



High-level Briefing on 6PAC efforts at International Maritime Organization

“The Pacific High-Ambition Course for the IMO”

5th PRETMM Side Event
Monday, 08th May 2023 12:00 - 13:00
Port-Vila Vanuatu

CLOSED DOOR ROUNDTABLE - Pacific Island Member States only

Purpose: To provide a briefing to Forum participants followed by a roundtable discussion on the progress made in achieving a 1.5-degree aligned Revised Strategy for Emission Reductions at IMO and the key issues for the Pacific in the forthcoming ISWG-GHG 15 and MEPC80 negotiations.

Background context

Since 2015, the 6PAC has proven catalytic in advocating for a high ambition and 1.5-degree aligned emission reduction for the shipping sector at IMO. Negotiations for the decarbonization of international shipping have been ongoing and will reach a key watershed in meetings in London in June/July this year when the IMO is expected to adopt its Revised Strategy on GHG emissions reduction. This is being seen by many experts as the last chance to ensure a 1.5 outcome for this sector and the active participation of the Pacific is critical to its success.

Currently the voices of SIDS and LDCs make up less than 10% of countries present in this negotiation space and the 6PAC positioning and approach has proven to be the most successful participation model for climate vulnerable states in IMO history. The latest IPCC science tells us that the window for reducing extremely harmful effects of climate change is rapidly closing.

The 6PAC has consistently submitted and advocated for a 1.5°C compatible position, essentially:

- a vision including an equitable transition to complete decarbonization by no later than 2050
- levels of ambition that include overall emissions interim reduction targets for 2030 (37%) and 2040 (96%) and clear parameters for an equitable transition



- a basket of mid-term measures to be adopted with urgency, comprising, *inter alia*, a universal mandatory GHG levy with an entry price of \$100/ton CO₂-eq operational by 2025 and a Global Fuel Standard operational by 2030
- the majority of revenues generated directed to the priority needs of the climate most vulnerable countries and managed by an independent fund manager

The matters under negotiation are critical for all SIDS and LDCs and the decisions made at MEPC80 will have long-term consequences for our economic and societal futures. The strength of the 6PAC submissions over many years, grounded on the best available international science, means our position remains central to the current negotiation rounds, albeit facing intense pressure to compromise downwards. It is important for our region to come together now in unity if the progress on high ambition made over the past eight years is to be converted into hard text in the Revised Strategy in July.

Meeting format

Semi-formal facilitated Talanoa. Hybrid link for remote participation by invitation.

Zoom details:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87071013385?pwd=M2UyQ01R2LzlFcWh0T1FhdjVZaElGUT09>

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Program

1200- 1205	Welcome and introduction	Atina Schutz
1205-1215	Opening Remarks	RMI Special Envoy Amb. Albon Ishoda
1215-1225	Issues and Strategy (Presentation)	Aileen Sefeti (recorded)
1225-1255	Facilitated Talanoa, Q&A	Atina Schutz
1255-0100	Closing Remarks	RMI Special Envoy Amb. Albon Ishoda