

## **Cargill Global Head of Operations James Lewis elected as new Sea Cargo Charter Chair**

**Geneva, 5 May 2026** – The Sea Cargo Charter (SCC) brought signatories together in Geneva last week for its sixth annual meeting, hosted by Bunge. The meeting marked a forward-looking step, as signatories explored how to build on SCC’s strong foundation and further strengthen its role in advancing climate transparency across the industry.

**James Lewis, Global Head of Operations at Cargill**, was appointed as the new Chair of the Sea Cargo Charter. Cargill, one of the world’s largest bulk shipping and freight-trading organisations, is a founding signatory of SCC, and two Cargill representatives have previously served in the role of Chair and Vice Chair.

“I am very excited to be taking on the role of Chair of the Sea Cargo Charter, particularly at such a pivotal time for both the Association and the wider industry. Regulatory delays only increase the importance of credible, voluntary climate disclosure frameworks, and our signatories are leading the way in transparently working towards decarbonising their operations,” said Mr. Lewis.

**Engebret Dahm, CEO of Klaveness Combination Carriers**, will continue as Vice Chair and Treasurer, having graciously stepped in as interim Chair in mid-2025.

“We know the shipping industry must decarbonise—that goal post hasn’t changed. In my new role as Vice Chair and Treasurer, I’m proud to continue representing this group of shipowners and charterers voluntarily choosing to be accountable at a time when many are choosing silence. I encourage forward-looking shipowners and charterers to join us in that mission,” said Mr. Dahm.

The SCC steering committee now comprises 14 signatories: ADM, Anglo American, Bunge, Cargill Ocean Transportation, Copenhagen Commercial Platform, Dow, Emirates Global Aluminium, Equinor, Klaveness Combination Carriers, Louis Dreyfus Company, Norden, South 32, TotalEnergies and Trafigura Maritime Logistics.

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## **About the Sea Cargo Charter**

The Sea Cargo Charter is a global framework for assessing and disclosing the climate alignment of chartering activities. It establishes a common, global baseline to quantitatively assess and disclose whether chartering activities are in line with climate goals set by the UN maritime agency, the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The Sea Cargo Charter is one of the initiatives based on the same four Principles and developed with the Global Maritime Forum. Together with the Poseidon Principles, they share a common objective: fostering transparency on emissions reporting with the aim of contributing to reducing carbon emissions. [Learn more here.](#)