



Denmark for IMO Council 2028–2029

Maritime Governance and Global Collaboration is a Necessity for a Sustainable and Inclusive Future

Denmark has submitted its candidacy for election to the IMO Council in Category “C” for 2028–2029. Our longstanding commitment to responsible, efficient and inclusive maritime governance underpins our ambition to strengthen IMO as the undisputed center of gravity for global regulation, cooperation and innovation in the maritime sector.

Enhancing Leadership, Strategic Direction, and Governance

Denmark is dedicated to advancing effective Council leadership and a clear strategic direction for IMO’s work. We are committed to building on IMO’s strong tradition of harmonization and collaboration between the Council, committees, and the Secretariat, aiming to elevate unified approaches that deliver even greater progress on IMO’s priorities.

Denmark will continue the work for effective budget management, ensuring that resources effectively support the Organization’s objectives, facilitating effective long-term planning and enhancing predictability. We prioritize ensuring IMO’s processes and governance remain streamlined, robust, and transparent, while upholding professional integrity and fiscal responsibility. We will continue with close cooperation with all Member States, ensuring technical depth and broad representation in the IMO decision-making processes.

Promoting Transparency and Integration

Denmark has set a benchmark for transparency on maritime regulation and implementation within IMO, pioneering the publication of our IMSAS audit reports in order to foster knowledge-sharing across the Organization. We support the ongoing use of IMSAS outcomes to guide improvements in regulatory instruments and its implementation and actively integrating their findings into technical capacity development.

Championing Capacity Building and Inclusivity

Inclusivity is at the heart of our candidacy. Denmark works to ensure IMO meetings, documentation and processes are accessible and meaningful for all Member States. By supporting IMO’s technical cooperation funds and the IMO-compendium, we facilitate broad participation and capacity building for every voice to be able to contribute to IMO’s mission and the continued evolution of global maritime governance.



Strategic Priorities for IMO's Future

The ability of IMO to address future challenges and seize new opportunities depends on strong, efficient, and harmonized leadership. Only with a Council that is well-coordinated and supported by robust technical expertise can IMO deliver on its adopted strategy and vision — achieving real progress across all committees and meaningful outcomes for the global shipping community. Our engagement to the work of the Organization includes chairing committees, working groups and correspondence groups when needed, demonstrating responsibility and drive.

With this ambition, Denmark looks forward to actively supporting the pursuit of IMO's strategic priorities in the coming years, including:

Maritime Safety and Security

Advancing initiatives that protect seafarers, passengers, and the marine environment. This includes addressing risks from substandard shipping, emerging technologies and cybersecurity.

Green Transition

Supporting implementation of IMO's 2023 GHG Strategy, accelerating the shift towards low-carbon shipping, higher environmental standards, and circular economy principles — ensuring the sector's sustainability and resilience.

Human Factor and Element

Promoting integration of human factors and human-centered design in IMO regulations—ensuring future frameworks address human-machine interaction, practical training, and realities at sea. In parallel, by championing seafarers' well-being, competence, and diversity through innovative education and safe, inclusive workplaces, we secure a future-ready maritime workforce. This approach strengthens safety, well-being, and builds more effective, resilient workplaces as technology evolves.

Administrative Efficiency

Denmark advocates for the reduction of unnecessary administrative burdens, ensuring that IMO's procedures remain efficient, accessible, and facilitate uniform implementation of its instruments across all regions.

By working toward these priorities in a climate of effective and harmonized Council leadership, Denmark aims to strengthen IMO's position as the undisputed center of gravity for maritime governance and deliver lasting, balanced and transparent progress.

We seek the trust of fellow IMO Member States, reaffirming our unwavering commitment to the IMO's mandate. We respectfully ask for your support for Denmark's candidature to IMO Council Category "C" 2028–2029