ambitious climate action, we invite other CEOs from the maritime industry to join us in seizing the opportunity to innovate and lead the transition to a new shipping industry for the 21st century.

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