

SIDE EVENT

Breakthrough at IMO

Adoption of the first ever global and legally binding CO₂ standard for an industry sector

Tuesday, 29 November - from 18:30 to 20:00

Room: Indwe River

All participants to the Durban Climate Change Conference are invited to a stimulating side event where the breakthrough at IMO in July 2011 – the adoption of mandatory technical and operational measures for ships engaged in international trade, will be elaborated upon by a panel of international experts

Mandatory measures to reduce CO₂ from international shipping, being the first ever mandatory global GHG reduction regime for an international industry sector.

A new chapter on energy efficiency was added to the regulations on prevention of air pollution from ships contained in MARPOL Annex VI, and making mandatory the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) for new ships, and the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP) for all ships in operation. The adoption of mandatory reduction measures for all ships from 2013 and onwards will lead to significant emission reductions and also a striking cost saving for the shipping industry. By 2020, it is estimated that there will be annual emission reductions of up to 200 million tonnes of CO₂, a figure that by 2030 will increase to 420 million tonnes. Compared with business as usual, the reductions will, in 2020, be about 17% and by 2030, about 25%.

Expert Panel with representatives from maritime nations, the shipping industry and environmental organizations

Discussion – Questions and Answers – Panel and Audience interaction

IMO's vision is to eliminate all adverse environmental impacts from ships by developing effective regulations that apply universally to all ships