

# NEWSLETTER

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## Supporting 6PAC+ Engagement at IMO

The Micronesia Center for Sustainable Transport (MCST) continue to provide technical support to the 6PAC+ Alliance during the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) 21st Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 21) and the 84th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 84) meetings, helping Pacific Small Island Developing States advance their priorities in negotiations on the future of global shipping.

A key outcome of MEPC 84 was the continued advancement of the IMO Net-Zero Framework, which remains central to efforts to decarbonize international shipping and implement the IMO's 2023 Greenhouse Gas Strategy.

While negotiations remain ongoing, the framework's progression represents an important step toward establishing a global system to reduce emissions from the maritime sector.

Throughout the negotiations, MCST supported the 6PAC+ Alliance through technical analysis, policy advice, and strategic coordination.

This assistance enabled Pacific delegates to engage effectively in complex discussions on greenhouse gas reduction measures, fuel standards, and economic mechanisms designed to accelerate the transition to cleaner shipping.

By strengthening the technical capacity of Pacific negotiators and supporting a coordinated regional position, MCST helped ensure that the voices of climate-vulnerable island nations remained influential in shaping the future of international maritime policy.

As negotiations continue, MCST remains committed to supporting Pacific leadership and advocating for an ambitious, equitable, and effective transition to a net-zero shipping sector.

# ISWG GHG 21 & MEPC 84 HIGHLIGHTS



## On the ground



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1. The MCST team providing technical support to the 6PAC+ group

The support helps strengthen the participation and influence of Pacific Small Island Developing States in global - maritime decision making.



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2. Members of the Tuvalu delegation with MCST's Pierre-Jean Bordahandy (far left) during a break in proceedings at the IMO main plenary rooms. These intervals provided valuable opportunities to exchange perspectives, assess developments from the negotiations and coordinate strategic next steps to advance shared priorities.



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3. Members of the Fiji delegation with MCST Co-Directors, Maria Sahib (standing far right) and Aileen Sefeti (standing far left) at the IMO main plenary room. The gathering provided an opportunity to connect and strengthen collaboration in support of Fiji's engagement and priorities.



## Behind the Scenes



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4. Lead Media & Strategic Communications for Caribbean Shipping Lanes (CSL) Project, Nyus Alfred (left) featuring on the JET News Podcast hosted by John Taukave of MCST recorded at the IMO headquarters in London. This episode forms part of the ongoing collaboration between the CSL Project and MCST to raise awareness of common maritime challenges faced by Small Island Developing States and to amplify the regional perspective on sustainable maritime development. [Click here to watch ...](#)



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5. Kyrie Lalauvaki (left) and Natasha Chan during one of the daily recordings of JET Reflections held throughout the week for MEPC 84. In these special daily episodes, they provided live updates and key insights from the day's sessions, keeping audience informed of the latest developments and discussions.

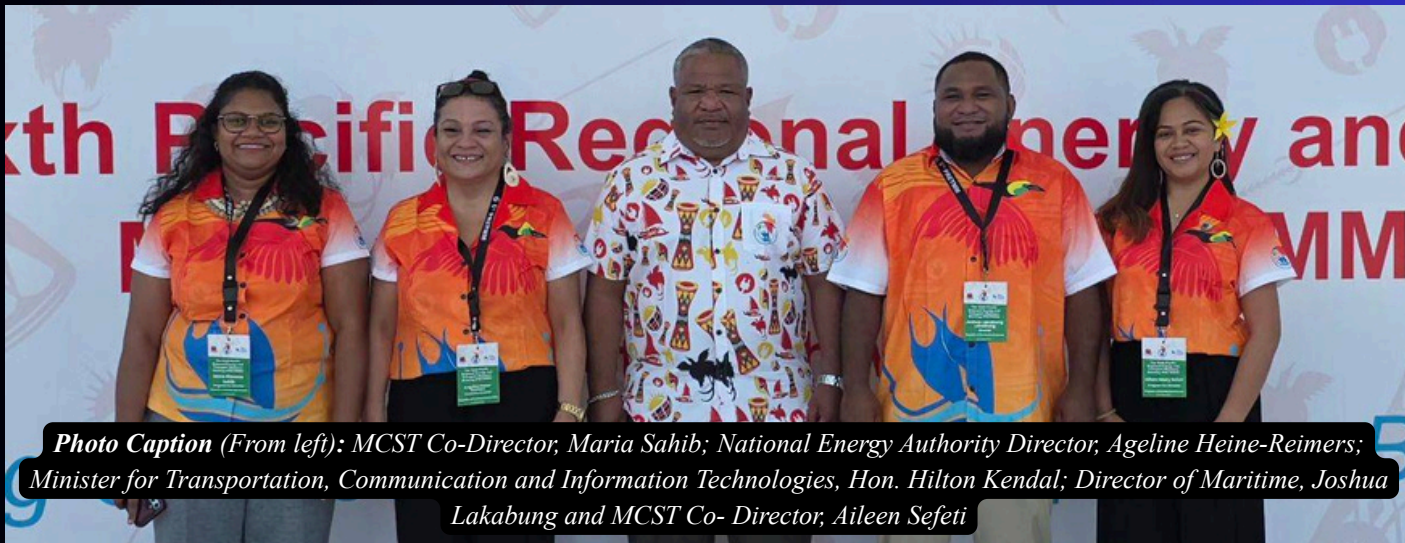


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6. Team 6PAC+ during one of their daily debrief sessions, facilitated by MCST. These meetings provided an important opportunity for the team to reflect on the day's discussions and outcomes, share key lessons learned and align on priorities and strategies for the days ahead. As a critical part of the team's engagement process, the MCST-led debriefs helped ensure members remained informed, coordinated, and well-prepared for the next round of negotiations and activities.

# EVENTS

## Sixth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' Meeting (PRETMM6)



**Photo Caption** (From left): MCST Co-Director, Maria Sahib; National Energy Authority Director, Ageline Heine-Reimers; Minister for Transportation, Communication and Information Technologies, Hon. Hilton Kendall; Director of Maritime, Joshua Lakabung and MCST Co- Director, Aileen Sefeti

The Micronesia Center for Sustainable Transport (MCST) supported the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) delegation, led by Minister for Transportation, Communication and Information Technologies Hon. Hilton Kendall, at the Sixth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' Meeting (PRETMM6) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Held under the theme "Scaling Connectivity for a Prosperous Blue Pacific," the meeting brought together Pacific leaders and partners to advance regional priorities in energy security, transport connectivity, and climate resilience.

MCST provided technical expertise on sustainable maritime transport and shipping decarbonization,

while also updating participants on its support to Pacific governments in international maritime climate negotiations, including technical assistance to the 6PAC+ Alliance at the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

A key outcome of the meeting was the endorsement of the Manubada Call to Action, which calls for stronger regional cooperation and connectivity across the energy and transport sectors.

Ministers also endorsed the Pacific One Maritime Framework (POMF) 2026–2050 and the Framework for Energy Security and Resilience in the Pacific (FESRIP) 2.0.

The POMF aims to strengthen maritime safety, security, climate resilience, environmental protection, regional cooperation, and capacity building, while promoting gender equality and social inclusion.

Ministers also adopted the Pacific Women in Maritime Strategy 2026–2031 to support greater participation and leadership of women in the maritime sector.

MCST remains committed to supporting Pacific governments and partners in advancing sustainable transport, climate action, and resilient development across the Blue Pacific.

## International Day for Women in Maritime 2026



The Micronesia Center for Sustainable Transport joined the global community in celebrating women in maritime across the Pacific and around the world on May 18.

Under the 2026 International Day for Women in Maritime theme, "From Policy to Practice: Advancing Gender Equality for Maritime Excellence," we recognized the importance of translating commitments into meaningful action and creating inclusive opportunities for women throughout the maritime

sector—from leadership and policymaking to seafaring, transport, and community development.

On this International Day for Women in Maritime, MCST celebrated the achievements, dedication, and leadership of women throughout the Pacific and beyond. Together, we reaffirmed our commitment to advancing gender equality and empowering more women to thrive and lead in maritime careers and communities.

# HIGHLIGHTS



**1** JET NEWS PODCAST TALANOA



**2** WEBINAR 02/2026



**3** WEBINAR 03/2026



**4** PBSP INAUGURAL MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING IN MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLANDS

1. MCST launched a new podcast series, Talanoa with the Traveling Diplomat, hosted by John "Jay-J" Taukave. [Click here to watch the latest episode .....](#)

2. This webinar from 08 April 2026 explores the current maritime technologies available to the Pacific region and discusses future pathways to support a more sustainable, low carbon shipping sector. [Click here to watch .....](#)

3. This webinar, held on 14 May 2026, explored perspectives from different regions on the adoption of NZF and the pathway toward delivering on the IMO's 2023 Strategy. [Click here to watch .....](#)

4. Transport Ministers and senior government officials, from across the Pacific will convene in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands, for the inaugural Pacific Blue Shipping Partnership Ministerial Meeting from 09–11 June 2026. [Read more .....](#)