



## COURSE ON KEY ISSUES ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AGENDA

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### **Maritime transport for sustainable development: key insights and projections from the UNCTAD Review of Maritime Transport 2022**

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Delivered by the Division on Technology and Logistics

#### **PROGRAMME**

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XXVI
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome address, Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL)  Short course will be moderated by Ms. Randa Jamal, Economic Affairs Officer, Policy Capacity Building Section, Technology, Innovation, and Knowledge Development Branch-DTL	
10:15 - 11:30	<b>Session 1</b>  This session will present key developments in seaborne trade, maritime and port business including key performance indicators, and freight rates. It will discuss the impact of the covid-19 pandemic, and its post recovery, on demand and supply of port and shipping services, markets, and the impact of the current supply chain post crisis on transport costs and prices. Will the spike in costs and prices dwindle down or will they continue to rise for maritime and port business will be addressed. What are the policy options available for developing economies?  Presented by Ms. Luisa Rodriguez, Mr. Tomasz Kulaga and Ms. Frida Youssef of the Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD	
11:30 - 11:45	Q&A session	
11:45 - 12:30	<b>Session 2</b>  This session will focus on maritime trade facilitation, consolidation and competition in container shipping, as well legal issues and regulatory developments affecting transport and trade. Special attention will be paid to issues of particular concern to developing countries, the wide-ranging implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and related considerations for policymakers.  Presented by Mr. Poul Hansen, Luisa Rodriguez and Ms. Regina Asariotis of the Trade Logistics Branch, DTL, UNCTAD	
12:30 - 13:00	Q&A session	

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Maritime transport is the backbone of international trade and the global economy. More than 80% of the volume of international trade in goods is carried by sea, and this percentage is higher for most developing countries. Since 1968, the Review of Maritime Transport is published on annual basis and is considered an UNCTAD flagship report. Among others, it provides analysis of structural and cyclical changes affecting seaborne trade, ports, and shipping, and statistics from maritime trade and transport.

The latest edition lays special emphasis on resilience building in the face of supply chain crisis and devotes a chapter on issues associated with the process of consolidation in container shipping.

In the post pandemic recovery, the findings of the report will update delegates on the latest key developments in seaborne trade, maritime and port business, freight rates, key performance indicators, seafarers' concerns, trade facilitation, , as well as legal and regulatory issues.

Delegates will have the opportunity to engage on a range of topical issues affecting freight rates and transport across global supply chains —and the impact they may generate for economic development, especially for developing countries who face more challenges than other economies. The course content will also illustrate the links between maritime transport and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).