

IAPH • Port Environment Committee
World Ports Climate Initiative Symposium
Port of Los Angeles
November 23-25, 2008
Draft Program

On May 4, 2007, the International Association of Ports and Harbors' Second Plenary Session adopted a Resolution on Clean Air Programs for Ports. That Resolution puts forth the position of the IAPH in regard to clean air programs.

- IAPH reaffirms its recognition of ports' need to adopt clean air programs to better sustain development of the global society and its commitment to promote integrated approaches in such programs.
- IAPH urges ports, members and non-members alike, to take active and effective steps towards clean air programs while stressing the critical need to develop integrated action plans for respective ports and recognizing that no one-size-fits-all solution exists for ports with their large variations in pollution level, emission sources, geographical and meteorological conditions;
- IAPH will continue to provide a unique and effective forum to share best practices and experiences among the world's ports and various parties concerned, and will develop and disseminate guidelines, reference materials and information.
- IAPH will collaborate further with UN agencies and other international organizations such as the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) and regional Port and Trade Associations to achieve the goal of creating clean air programs thereby assisting in the abatement of global warming.

On April 16, 2008, the IAPH requested its Port Environment Committee, in consultation with the regional Port Organizations and a number of ports, to provide a mechanism for assisting the ports with the development of measures to combat climate change, complementing and contributing to the goals of the forthcoming C40 World Ports Climate Declaration.

The C40 World Ports Climate Declaration was adopted in July 2008, as 55 ports from all over the world came together at the C40 World Ports Climate Conference in Rotterdam to commit to work jointly to reduce the threat of global climate change. At the close of that conference, it was agreed that a follow-up implementation meeting would occur in November 2008 in Los Angeles.

To initiate cooperation on implementation steps, the IAPH Port Environment Committee, in conjunction with the Port of Los Angeles, is sponsoring the first meeting of the World Ports Climate Initiative (WPCI). Participants will discuss carbon foot printing tools and modeling, greenhouse gas reduction technologies currently being used and explored, and regional cooperation on policies and practices.

It is expected that continued progress, especially in the sharing of technical information and experiences, and developing information management tools (including inventory development and technology tracking tools) will result from this conference.

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