

Thursday 1 May 2025 – 13:15 hrs to 14:45 hrs



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Sound management of chemicals and wastes

Side Event — Room B, Geneva International Conference Centre

A safe and environmentally sound approach to ship recycling

Cosponsored by the Governments of Norway and Pakistan, and the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

The entry into force of the International Hong Kong Convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships in June 2025 represents an important milestone for the sustainability of our oceans and coastal livelihoods. The Convention is aimed at ensuring that ships, when being recycled after reaching the end of their operational lives, do not pose any unnecessary risks to human health, safety and to the environment.

The event will host a conversation about how environmentally sustainable ship recycling and hazardous waste management are possible, and the experience, achievements and challenges faced by governments and industry in developing countries when adopting measures and enforcing best practice standards.

PROGRAMME

Time	Item
13:15 – 13:20	Welcome.
13:20 – 13:25	Opening remarks, by Mr Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General, International Maritime Organization (IMO).
13:25 – 13:30	Video: Safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships.
13:30 – 13:45	Presentation: IMO's work on ship recycling, by Mr Loukas Kontogiannis, IMO.
13:45 – 13:50	Presentation: Forecasting the impact of global policies on ship recycling markets, by Ms Gudrun Janssens, BIMCO.
13:50 – 14:30	Panel Discussion: Strengthening synergies between the Basel and Hong Kong Conventions. <i>Panellists:</i> Norway, Pakistan, EC, BIMCO, ILO, BRS Secretariat and IMO.
14:30 – 14:40	Q&A.
14:40 – 14:45	Closing remarks.