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Maritime transport for sustainable development: key insights and projections from the UNCTAD Review of Maritime Transport

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PROGRAMME

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XXIV
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome address, Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics Short course will be moderated by Ms. Randa Jamal, Economic Affairs Officer / OIC, Policy Capacity Building Section	
10:15 - 11:00	Session 1 This session will present key developments in seaborne trade, maritime and port business, and freight rates. It will discuss the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on demand and supply of port and shipping services, markets, and the impact of the current supply chain crisis on transport costs and prices. Presented by Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Ms. Luisa Rodriguez, Mr. Mark Assaf, Ms. Frida Youssef, and Mr. Hidenobu Tokuda of the Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD	
11:00 - 11:15	Q&A session	
11:15 - 11:45	Session 2 It will also zoom in on key performance indicators, trade facilitation, and the necessary legal and regulatory framework to facilitate international maritime trade and transport. Special focus will be placed on the concerns of Seafarers affected by the covid-19 pandemic. Presented by Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Ms. Anila Premti, and Ms. Celine Bacrot of the Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD	
11:45 - 12:00	Q&A session	

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Maritime transport is the backbone of international trade and the global economy. Over 80% of the volume of international trade in goods is carried by sea, and the percentage is even higher for most developing countries. The Review of Maritime Transport is an UNCTAD flagship report, published annually since 1968. It provides an analysis of structural and cyclical changes affecting seaborne trade, ports, and shipping, as well as an extensive collection of statistics from maritime trade and transport. The latest edition of the report has a special focus on the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the industry and includes a special chapter on the challenges seafarers face in view of the crewing crisis.

The course will update delegates on key developments in seaborne trade, maritime and port business, freight rates, key performance indicators, seafarers' concerns, trade facilitation, and the necessary legal and regulatory framework to facilitate international maritime trade and transport. Delegates will learn about the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on freight rates, supply chains, and – ultimately – prices and economic development.