



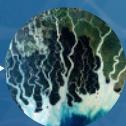
BANGLADESH seeks your support
in the **IMO COUNCIL Election 2025**
for Re-Election to **Category-C**
for 2026-2027

BANGLADESH **FOR SHARED** **MARITIME** **PROSPERITY**

Bangladesh, being a littoral state of the Bay of Bengal, is dedicated to ensuring international maritime safety, security, and environmental protection.

Membership of the IMO Council will enable Bangladesh to play an active role in securing the interests of the member states through its long-standing experience in international maritime governance.

MARITIME BANGLADESH



Largest Delta
in the world



8th largest nation in
terms of population, represents
2.21% of the global
population



Continental Shelf
Spanning approximately
37,000 sq. km with
depths of up to 50 m



95% of the country's
international trade is carried
out by sea



More than
130 million tonnes
of cargo are handled every year



Bangladesh is to graduate
from LDC in 2026



World Economics estimates
Bangladesh's 2024 GDP at
\$2.14 trillion in PPP



More than 5,000
foreign-flagged ships
dock annually. Home of more than
21000 various types of coastal
and inland vessels



Maritime territory is estimated
to cover **118,813 sq. km**,
including a continental shelf



Over **3 million TEUs**
of containers are handled per year



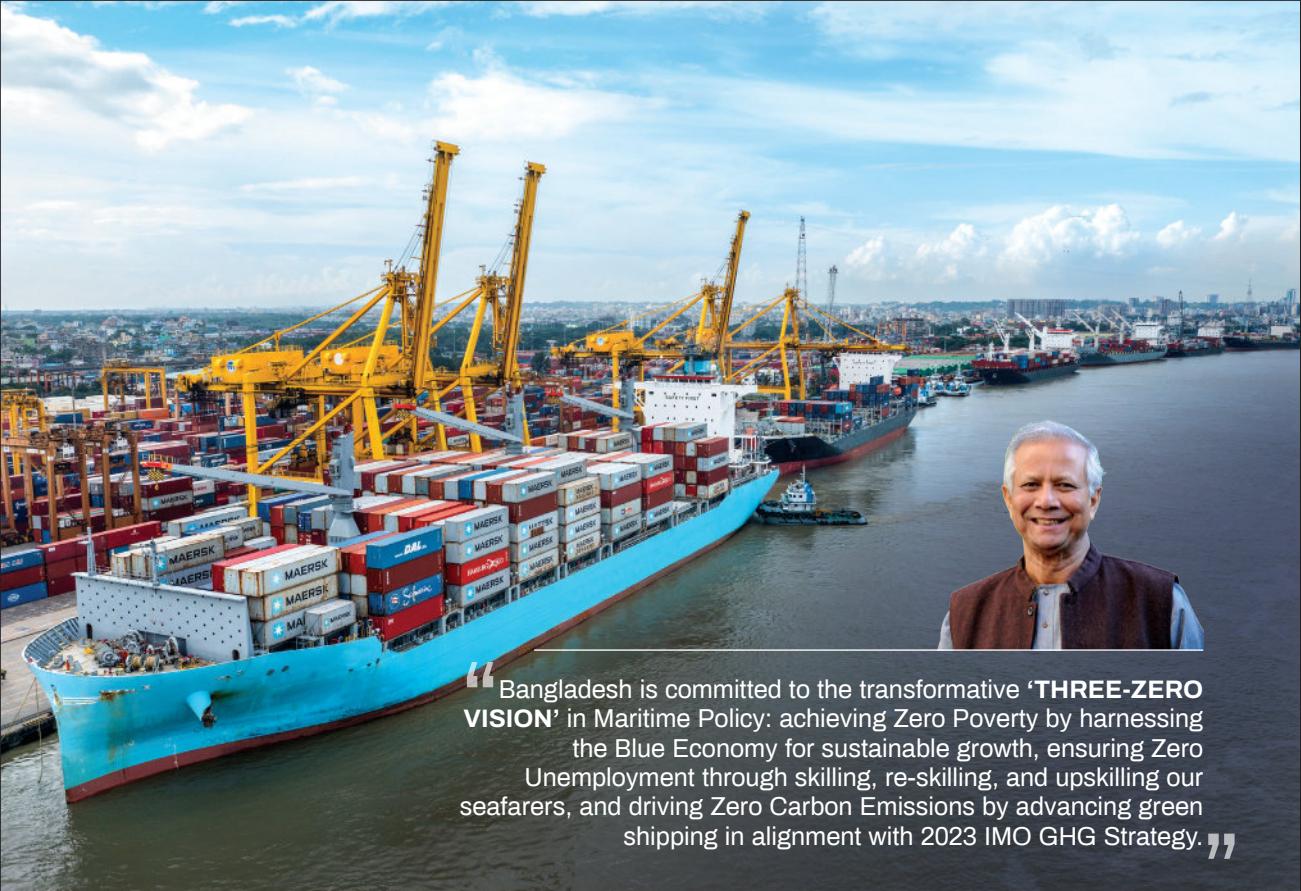
Nearly **29%** of the population
are living in the coastal area,
covering **47,201 km²**



Over **100** female seafarers
have been recruited since 2012



IMO member since
1976 and enacted
26 IMO Conventions/Protocols



“ Bangladesh is committed to the transformative ‘**THREE-ZERO VISION**’ in Maritime Policy: achieving Zero Poverty by harnessing the Blue Economy for sustainable growth, ensuring Zero Unemployment through skilling, re-skilling, and upskilling our seafarers, and driving Zero Carbon Emissions by advancing green shipping in alignment with 2023 IMO GHG Strategy. ”

BANGLADESH

Preserving Maritime Heritage and Commitment to Global Maritime Safety

Bangladesh, a nation with a rich maritime history, stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of seafaring tradition. In centuries past, our craftsmanship in shipbuilding earned acclaim across Europe and beyond. As a member of the IMO, Bangladesh holds a steadfast commitment to ensuring safety, security, and environmental protection within the realm of international shipping.

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Towards a Blue Economy and Sustainable Growth

Bangladesh has successfully delimited its maritime boundaries, securing a vast sea area of 118,813 sq. km, unlocking the potential for a vibrant **Blue Economy**.

Bangladesh's maritime sector, covering a vast coastal zone that is 32% of Bangladesh's land, is a key driver behind our economic growth. With over 10,000 km of inland waterways, a thriving port system, and strategic infrastructure projects, Bangladesh aspires to become a trillion-dollar economy by 2030.



BANGLADESH

Committed to Maritime Education and Training

Bangladesh is dedicated to maritime education and training, upholding the Standard Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention. Bangladesh host the world's 9th Maritime University and collaborate with international institutions to provide excellence in maritime education.

 Mutual recognition of seafarers'
Certificate of Competency with 30 maritime
nations including the European Union

 One
Maritime
University



15
Maritime
Training
Institute



21,000
Seafarers
Produced
So Far

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Triggering the Entry into Force of the Hong Kong Convention

- The leading ship recycling nation, averaging 3.77 million tonnes LDT annually.
- Bangladesh acceded to the Hong Kong International Convention (HKC) in June 2023, demonstrating its commitment to sustainability.
- Bangladesh holds a prominent position in ship recycling, contributing 40-50% of global ship recycling.
- Bangladesh is committed to supporting IMO-NORAD led SENSREC projects.
- 17 HKC-compliant shipbreaking yards are currently operational, with 7 more in the process of obtaining certification.
- An average of 185 ships are recycled annually, generating a turnover of USD 2.4 billion.





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Promoting the Human Element and Gender Equality

Since 2012, Bangladesh has been training female seafarers, with over 100 women recruited for various roles, including navigation officers, marine engineers, and senior management positions. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bangladesh recognised seafarers as key workers, ensuring their well-being and facilitating their repatriation.

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Connecting Neighbours

Bangladesh plays a vital role in connecting landlocked neighbouring countries and north eastern states of India to international shipping routes. We maintain close ties with global organisations and have chaired significant maritime bodies, reflecting our commitment to international cooperation.



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In collaboration with the IMO



Bangladesh, presently a Category-C member of the IMO council has previously served as a Category -C member from 1981 to 1987 and a Category-B member from 2002 to 2017.



Bangladesh is actively navigating towards achieving the SDGs through various initiatives.



Bangladesh provides annual scholarships, including women cadets from LDCs and SIDS.



Bangladesh actively participates in various UN-specialised bodies.



Bangladesh has acceded to/ratified 26 IMO conventions/protocols.

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Committed to Protecting the Marine Environment and Addressing Global Climate Change

As a victim of climate change, Bangladesh is committed to mitigating its impact. Our “Maritime Bangladesh 2050 Decarbonisation Blueprint” aligns with IMO’s strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in shipping. Bangladesh is committed to adopting cleaner energy, automation, and digitalisation in ports and terminals, aiming for net zero emissions by 2050.

BANGLADESH's Commitments

- Actively participates in the IMO's Climate Change and Zero-Carbon initiatives, reduction of plastic litter, and protects the interests of LDCs and SIDS.
- Implement IMO conventions and protocols that promote safe, secure and efficient shipping for cleaner oceans.
- Partner with other LDCs to achieve the SDGs by 2030.
- Initiate effort to build consensus and act as a bridge between developed and developing countries to minimise the gaps.
- Foster mutual cooperation among all the member states in order to maintain the IMO instruments at their optimal level.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR VOTE

We kindly request your valuable support in the **IMO ELECTION 2025** for shared maritime prosperity.



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