

Pacific Maritime Technical Officers Workshop on Shipping Emissions

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Recommendations:

1. Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building
 - a. Pacific “buddy” IMO members to request information from their respective buddies on relevant courses and scholarships available with USP’s assistance
 - b. Pacific IMO members to consider their respective capacity and training needs and report back to USP.
 - c. Pacific IMO members to identify existing capacity in regards to shipping GHG emissions, needs, gaps and for PIDF & USP to undertake a Needs & Gap Analysis to identify how those gaps may be filled
 - d. USP to consider developing an open access online short course for Pacific government staff on shipping GHG emissions with other relevant international academies/agencies
 - e. USP to provide information on existing courses and support that is available to Pacific IMO members.
2. Networking/Outreach
 - a. Establish an email group of Pacific officials involved in IMO GHG emissions related work (similar to the existing SHAC email group) as a means of keeping informed and progressing discussions on IMO GHG emissions matters (e.g. development of measures, assessing impacts on States, compensatory mechanisms to address any disproportionate impact on P-SIDS, monitoring and reporting).
 - b. PIDF to host an annual technical officers workshop on GHG emissions from shipping and broaden participation to include all Pacific IMO member States. Such workshops would provide opportunity to discuss and review progress on reduction of shipping emissions in the region as well as strategise for negotiations at the MEPC meetings of the IMO.
 - c. Pacific IMO member countries to agree to officially agree to exchange and share information related to GHG emissions reductions.
3. Funding
 - a. Pacific “buddy” IMO members to continue developing relationships with their counterparts to extend/expand current bilateral agreements.
 - b. USP to assist other Pacific IMO members to identify potential counterparts and to develop bilateral agreements to support Pacific IMO members to actively participate in IMO GHG emissions reduction Roadmap.
 - c. All parties to continue to raise profile of this issue with donor/development partners.
 - d. Pacific IMO members to raise with IMO Secretariat need for financial and technical support to implement Flag and Port State responsibilities resulting from IMO GHG emissions reduction strategy.
 - e. Pacific IMO members to raise within their respective ministries, the likely workload out to 2023 and need for allocation of resources to ensure that active participation continues over time.
4. Advocacy
 - a. PIDF to develop an advocacy plan identifying national and regional bodies with a role in raising awareness of the maritime transport sector and the IMO GHG emissions reduction Strategy and related work.
 - b. Produce quarterly e-newsletter for circulation within Governments and relevant stakeholders providing information and updates on IMO work on GHG emissions reduction.
5. Research, Data Collection and Information sharing
 - a. USP to contact international academic counterparts to identify data needed to enable assessment of impacts on States and to circulate this list of data needs.
 - b. Member States to identify existing data that may meet these data needs.
 - c. Pacific “buddies” to ask their buddy counterparts to assist in data collection, analysis and monitoring of impacts for their countries.
 - d. USP to encourage other academic institutions to assist in data collection, analysis and research through staff and student placements/internships in the Pacific.
 - e. PIDF/USP to liaise with SPC and other CROP+ organisations in regards to maximising sharing and alignment of data collection efforts.