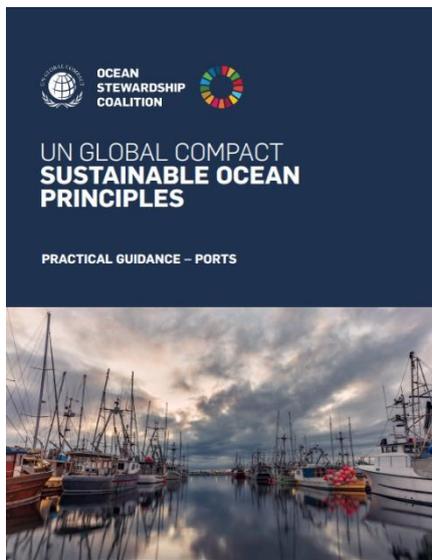


Practical Port Guidance on Sustainable Ocean Principles Report Finalized & Launched



The United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) is a strategic initiative that supports global companies that are committed to responsible business practices in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment, and corruption. This UN-led initiative promotes activities that contribute to sustainable development goals to create a better world.

As part of its focus on the environment and sustainable development, the UNGC has developed a set of nine (9) Sustainable Ocean Principles. These principles aim at promoting the well-being of the ocean for current and future generations, and to emphasize the shared responsibility of businesses to take necessary actions to secure a healthy and productive ocean. Companies signing on to the Sustainable Ocean Principles commit to assess their impact on the ocean and integrate them into their overall strategy. The Sustainable

Ocean Principles provide a framework for responsible business practices in the ocean and are supported by sector specific guidance documents.

The guidances provide a set of actions which can be implemented, exemplified by inspirational good practices and have been developed for a range of ocean industries including aquaculture, fisheries, offshore renewable energy, offshore oil and gas, shipping and shipyards.

The UNGC has developed new Practical Guidance on Ports which were launched recently at COP 28 in December 2023. As outlined on their website, this Practical Guidance seeks to demonstrate a range of aspirational possibilities for all ports and serves as a prompt to find ways to overcome barriers to achieve greater sustainability performance. The Guidance has been structured along six themes; three of which are derived directly from the Sustainable Ocean Principles as well as three additional themes that are of particular relevance to ports: Climate Resilience, Just Energy Transition, and Finance.

PIANC - through the PTGCC – was involved in providing strategic advice and input into the development of the guidance, which in turn references and calls up a number of PIANC working group guidelines and advice notes related to sustainability, environment and climate change.

The UNGC Practical Guidance on Ports is available to download free at the UNGC website: <https://ungc-communications-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/docs/publications/UNGC-Practical%20Guidance-Ports.pdf>.

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