



## Call for Engagement

### The AMLRN Annual Symposium 2025: Sustainable Maritime Supply Chain Opportunities in the Presence of Growing Protectionism

#### Context

In an era marked by intensifying geopolitical tensions, trade barriers, and economic nationalism, the maritime supply chain is navigating a period of profound transformation. At the same time, the urgency of the climate crisis and the global push for net-zero emissions have placed sustainability at the forefront of supply chain strategy. This dual pressure presents both significant challenges and unprecedented opportunities for innovation.

This symposium explores the intersection of **protectionism and sustainability** in the maritime logistics sector. While protectionist policies can disrupt global supply flows, reroute trade lanes, and increase regulatory complexity, they also serve as catalysts for regional resilience, green shipping corridors, and sustainable procurement strategies.

The symposium will delve into how maritime logistics companies e.g. shipping lines, ports, etc. and policymakers can leverage this shifting landscape to accelerate the adoption of low-carbon technologies, digital transparency, and circular logistics practices. By bringing together industry leaders, researchers, and policymakers, this event will foster a critical dialogue on redefining competitiveness in a protectionist world, not through isolation, but through strategic, sustainable transformation.

It is in this context that the **AMLRN Annual Symposium 2025** will be an excellent opportunity for AMLRN members and other prospective participants to get together and exchange practical experience, research results, ideas, commentary and feedback in various forms of engagement, like paper presentation, case study presentation, panel discussion, etc. Topics include, among others, the following:

- Resilient and reconfigured maritime logistics in global supply chains,
- Sustainable maritime logistics in global supply chains,
- AI for decision-making and sustainable innovation in maritime industries
- Maritime logistics in a time of geopolitical uncertainties,
- Impact of Protectionism on the Adoption of Industry 5.0 in Maritime Supply Chains
- Maritime cybersecurity,
- Automation in port and shipping,

- Digital transformation in the maritime industry (i.e. maritime single window, port community systems, etc.),
- Emission accounting and reporting,
- Human-centric maritime logistics design,
- Human factors and future of work in the maritime industry,
- Circular economy in ports,
- Decarbonization of the maritime industry,
- National strategic fleet,
- Other related topics.

We would like to call for participation from AMLRN academic and industry members and your affiliates in the **AMLRN Annual Symposium 2025** with the theme of **Sustainable Maritime Supply Chain Opportunities in the Presence of Growing Protectionism**. The Symposium will be held using the hybrid mode on **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2025**, and proudly hosted by the Centre for Sustainable Operations and Resilient Supply Chains (CSORSC), Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Resources (ISER) & Adelaide Business School (ABS) at the University of Adelaide.

### Important dates

- Submission of extended abstract (500 words max): June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Notification of acceptance: July 28<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline for registration for presenters: Sep 28<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline for registration for audience: Oct 26<sup>th</sup>
- Submission of PPT slides: Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Symposium date: Nov 27<sup>th</sup>
- Submission of extended paper to Cleaner Logistics and Supply Chain (CLSCN): 31 Dec 2025

### Registration

Please register your engagement in the AMLRN Annual Symposium 2025 using the following URL: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-amlrn-annual-symposium-2025>



### Abstracts & Presentation Slides

Please submit your abstracts and presentation slides to: [amlrn.2025.submit@gmail.com](mailto:amlrn.2025.submit@gmail.com)

### Further information

For further information (presentation of paper, abstract, case study, and panel discussion, general audience etc.) please contact the AMLRN Annual Symposium 2025 Chair / Organising Committee:

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