



**Benefits of joining  
the International  
Association of  
Ports & Harbors  
(IAPH)**

## As a short summary, here are some of the main membership benefits for you and your port:

- Insights on and access to providing input on regulatory policy impacting ports. IAPH is the world port's representative at the IMO on all policy and regulatory developments impacting and influencing the industry's future. This includes submissions to and interventions at the [IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee \(MEPC\)](#) which covers all policies on emissions, decarbonization, ballast water management, anti-fouling systems, ship recycling, pollution preparedness and response. Submissions are also made to the [IMO FAL Convention Committee](#) which focuses on trade facilitation, and deals with matters related to the facilitation of international maritime traffic, including the arrival, stay and departure of ships, persons and cargo from ports. This crucially includes digitalization and electronic business given the global requirement for all member states to implement maritime single window systems by January 2024. IAPH also plays an active role on the [IMO Maritime Safety Committee](#) on issues related to cybersecurity and automation. The recent IAPH Cybersecurity Guidelines for ports and port facilities received recognition from the committee and has been accepted and officially circulated among member states.
- Access to the work of and your participation in our Technical Committees, covering strategic focus areas relevant to each and every port in the world: climate and energy, data collaboration and risk and resilience. IAPH members get the chance to participate with experts in Working groups on numerous topics of relevance to global ports. Members can also actively participate with relevant experts on our cruise committee, our legal committee and our Planning Operations and Finance Committee.
- Access to the [Clean Marine Energy Hubs](#) joint initiative with the International Chamber of Shipping which joins efforts of national governments, NGOs, shipowners, ports and the private investment community in de-risking investments in production and storage infrastructure for green hydrogen and conversion into low and zero carbon fuels for export by ship.
- Access to the work of our joint call to accelerate digitalization in the maritime transport chain, including our port-focused focus on the Maritime Single Window, innovation, automation and future of work, World Customs Organization collaboration, Port Community Systems implementation and cybersecurity initiatives.
- Access to and membership as port incentive provider of the [IAPH Environmental Ship Index](#), the leading global standard measurement index for shipowners aiming to improve energy efficiencies in their fleets to reduce emissions. Ports who are members of IAPH have immediate access as an incentive provider.
- Access to IAPH reports and collaborative projects in alternative fuel bunkering infrastructure, onshore power, port call optimization and just-in-time arrival of vessels. This includes bunker checklists, auditing tools and guidance documents created by IAPH member experts for ports aiming to add bunker infrastructure for LNG and new alternative low and zero carbon fuels by the [IAPH Clean Marine Fuels Working Group](#).
- Access to [IAPH World Ports Tracker](#) which is published by two of the world's leading maritime port economists Professor Theo Notteboom and Professor Thanos Pallis. This includes global and region trends on vessel port calls, inland intermodal connectivity, warehousing capacity, and other valuable intelligence. This report is based on survey data supplied by IAPH regular port members on a confidential basis and which is reported on without mention of individual ports in combination with the latest port performance data from multiple sources including UNCTAD and S&G Global Market Intelligence.
- Access to the [IAPH World Ports Sustainability Program](#), the world's most detailed and comprehensive database of pioneering projects by world ports in climate and energy, digitalization, infrastructure, community outreach, environmental care, health safety and security. You will also be able to submit your port's project(s) for the prestigious annual World Ports Sustainability Awards.
- Access to playing the [Port Endeavor game](#), which applies the projects of the World Ports Sustainability Program in practice with activities and events played out between teams, discovering in an enjoyable way how to apply the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals in practice at ports.
- Hard copy and online archive access for your colleagues to our industry-leading [Ports & Harbors magazine](#) as well as our highly informative IAPH Insider bi-weekly newsletter. Executives from our IAPH member ports are featured regularly in both the magazine and the newsletter, with every now member announced to our 4,000 plus global online industry readership who are subscribed to these publications.
- Your inclusion in our IAPH "who-is-who" world port membership directory and exclusive website backend access to the IAPH Annual Report and IAPH archive.
- A special registration fee rate for attending the annual [IAPH World Ports Conference](#), where the world's port community meets to discuss crucial topics around climate and energy, data collaboration, risk and resilience, business innovation and governance. This highly prestigious event features IAPH members as keynote speakers, panellists, moderators and technical committee chairpersons and offers the ultimate networking opportunities in the port industry as it connects with speakers from the UN, IMO, World Bank and other key institutions, CEOs of shipowners, terminal operators, forwarders and shippers.



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