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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 2027 POLAR MARITIME SEMINAR[2]

Each session will comprise presentations followed by a 20-minute question-and-answer discussion open to all participants.

1 FEBRUARY 2027

09.30 – 09.50 (UTC): Opening

09:50 – 11.00 SESSION 1: Current challenges of polar navigation	
11.00 – 11.30	**Coffee Break**
11.30 – 13:00 SESSION 2: Recent international legal and policy developments affecting polar shipping	
13.00 – 14.15	**Lunch**
14.15 – 15.30 SESSION 3: Global market and trade developments influencing polar shipping	
15.30 – 16.00	**Coffee Break**
16.00 – 17.20 SESSION 4: The increase in Arctic shipping – Socio-economic, cultural and environmental considerations for Indigenous Peoples and local communities	
END OF DAY 1	

2 FEBRUARY 2027

09.30 – 10.40 SESSION 5: Changes in Arctic shipping: a view from Arctic ports and harbours	
10.40 – 11.10	**Coffee Break**
11.10 – 12.30 SESSION 6: Lessons learned from recent groundings in the polar regions	
12.30 – 13.45	**Lunch**
13.45 – 14.45 SESSION 7: Experience of research ship operators in the Arctic and Antarctic	
14.45 – 15.15	**Coffee Break**
15.15 – 16.35 SESSION 8: Fishing vessel safety and environmental considerations in the polar regions	
16.35	**Closing remarks END OF THE SEMINAR**

[2] Timings are indicative and may change.