

# 2nd Sustainable Maritime International Conference (SMIC) 2025

*themed “Sailing Toward a Sustainable Future”*  
**Ritz Carlton Hotel, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

The 2nd Sustainable Maritime International Conference (SMIC), themed “Sailing Toward a Sustainable Future,” was held on September 3–4, 2025, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Jeddah, KSA. The prestigious event took place under the patronage of His Excellency Engr. Saleh Bin Nasser Al-Jasser, Minister of Transport and Logistics Services and Chairman of the Transport General Authority Board. Among the notable attendees were IMO Secretary-General HE Mr. Arsenio Dominguez and IALA Secretary-General HE Mr. Francis Zachariae.





As one of the plenary speakers and panel discussants, Dr. Baylon was honored to be part of an exceptional team of experts—Ignasi, Hamdy, Ambirsh, and Marwan—in a discussion on green finance and the evolving roles of maritime insurance. Their session explored the transition from traditional insurance to green insurance within the broader context of maritime sustainability.

The discussion was skillfully moderated by CEO Ignasi Ferrer from Spain, who directed questions to Dr. Baylon from the perspective of an academic and researcher, while the other panelists contributed insights from the standpoints of operations, business, regulation, and policymaking.

Congratulations to the organizers (TGA) Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the patronage of His Excellency Engr. Saleh Bin Nasser Al-Jasser, Minister of Transport and Logistics Services and Chairman of the Transport General Authority Board. It was truly insightful and thought-provoking, focusing on global maritime sustainability.





### Panel Discussion

01 The Evolving Role Of Insurance And Green Finance In Sustainable Maritime Growth

3:40pm - 4:10pm



**Hamdy Rakha**  
Manager of Regional Business Development for the Middle East and Africa  
American Bureau of shipping (ABS)



**Angelica M Baylon**  
Director  
Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific



**Ambrish Bansal**  
Senior VP & Global Head  
Management Consulting & ESG Advisory  
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**Malik AlabdulQader**  
Head of Sustainability in Saudi Arabia  
DNV



**Marwan Juma Mubarak**  
Deputy CEO  
Mubarak Group



**Ignasi Ferrer**  
CEO and co-founder  
Ocean Ecostructures

MODERATOR

Dr. Baylon was honored to be a part of and have witnessed the amazing event as one of the invited speakers and panel discussants.



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## Fellowship Dinner at Ritz Carlton Hotel

A fellowship dinner was graciously hosted by TGA President and Vice Minister of Transport and Logistics Services, HE Dr. Rumaih Bin Mohammed Al Rumaih (pictured in the gold robe). The occasion provided a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones, including the Saudi focal point for WMU delegations, Prof. Dr. Khanssa Lagdam; WMU President, Dr. Max Mejia; WMU Professor, Dr. Dmitrius Daiklis; WMU Research Associate, Dr. Anas Almoush; and WMU PhD student, Ann Ibuna Pastrana.



