

SIDE EVENT

International Shipping and Climate Change

Tuesday, 7 June - from 13:15 to 14:45

Room: TRAM – Ministry of Transport

All participants at the United Nations Bonn Climate Change Talks are cordially invited and warmly welcomed to participate and actively partake in a side-event on international maritime transport and greenhouse gas emissions.

Greenhouse gas emission from international shipping is modest but steadily growing apace with globalization and world trade. IMO's work on enhanced energy efficiency and emission control has three distinct building blocks and the Organization has developed technical and operational measures with the aim of making them mandatory by 2011. The third building block is the market-based measures where IMO has a number of proposals under detailed review.

A panel of international experts will engage in a comprehensive analysis of a future control regime for greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping, and in particular:

How the two sets of principles ("common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities" under the UNFCCC and "non-discrimination" under IMO) can be reconciled to overcome the deadlock in the negotiations?

Can distribution of revenues generated by a market-based instrument for international shipping under IMO be used to address the needs of developing countries and to reconcile the two sets of principles?

Should a target (cap) be set on the GHG emissions from international shipping, and if so, by which international organization, UNFCCC or IMO?

Moderator: Mr. Jo Espinoza-Ferrey, Director, IMO's Marine Environment Division

Presentations on the world fleet of merchant vessels, its growth, and efficiency improvement potential, and on the technical and operational measures agreed to be made mandatory under IMO and the plans for a market-based mechanism

Discussion – Questions and Answers - Panel and Audience interaction