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To: All IMO Member States and Associate Members
United Nations and specialized agencies
Intergovernmental organizations
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Subject: **Technical Seminar on Marine Biofuels, 12 February 2026**

1 The Marine Environment Division, in particular the Future Fuels and Technology (FFT) Project, is organizing a Technical Seminar on Marine Biofuels, scheduled to take place on Thursday 12 February 2026 at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR, in the margins of the 13th session of the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 13).

2 The aim of the one-day Technical Seminar, designed to be informative, is to enhance the understanding and share recent experiences in the use of biofuels as a low GHG marine fuel. The provisional programme for the Seminar is set out in the annex. More detailed information regarding programme and speakers will be circulated in due course.

3 A limited number of speaker slots are available and interested Member States and organizations are invited to nominate speakers and inform the Secretariat by email at futurefuels@imo.org by **14 December 2025**, at the latest.

4 Seminar participants will be subject to the Code of Conduct for Delegates, Observers and Other Participants at IMO Meetings, Events and Activities to Prevent Harassment including Sexual Harassment (see Circular Letter No.4908 of 20 August 2024).

5 The Technical Seminar will be conducted as an in-person event at IMO Headquarters, with hybrid support for remote participation, and in English only without interpretation.

6 To participate, registration is required by **5 February 2026** using the following link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/s63t0q7sg6>. In case of any further queries, please email the FFT Project team at futurefuels@imo.org.

ANNEX

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE
TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON BIOFUELS**

Topic and contents	Speakers
Setting the Scene – IMO’s ruleset and policies relevant for the use of biofuels	
Session 1: State-of-play in the use of biofuels (11:00-12:30)	
Recent experiences in the use of biofuels as a marine fuel Q&A	Ship owners, ship builders, R&D-pilot programmes, etc.
Session 2: Biofuels production and certification (14:00-15:30)	
Sustainability themes and aspects, availability, third-party certification, etc. Q&A	Producers, certifiers, Flag administrations, classification societies, NGOs, etc.
Session 3: Biofuels markets dynamics (16:00-17:30)	
Current markets insights on marine biofuels prices, investors perspectives, etc. Q&A	Biofuels suppliers, ports, market analysts, financial institutions, etc