

# **Practical climate change adaptation challenges and good practice solutions for ports**

## **Hybrid workshop**

Hosted by Peel Ports in collaboration with the British Ports Association, the UK Major Ports Group, Maritime UK and City of Glasgow College

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International Maritime Hub, Glasgow, Scotland and on-line

In November 2021, the UK will host COP26, the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, in Glasgow, Scotland. Contracting parties to the Convention will meet to assess progress towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. 'Adaptation and Resilience' is a priority of the UK Presidency in recognition of the need to help people, economies and the environment adapt and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

The COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated the importance of ports and transport in keeping the world supplied with critical goods. Ports, like other forms of transport infrastructure, are potentially vulnerable to the effects of the changing climate, particularly extreme weather. Therefore, it is critical – not just for ports themselves but also for the economies they support – that the sector is well-prepared for climate change. Urgent action is needed to adapt infrastructure and to improve the resilience of both assets and operations.

In order to help promote such action, Peel Ports Group is proud to be hosting a workshop at the International Maritime Hub during COP26, in collaboration with the British Ports Association, the UK Major Ports Group, Maritime UK and City of Glasgow College. The workshop aims to facilitate the exchange of experiences and the sharing of good practice.

## **Draft Programme**

Day one: 1400 – 1700 hours GMT

Welcome

- Gary Doyle, Group Harbour Master, Peel Ports Clydeport, Scotland
- Robert Courts, Maritime Minister, UK Government

Climate change challenges and adaptation experience from the Americas

- Jill Lemke, Manager, Strategic Planning & Special Projects, Maryland Port Administration, USA
- Philip Gibbons, Program Manager, Energy & Sustainability, Port of San Diego, USA
- Gerardo Bessone, Manager of Dredging and Navigational Aids, Management Consortium of the Port of Bahía Blanca, Argentina

Panel discussion

Short break

Harbour masters and pilots: at the frontline

- Captain Yoss Leclerc, Chief of Marine Operations, Port of Quebec, Canada; President, International Harbour Masters' Association
- Gary Doyle, Group Harbour Master, Peel Ports, UK
- Captain John Pearn, Maritime Pilot, Milford Haven Port Authority, UK and Vice President, International Maritime Pilots' Association
- Captain Naresh Sewnath, Senior Manager Pilotage & VTS, Transnet National Ports Authority, South Africa

Panel discussion

Day two: 0830 – 1130 hours GMT

Keynote presentation: Robin Mortimer, Chief Executive Officer, Port of London Authority, UK

Climate change challenges and adaptation experience from Europe and the Middle East

- Joaquim Cortés, Head of Air Quality, Port of Barcelona, Spain
- Marc Eisma, Environmental Management Advisor, Port of Rotterdam
- Piotr Konopka, Senior Manager, Energy & Decarbonisation Programmes, DP World, Dubai

Panel discussion

Short break

Adaptation in practice

- Captain Karuppiyah Subramaniam, General Manager of Port Klang Authority, Malaysia; President, International Association of Ports and Harbors
- Marika Calfas, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Ports, Australia
- Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, UNCTAD
- Jan Brooke, Marine Environment Advisor, Peel Ports Group; Chair PIANC Permanent Task Group on Climate Change

Panel discussion

Closing remarks