

*UNOC3 Stakeholder Intervention – Ocean Action Panel 6 – High Ambition Climate Collective*

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this intervention on behalf of the High Ambition Climate Collective.

As founder of HACC, I have the honor of bringing together a global network of port practitioners, industry partners, and community leaders who understand the critical role ports play as catalysts for climate action. Ports and their partners have the power to turn ambition into action—advancing the IMO’s GHG reduction strategy while building a future that is just, equitable, resilient, and economically sustainable.

To succeed in this mission, ports must rise boldly—they must lead with urgency, innovation, collaboration, and courage. And they must do so with comprehensive climate strategies, planning and implementation—considering mitigation, adaptation, and resilience as equally important. Ports must support the decarbonization of transport and landside operations while fortifying shoreside infrastructure, protecting frontline communities, enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem health, improving public health, and investing in a skilled, future-ready workforce. These actions cannot be pursued in silos—they are deeply interconnected, and together, they unlock the triple bottom line: people, planet, and profit.

Ports around the world have shown great leadership in recent years—electrifying terminals, piloting green shipping corridors, deploying clean hydrogen hubs, and addressing threats to their coastal ecosystem and biodiversity. But these efforts must scale—quickly, and together. No port should be left behind because of geography, size, or capacity. We need policies, partnerships, and finance that equip every port to lead and succeed.

This is the moment. The technologies are here. The urgency is a blaring alarm. What’s needed now is high ambition—and collective action.

The future of maritime transport begins at the port. Let it be one that delivers—for our climate, our communities, and our shared prosperity—for our children and all generations to come.

Thank you.