



CANDIDATE OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR ELECTION TO THE IMO COUNCIL

SOUTH AFRICA

“Partnering for Safe, Secure, Sustainable and Inclusive Maritime Development”

South Africa’s Candidature to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council Membership



Under Category C For the 2026-2027 Term



A STRATEGIC MARITIME NATION

- Has a long maritime history and heritage stretching back over 300 years
- Gateway to Africa: positioned at the intersection of major east-west and north-south trade routes
- Close on 30 million square km of a Search and Rescue region extending to Antarctica, with its Long- Range Identification and Tracking of Ship’s Data Centre catering for several countries in the region
- Eight (8) specialised commercial ports along a 3000km coastline (3900, including Prince Edward and Marion Islands) serving as key enablers of regional and global trade
- State-of-the-art infrastructure and maritime services supporting international shipping, bunkering, ship repair, and marine manufacturing

A RELIABLE AND ACTIVE IMO PARTNER

- Member State of the IMO since 1995, and member of the IMO Council for the period 2005-2021
- Established Permanent Mission in London led by the High Commissioner, supported by an Alternate Permanent Representative
- Vice-Chair of the IMO Council for the period 2005-2015, current Chair of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and its Jeddah Amendment (DCoC/JA), and chaired various Working and Drafting Groups of the Organisation, contributing meaningfully to global maritime governance and regulation
- Host of the 2022 World Maritime Day Parallel Event in Durban, showcasing Africa's growing role in global maritime affairs, Diplomatic conference that adopted the Cape Town Agreement, and 6th High-Level meeting on the Implementation of Jeddah Amendments to the Djibouti Code of Conduct
- Advocate and supporter of IMO Technical Cooperation programmes, facilitating regional maritime training and awareness

A VOTE FOR SOUTH AFRICA IS A VOTE FOR

- Champions for building a safe, secure, sustainable and efficient shipping sector
- The only candidate for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region for the 2026-2027 biennium, promoting the IMO's principle of ensuring regional representation in Council
- Enhanced African voice in council, strengthening global collaboration and multilateralism
- Continued leadership and reliable partner in maritime regulation
- Promotion and support for maritime development, enhancing maritime education, training and skills development, especially for developing countries, LDCs and SIDS
- Inclusivity and Gender Equality, commitment to advancing a diverse, inclusive and gender-equal maritime sector, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially:

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

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