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Background Note

Stakeholders Workshop - Mumbai

Stepping Stone Towards a Safe and Sustainable Ocean Economy in India

Theme: Shipping & Ports



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Genesis for the series of Stakeholders' Workshops

Ocean Centres India, stepping another stone towards a safe and sustainable ocean economy by introducing a series of multi-stakeholder workshops in India. As a closed-group discussion, these workshops aim to deliberate on the issues, challenges, and solutions towards a safer and more sustainable ocean economy in India. During these workshops, stakeholders will collectively map ocean-related safety and sustainability challenges and identify the key gaps that require collective action to address, particularly the safety challenges associated with adopting sustainable practices. By giving voice to a wide range of organisations, including the voices of the unheard, the workshops will serve to explore the systemic causes of safety deficits. Best practices, both on the business and governmental level, will be shared with stakeholders as useful points of reference when identifying gaps and opportunities. We truly hope to count on your engagement in this unique, locally-led, and globally connected initiative. Your participation in these workshops will help deliberate upon issues, challenges, and possible solutions to advance a shared vision of ocean industries that are not only productive, but also inclusive, safe, and sustainable for generations to come.

The Workshop in Mumbai

The Workshop at Mumbai is the third in the series of eight workshops. The central theme of this workshop revolves around the shipping and ports sectors. Suggestive broad topics for discussions are – Labour Concerns and Training Gaps, Digital Infrastructure, Cyber Security, Climate Vulnerability, and Enforcement of Safety Regulations, among others. This participatory workshop is divided into three parts: an inaugural session and two high-level panel discussions around the themes.

Inaugural Panel

The inaugural panel will highlight the Ocean Centres initiative and its goals as a multi-stakeholder platform and will set the context for deliberations on the identified themes. Addresses by different dignitaries will have strategic importance towards a safer and more sustainable ocean economy in India, highlighting the key issues, challenges, and possible solutions in national as well as local contexts. The inaugural panel is intended to give strategic directions on some of the pertinent aspects, like -

- Background of the Ocean Centres Initiative
- UN Global Compact and its ten principles
- Best practices from the Government and Business initiatives in the Shipping and Ports Sectors
- Foster collaborations and locally-led solutions

- Putting Safety at the Heart of Sustainability
- Importance of safety for trust, reliability, and risk mitigation

High-level Panel 1- Putting Safety at the Heart of Sustainability: Issues & Challenges in the Indian Shipping Sector

This high-level panel will focus its deliberations on the specific issues, challenges, and suggested solutions regarding the safety and sustainability in the shipping sector. Though the experts and stakeholders will deliberate on key issues and challenges in the workshop, some of the identified issues for discussion may be:

- Operational and Technical issues (Maritime incidents, human errors, navigational & mechanical errors, etc.)
- Security Threats (Cybersecurity vulnerabilities, etc.)
- Environmental & Climate Risks (Rising Sea levels, extreme weather events, natural calamities, marine pollution, and maritime resilience, etc.)
- Regulatory & Governance Challenges (Inter-agency coordination, capacities of coastal police, surveillance systems)
- Human Aspects (Training & competency gaps, welfare, psychological interventions, leadership & non-technical skills, safety culture, etc.)

High-level Panel 2 – Transitioning to Green Ports in India: Issues & Challenges

The objective of the second high-level panel is to explore the issues and challenges associated with transitioning towards green ports in India. Though the experts and stakeholders will deliberate on key issues and challenges in the workshop, some of the identified issues for discussion may be:

- Green Corridors and Business Case
- Safety aspects of decarbonizing ports
- Safety standards and safety cultures within ports and shipyards
- Regulations and Policies for Green Ports (Safety policies, legislations, protocols, and international standards)
- Port Modernization (To support offshore renewables, developing green fuel infrastructure, monitoring, emergency preparedness, etc.)
- Leveraging digital technologies (Smart Ports, IoT, AI, digital twins, blockchain, etc.)
- Awareness generation and needs for capacity building to ensure a just transition
- Scalability and Investment in Green Port infrastructure (Green Finance, ESG Standards, etc.)



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Target Participants

We invite participants from a diverse range of organizations committed to advancing a safe and sustainable ocean economy. These include businesses and industries (shipping & ports, offshore renewables, fisheries & aquaculture, banks & financial institutions, and other allied sectors), government agencies, regulatory bodies, trade unions, NGOs, academic and research institutions, and community-led organisations.

Workshops Registration

To participate in the workshops, please express your interest by submitting the workshop registration form at - <https://forms.gle/WrSR5mkDhgkvFes46> or scan this QR Code:



About the Ocean Centres

The Ocean Centres were established through a partnership between the UN Global Compact (UNGC), a leading advocate for sustainability in the private sector, and Lloyd's Register Foundation, a global safety charity. They are implemented through UNGC Country Networks in seven nations identified by local experts during the initiative's scoping phase: Brazil, Ghana, Kenya, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The Ocean Centres are multi-stakeholder collaboration platforms dedicated to accelerating the transition toward **safer and more sustainable ocean economies**, enabled by better standards, skills, and evidence. By fostering dialogue and co-creation among government bodies, private sector actors, trade unions, financial institutions, civil society, youth, community-led organisations, academia, and other stakeholders, each Ocean Centre aims to support them in safe adoption of sustainable and resilient business practices in four main Action Areas: **Shipping & Ports, Fishing & Aquaculture, Offshore Renewables, Finance & Investment.**



Stakeholders Workshop Series

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Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Workshop 5	Workshop 6	Workshop 7	Workshop 8
Kochi	Gandhidham	Mumbai	Chennai	Port Blair	Visakhapatnam	Mangalore	Kolkata
11.09.2025	TBC	03.11.2025	28.11.2025	18.12.2025	12.01.2026	06.02.2026	10.03.2026

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