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# DPP NEWS

INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SUSTAINABLE MARITIME FUTURE



# DPP AT COP 26

DPP participated in the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26) in Glasgow, United Kingdom, from 31 October to 12 November 2021, as part of the IMO team. DPP's main objectives were to showcase the importance of international shipping and IMO to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through concrete examples of IMO projects, initiatives undertaken and show the best practices and lessons learnt from relevant IMO major projects. DPP supported the IMO pavilion throughout COP 26, where next to IMO bilaterals, DPP major projects relevant to climate change were showcased (fact sheets of GHG SMART, GMN, GV2050, Blue Solutions, Innovation Forum, FINSMART and IMO CARES were showcased) and DPP staff based in the pavilion provided answers to participants about projects and the work of IMO in general.

In addition, DPP also represented IMO and respective IMO Projects in various COP side events, which provided excellent visibility and opportunity to showcase projects and the overall importance of decarbonization in the maritime industry to achieve SDG13 (Climate Action). These side events included the GloFouling Global Industry Alliance (GIA) side-event on the impact of biofouling on GHG emissions and the MTCCs side-event on the lessons learnt of the EU funded GMN project on promoting future policy and financing of port energy efficiency options.

Further information about IMO at COP 26 can be found [here](#).



# NEW AND STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS

## ***i. MoU between IMO and Shanghai Municipal People's Government, China (2 million RMB)***

Shanghai Municipal Government, with its capability to serve the global shipping industry, is to deepen cooperation for sustainable development of international shipping. A new MoU has been signed between IMO and Shanghai Municipal Government.

With the objective of establishing a partnership between IMO and Shanghai Municipal Government to promote sustainable maritime transport systems, the Parties will seek to build capacity, exchange experiences and knowledge in legal policy and institutional reform processes and implementation of national legislations and policies and undertake joint activities with national authorities of selected countries and, where appropriate, with other stakeholders.

The MoU builds on the successful cooperation with the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre (MTCC) Asia, based in Shanghai, and the Letter of Intent on Promoting Effective Implementation of IMO Instruments through the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative, signed on 17 May 2017 by the Minister of Transport of China and the Secretary General of IMO.

## ***ii. IMO - Norad agreement on TEST Biofouling project (3.8 million USD)***

An agreement was signed between IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) on 8 December 2021 to implement a new technical cooperation project, namely the TEST (Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies) Biofouling project.

This newly-signed partnership is set to provide support to developing countries to address the transfer of invasive aquatic species and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships. TEST Biofouling will be a complement to the already existing GloFouling Partnerships and enhance the work of IMO to tackle these environmental issues.

TEST Biofouling will showcase, through pilot demonstration projects, some of the latest advances in technological solutions for managing ship's biofouling. Additionally, the project will deliver capacity building activities including training courses in participating countries.

## ***iii. GloLitter Additional Donors (0.37 million USD)***

IMO and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the joint implementing partners of the GloLitter project, are pleased to announce that Australia and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have come aboard as additional donors.

The additional funds provided will be utilized in the twinning activities where the Lead Partner Countries, who are to take the lead role in their region, are twinned with other Partner Countries in their regions according to their priority needs. These twinning activities will help bolster the fight against marine plastic litter.

The initial funding for the project has been provided by Norad. Since its inception, GloLitter has been envisaged to be a multi donor project and additional donors are always encouraged to get in touch with the Project Coordination Unit at [glolitter@imo.org](mailto:glolitter@imo.org)

# PORTFOLIO OF ONGOING EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY IMO



**GREENVOYAGE**  
**2050**

## [i. IMO-RoK GHG SMART Programme](#)

The first training workshop of the IMO-RoK GHG SMART Programme was held online from 24 to 28 January 2022. More than 20 participants from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) have taken part in the training alongside with international experts and renowned speakers in the field of maritime decarbonization. Representatives from the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and the Korea Maritime Transportation Safety Authority (KOMSA) have also attended the 5-day training workshop. This first training package comprises six different modules defined based on previous consultations with SIDS and LDCs and other relevant stakeholders. This training workshop is the first of a series of tailor-made training courses under the 4-year training programme funded by the Republic of Korea and implemented by IMO.



**GMN | The Global MTCC Network**  
A global network for energy-efficient shipping

## [ii. GMN - The Global MTCC Network](#)

The Global MTCC Network (GMN) is proud to announce that the project "Capacity Building for Climate Mitigation in the Maritime Shipping Industry" to promote technologies and operations to improve energy efficiency in the maritime sector through a global network of Maritime Technology Cooperation Centres (MTCCs), is nearing its successful completion.

An important goal of the GMN project was to ensure the long-term sustainability of the MTCCs, and in this regard a number of donors and partners are now keen for this network to deliver technical assistance programmes and technology demonstration projects. Furthermore, to help ensure their long-term future, the MTCCs have been integrated into other IMO initiatives such as TEST Biofouling, IMO CARES, GHG SMART, FIN-SMART, the GreenVoyage2050 Project, and the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme.

Given the important foundation that has been laid we look forward to seeing the MTCCs continue to drive change in their respective regions.

## [iii. IMO CARES Foundation Project](#)

The IMO CARES Foundation Project has started its implementation phase, with the ultimate objective to create a framework long-term programme of action that aims to coordinate and link the various global initiatives dealing with low/zero carbon research and development, technology transfer of MTCCs, technology diffusion and uptake activities, pilot demonstration projects as well as green financing initiatives that will facilitate the maritime sector in developing countries, especially in SIDS and LDCs to transition towards a low-carbon future with key involvement of MTCCs at regional level, to support the IMO GHG strategy and the SDGs.

## [iv. GreenVoyage2050](#)

Agreement from the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment to extend support for phase 1 of the project until the end of December 2023. The project will continue its work to provide support to developing countries in their efforts to reduce GHG emissions from ships.

GIA Ship-Port Interface guide features in the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) Ports and Harbours magazine. Earlier this year the Low Carbon GIA released its free-access Ship-Port Interface Guide. The guide outlines eight practical measures to support GHG emissions reduction at the ship-port interface.

## [v. Blue Solutions Preparatory Project](#)

The preparatory phase has been extended until end of March by the International Climate Initiative (IKI), IMO and Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) with more consultation with countries on potential demonstration pilot focus areas in their respective countries/ports.



**GloLitter**  
partnerships

## [vi. GloLitter Partnerships](#)

GloLitter is focusing on assessing the priority needs of the Lead Partner Countries (LPCs) and twinning them with Partner Countries (PCs) in their regions so that they can work together on their common issues related to marine plastic litter. The LPCs are currently drafting their National Actions Plans which will identify the priority areas and the PC's answers to the questionnaire are being analysed.

In addition, IMO and FAO hosted a webinar on the results of the GESAMP report of Working Group 43. The project has also published two knowledge products that are publicly available:

-Legal aspects of abandoned, lost and otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG)

-Reporting and retrieval of lost fishing gear: recommendations for developing effective programmes



**GloFouling**  
PARTNERSHIPS

## [vii. GloFouling Partnerships](#)

GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships will be organizing the 2nd Global Project Task Force meeting from 11 to 13 April 2022 at IMO headquarters, London. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format and will bring together representatives from LPCs, Regional Coordinating Centres (RCOs), as well as GEF-UNDP, implementing partners, the IMO Secretariat and Strategic Partners to review and discuss the project's implementation progress.

# CURRENT PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS continued



## **viii. MEPSEAS Project - Phase II**

IMO-NORAD MEPSEAS is in the final year of the five-year project and is focusing on carrying out Port State Control (PSC) and Flag State Implementation (FSI) procedures which each participating country prepared for at the CME Conventions held in Q4 of 2021. The project will also focus on the High Level Meeting and Regional Technical Conference due to take place this year in a hybrid format.

## **ix. NextGEN 2022**

Following the success of the joint IMO-Singapore Future of Shipping Webinars in 2020 and the Future of Shipping Conference 2021, which had a specific NextGEN session, IMO and Singapore agreed for NextGEN to return during the upcoming Singapore Maritime Week with the aim to look at further ways of supporting connections between various GHG projects and initiatives.



## **x. SENSREC**

### **Phase II (Bangladesh).**

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has agreed to extend this phase until July 2022 to allow IMO and Bangladesh to focus on two key areas; increasing gender equality by facilitating women participation in the ship breaking industry and rolling out additional training. These areas were highlighted in the closing evaluation and owing to the savings made by the project IMO and the MFA agreed to target these areas by extending Phase 2.

### **Phase III (Bangladesh).**

The formation of the Project Coordination Unit of Phase III is taking place and IMO are hoping to have a Project Manager on board soon. Bangladesh are progressing with the Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility (TSDF) plans and have also earmarked funds for this process.

## **xi. EU-funded port and maritime security projects**

### **Port Security and Safety of Navigation in Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (Port Security Project)**

The project on Port Security and Safety of Navigation in Eastern and Southern Africa and The Indian Ocean (Port Security project), which focuses on Angola, Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles and the United Republic of Tanzania, completed its inception phase in December 2020. The inception phase and early delivery of the implementation phase was all done virtually, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In-person delivery began in November 2021 with a legal workshop in Comoros, with further in-person workshops planned for 2022. Delivery is underway in the area of legal gap analyses and support to the domestication of international instruments into national legislation, review of commitments to regional Memoranda of Understanding on Port State

Control, establishment and development of National Maritime Security Committees and Strategies, and delivery of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) training. In the coming year, the project will continue in these areas and also extend to support for ISPS Code implementation.

### **Enhancing Port Security and Regional Dialogue in the Red Sea Region (Red Sea Project)**

The project on Enhancing Port Security and Regional Dialogue in the Red Sea Region (Red Sea project), which focuses on Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, launched in February 2021 and completed the 6-month inception phase at the end of August. During the inception phase the project team met remotely with the main stakeholders of each beneficiary country to agree on the tailored workplans. The activities will focus on four major results areas: support to the domestication of international maritime legislation; implementation of maritime security measures, development of a port security management system; and PSC compliance.

Implementation is now underway, starting with legal gap analyses and assistance to maritime authorities in ratifying or strengthening the implementation of relevant MOUs on PSC. A project launch with implementing partners United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) is planned for February 2022 in Djibouti.

## **xii. SWiFT Project**

IMO and Singapore have selected the Port of Lobito (Angola) for a pilot project to establish an efficient digitalized system for electronic exchange of information in ports for ship clearance. The project will kick off in February, 2022.

## **xiii. IMO-World Bank Project on MSW**

As a preparatory activity, IMO and the World Bank (WB) organized a two-day Maritime Single Window (MSW) induction webinar in November with Fijian authorities to understand the current situation in Fiji regarding digitalization of clearance processes and the role and involvement of the different agencies.



## OTHER LINKS

[·FIN-SMART Roundtable](#)

[·NextGEN](#)

[·Innovation Forum](#)

[·Global Industry Alliances](#)

[Global Industry Alliance \(GIA\) for Marine Biosafety](#)

[Global Industry Alliance to Support Low Carbon Shipping \(Low Carbon GIA\)](#)

[Global Industry Alliance on marine plastic litter - forthcoming](#)

## CAREERS AT IMO

To find out more about careers at IMO and current vacancies in DPP, please visit '[careers at IMO](#)'.

A number of job opportunities are available now within DPP as a Junior Professional Officer (JPO) [here](#); and Externships [here](#).

## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR WOMEN IN MARITIME

The IMO Assembly has adopted a resolution proclaiming an International Day for Women in Maritime, to be observed on 18 May every year. Read more [here](#).



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