

IMO GREEN VOYAGE 2050

Opening Remarks – Add Directorate General of Shipping

Good morning to all distinguished participants, colleagues from the International Maritime Organization, representatives of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, partner institutions, industry stakeholders, and experts.

On behalf of the Directorate General of Shipping, I warmly welcome you to this important session. I thank the International Maritime Organization and all participating stakeholders for their continued engagement with India under the GreenVoyage2050 programme.

India views maritime decarbonisation as a structured and phased transition that must balance environmental ambition with safety, affordability, and operational practicality. In this context, the Ministry is in the process of finalising the National Green Shipping Policy, which is intended to provide a clear and predictable framework covering energy-efficient ships, adoption of alternative fuels, and development of green port infrastructure.

India's selection as a pioneer lead country under the IMO's GreenVoyage2050 programme reflects our commitment to move from policy intent to practical implementation. The pilot and feasibility activities supported under this programme are expected to generate critical evidence on demand, safety, operational readiness, and regulatory requirements for low- and zero-carbon solutions in shipping.

The studies and stakeholder consultations being undertaken under GreenVoyage2050 are particularly valuable in helping identify potential green shipping corridors, priority ports, and phased pilots suited to Indian conditions. These insights will support informed decision-making by regulators, ports, and industry as India advances its decarbonisation pathway.

From a regulatory perspective, the Directorate General of Shipping remains committed to ensuring that safety, compliance with international conventions, and clarity of approval processes remain central as new fuels and technologies are introduced. At the same time, we recognise the importance of coordination across ministries, ports, and industry to enable consistent and timely implementation.

We look forward to constructive discussions and practical recommendations emerging from this session, which will support India's transition towards low- and zero-carbon shipping in a safe, scalable, and internationally aligned manner.

I wish the deliberations every success. Thank you.