Public and political pressure is mounting to account for the impact of cruise vessels and their emissions at ports.

Destination cruise ports are now subject to protest campaigns with traditional and social media shifting public opinion against cruise vessel activity.

While the cruise industry offers substantial economic and social benefits to their destinations, public focus has been led mainly on the environmental impact of the air and noise emissions at ports.

Aside from adopting IMO Regulations and Guidelines to reduce air emissions, some authorities and cruise destinations are starting to take local actions in isolation with potentially undesirable consequences as we move to new levels of compliance.

The cruise industry needs a coordinated, global approach from ports to comply with those global regulations.

For this reason, the Environmental Committee jointly with the Cruise Committee of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) recognises the urgent need to improve transparency and clarity in the way cruise ship-owners and operators provide ports with data on ship emissions.

In some ports, reporting has already commenced, with trials and pilot schemes started.

The messages being heard more and more frequently are:

- “Ports and cruise ship owners work in isolation on emissions”
- “Ports rarely cooperate with each other on cruise ship emissions inventories”
- “Only big, advanced ports are taking action on emissions from cruise ships”
- “Port and cruise owners invent their own self-regulating systems”
- “Ports are focussing on their own interests, not ours”

This is precisely why IAPH is commencing its project, with the cruise industry as partner:
CLARIFYING CRUISE SHIP EMISSIONS TO OUR PORT COMMUNITIES

AN INVITATION TO HARMONISE DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING ON CRUISE VESSEL EMISSIONS IN PORTS

Where: Hamburg, Port Authority, Neuer Wandrahm 4, Hamburg, Germany
Who: Environmental Officers, Cruise Managers of Ports
When: 9th October 2019 – 09hrs00 – 17hrs00

Under the umbrella of the IAPH World Ports Sustainability Program,

Our goals are:

• for IAPH port members to find common ground on cruise vessel emissions reporting
• to harmonise data collection and calculation methods to report emissions data accurately, consistently and transparently to our stakeholders
• to seek practical ways of stimulating cruise line owner-operators to reduce their emissions

All ports are welcome, especially those already receiving cruise vessels. Your contribution counts!

To join us,

Please RSVP to cruise@iaphworldports.org