Championing innovation for maritime decarbonization

**THE ISSUE**

To accelerate the maritime transport contribution to climate change and decarbonization, the IMO, UNEP and Norway held a three-day Zero-and Low-Emission Innovation Innovation Forum. This global platform aimed to share best practices on inclusive innovation and its deployment and financing models, with a focus on the needs of developing countries.

**OUR SOLUTION**

The Forum promoted innovation by providing a global platform to exchange best practices and fill necessary gaps by gathering ideas and latest developments from all competent international policy makers. The focus was on addressing specific needs of developing countries, especially Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

**IMPACT**

- Establishment of an Innovation Forum, a global platform for zero-carbon and low GHG emissions future, in the maritime sector.
- Strengthened cooperation and coordination between key stakeholders, across the value chains on a global level.
- NextGEN project website launched (nextgen.imo.org), with all ongoing maritime decarbonization initiatives, projects mapped.
- Framework development started under the IMO CARES initiative, to link research and development actors on maritime decarbonization even closer, with the focus on developing countries’ needs.