

## Video for SIDS4 PrepCom

Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

It is an honor to deliver this statement to the Preparatory Conference for the SIDS 4 Conference. My name is Mira Bergem, and I represent the Mærsk McKinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping.

Our Mission is to develop and advocate for both the technical, socio-economic and political solutions required to decarbonize the global shipping sector by 2050.

It is a mission that is highly relevant for SIDS, and for the themes of the SIDS4 conference.

It is a question of **climate**. The shipping sector accounts for 3 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. If it were a country, it would be the 6<sup>th</sup> biggest emitter. Reducing emissions from this sector is critical if we want to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement. And as we know, SIDS are the most vulnerable of all to the consequences of climate change.

It is a question of **economy**. Given their remote locations, most SIDS are deeply dependent on the shipping sector for essential goods needed to sustain their population and economies

In July of last year, governments at the International Maritime Organization unanimously agreed that the shipping sector must reach net zero by or around 2050. This was a huge achievement. We must now ensure that the green shipping transition is inclusive, just and equitable, and that it benefits SIDS and other developing countries,

Decarbonizing the shipping sector is a vital part of creating a resilient blue-green economy. I hope you will consider this as you prepare for the SIDS conference so we can work together to decarbonize this critical industry and reach our global climate targets.

Thank you.

