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To: All IMO Member States and Associate Members
United Nations and specialized agencies
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Subject: **Technical Seminar on the use of ammonia as marine fuel,
17 September 2026**

1 The Marine Environment Division, in particular the Future Fuels and Technology (FFT) Project, is organizing a Technical Seminar on the use of ammonia as marine fuel, scheduled to take place on Thursday, 17 September 2026 at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR, in the margins of the twelfth session of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 12).

2 The aim of this one-day Technical Seminar, designed to be informative, is to enhance the understanding and share the latest developments in the use of ammonia as a marine fuel. The Technical Seminar will address developments in ammonia production for marine fuels, bunkering, onboard applications, engine technologies, spill response, safety considerations, ammonia effluents management and ongoing initiatives related to ammonia-fueled vessels.

3 The provisional programme for the Seminar is set out in the annex. More detailed information regarding the programme and speakers will be circulated in due course.

4 A limited number of speaker slots are available and interested Member States and organizations are invited to nominate speakers and inform the Secretariat by email at futurefuels@imo.org by **17 July 2026** at the latest.

5 Seminar participants will be subject to the Code of Conduct for Delegates, Observers and Other Participants at IMO Meetings, Events and Activities to Prevent Harassment including Sexual Harassment (see Circular Letter No.4908 of 20 August 2024).

6 The Technical Seminar will be conducted as an in-person event at IMO Headquarters, with hybrid support for remote participation, and in English only without interpretation.

7 To participate, registration is required by **15 September 2026** using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/zkFLTN4jHG> In case of any further queries, please email the FFT Project team at futurefuels@imo.org.

ANNEX

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE TECHNICAL SEMINAR
ON THE USE OF AMMONIA AS MARINE FUEL**

Time	Presentation	Speakers
10:00-10:30	IMO's ruleset and policies relevant for the use of ammonia as marine fuel	Secretariat
Session 1: Ammonia production pathways, supply outlook for shipping and infrastructure (Each presentation will be followed by Q&A)		
10:30-12:00	Production pathways, supply potential, infrastructure development, scalability and fuel availability	Fuel producers, suppliers, energy companies, research institutes, etc.
Session 2: Developments in ammonia-fuelled vessels and onboard technologies (Each presentation will be followed by Q&A)		
14:00-16:00	Engine technologies, onboard applications, vessel design considerations and ongoing projects and initiatives	Shipowners, ship builders, engine manufacturers, classification societies, industry initiatives, etc.
Session 3: Operational, spill response, safety and other considerations (Each presentation will be followed by Q&A)		
16:30-18:30	Bunkering and onboard safety considerations, seafarer training, ammonia effluents management and emergency response	Ports, classification societies, shipowners, training institutions, research institutes, etc.