

## **Towards unlocking green maritime jobs** in Africa

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A Just Transition means greening the economy in a way that is as **fair and inclusive** as possible to everyone concerned, **creating decent work** and **leaving no one behind.** 

According to the International Labour Organization, a Just Transition maximizes the social and economic opportunities of climate action, while carefully managing any challenges – including through effective social dialogue and respect for fundamental labour rights.

Importance of a just and equitable transition for all countries - acknowledging climate impacts and vulnerabilities of LDCs and SIDs Human Just Transition dimension Climate action





The Maritime Just Transition Task Force was formed at COP 26 to ensure that shipping's response to the climate emergency puts seafarers and communities at the heart of the solution





### Training seafarers to support shipping's decarbonization is already subject to constraints

#### **Key findings**

Constraints affecting seafarer training for decarbonization



The availability of competent trainers

Shortage of experienced seafarers



Source: DNV



Aligning with a 1.5 C degree target could result in up to 800,000 seafarers requiring additional training by the 2030s Transitioning to decarbonized shipping will require additional training to hundreds of thousands of seafarers up to 2050.

#### **Key findings**

Estimated number of seafarers working on board ships equipped with alternative fuel technologies, all scenarios





Decarbonization of shipping will require a new set of skills - with trends towards a more high-skilled profession









## **Next Steps for the Maritime Just Transition Task Force**





### Green Maritime Jobs in the African context: According to ICS/BIMCO (2021) - Africa currently supplies approximately 78,000 out of 1.6 million seafarers to the world fleet

Country	Officers	Ratings	Total	Country	Officers	Ratings	Total	Country	Officers	Ratings	Total
Algeria	560	874	1,434	Kenya	19	166	185	]			
Angola	400	655	1,055	Liberia	58	604	662	Tunisia	414	655	1,069
Benin	6	10	16	Libya	355	541	896	Uganda	0	0	0
Cabo Verde	284	425	709	Madagascar	194	282	476	Zambia	0	0	0
Cameroon	883	1,310	2,193	Malawi	0	0	0	Zimbabwe	0	0	0
				Mauritania	37	52	89				
Comoros	1,678	2,511	4,189	Mauritius	98	665	763	Total Officers: 27,624 Total Ratings: 49,928 Grand total: 77,552			
Congo (DRC)	52	70	122	Morocco	1,069	7,012	8,081				
Congo (Republic of the)	12	20	32	Mozambique	123	189	312				
Cote d'Ivoire	40	58	98	Namibia	33	56	89				
Djibouti	226	360	586	Nigeria	8,953	16,657	25,610				
Egypt	2,549	4,472	7,021	São Tomé and Príncipe	225	332	557				
Equatorial Guinea	250	400	650	Senegal	189	300	489				
Eritrea	0	0	0	Sierra Leone	3,953	5,633	9,586				
Ethiopia	116	159	275	Somalia	0	56	56				
Gabon	560	910	1,470	South Africa	1,986	1,044	3,030				
Gambia	26	51	77	Sudan	40	59	99				
Ghana	38	60	98	Tanzania (United Republic of)	1,728	2,637	4,365				
Guinea	37	52	89	Тодо	350	478	828	ICS/BIMCO (2021) Seafarer W report			
Guinea-Bissau	83	113	196								



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## Unlocking Green Maritime Job Opportunities in Africa: why the time is right

- An increasingly green and digital shipping industry will rely on highly-trained and skilled workers with a STEM education
- Expected shortfall in officers circa 90,000 by 2026. Industry must significantly **increase training** and **recruitment levels** to avoid a serious shortage in the total supply of officers by 2026.
- **Covid-19** had a significant impact on the number of available seafarers.
- **Conflict in Ukraine:** Combined, Ukrainian (4%) and Russian (10.5%) seafarers make up **14.5%** of global shipping workforce. Both Ukrainian and Russian seafarers impacted by current conflict

- Philippines: Remains largest supplier of seafarers globally, but it's share of the global total has declined from circa 20% to around 14.4%
- Since the pandemic, shipowners increasingly focused on geographically diverse pools of seafarers and untapped potential for high-skilled, high-quality seafaring jobs.

#### African policymakers are recommended to:

- 1. De-risk the transition of African Seafarers and mitigate Financial, Social and Livelihood Insecurity
- 2. Implement measures to unlock high-quality green shipping jobs for African Seafarers
- Consider what can be done on the regional level e.g. a global centre of excellence for seafarer training - leveraging shipping's transition and bringing more jobs and benefits



# Panel discussion:

## How can we unlock green maritime jobs in Africa

- Mohammed Dauda Safiyanu, Regional Coordinator for Africa, International Transport Workers' Federation.
- Mr Sibusiso Rantsoabe, Manager OHS & Maritime Welfare, South African Maritime Authority
- Francesco Gargiulo, Chief Executive Officer, International Maritime Employers' Council



## **Discussion questions:**

- In your view, what are the current challenges when it comes to training maritime professionals in Africa?
- What international, regional and national approaches or initiatives could support the training of seafarers in Africa to secure the high-quality, green maritime jobs of the future?
- What can maritime authorities collectively do to support training for green shipping and ensure that Africa can unlock highquality, green maritime jobs?
- How can we make the green transition more inclusive and bring more women into the workforce?

- Selon vous, quels sont les défis actuels en matière de formation des professionnels de la mer en Afrique ?
- Quelles approches ou initiatives internationales, régionales et nationales pourraient soutenir la formation des gens de mer en Afrique afin de garantir les emplois maritimes verts et de haute qualité de l'avenir ?
- Que peuvent faire collectivement les autorités maritimes pour soutenir la formation au transport maritime vert et faire en sorte que l'Afrique puisse débloquer des emplois maritimes verts et de haute qualité ?
- Comment pouvons-nous rendre la transition verte plus inclusive et faire entrer plus de femmes dans la population active ?



# Thank you for listening

