

Middle East Bunkering Convention 2026



POST EVENT REPORT

Balancing act: managing near-term challenges and future strategies





Event Attendance

MEBC 26 asked what “business as usual” looked like for the marine fuels sector as profit margins continued to come under pressure, sanctions regimes tightened, and US tariffs—and counter-tariffs—had the potential to disrupt global trade flows.

Speakers at the conference considered how traders, physical suppliers, and ship owners and operators were faring in a business climate where geopolitical and economic uncertainty had become the norm. The changing dynamics of the Middle East bunker sector, with players entering and exiting the market, were also front and centre in MEBC discussions in 2026.

Information on the conference agenda and speaker line-up can be found here: [MEBC26 Speakers](#)

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ATTENDED

30

EXPERT
SPEAKERS

73

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We are delighted to announce that GTT is supporting the Middle East Bunkering Convention as a Silver Sponsor.

Now in its 11th year, MEBC 26 will debate the many and complex issues impacting the marine fuels industry, from both a regional and a global perspective.

As regulatory levers come into play, the bunker industry must manage its conventional fuels business while laying the groundwork for what is to come in terms of new energy choices as shipping considers its options for compliance with

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Delegate Feedback

“#MEBC26 sparked great conversations around marine fuels and the direction the industry is heading. Glad to have gained fresh perspectives and connected with insightful professionals who made the event worthwhile.”

- *Rimza Ghauri, Bunker Supply Trader, Sing Fuels*

“Big thanks to ship.energy for some genuinely interesting days in Dubai during the Middle East Bunker Convention.

Challenging times, but also an important moment for the industry to raise standards and rebuild trust.”

- *Christer Benjaminsen, Trading Manager hos, Bergen Bunkers AS*

“Two amazing days at #MEBC26 representing Hormuz Marine, connecting with industry peers, exchanging valuable insights, and building meaningful collaborations.

Grateful for the conversations, new perspectives, and opportunities that continue to shape the future of the maritime energy sector.”

- *Qusai Alshidi, Bunker Specialist, Hormuz Marine*

“Attending MEBC 2026 in Dubai was an inspiring experience in my journey as a young maritime entrepreneur.

Over two days of high-level dialogue, I gained a deeper understanding of how the bunker trading landscape is being reshaped — from market volatility and shifting competitive dynamics to the imperative of digitalisation, transparency and risk-resilient trading practices as industry fundamentals. Experts also debated how the sector balances today’s conventional fuel realities with preparations for decarbonisation and future fuel pathways.”

- *Samarth Jadeja, Founder / Co-Owner ASK Tankers DMCC*

“It was a privilege to participate in the Leadership Panel at last week’s Middle East Bunkering Convention in Dubai. My thanks to the ship.energy team for convening an important discussion at a pivotal time for our industry, and to my fellow panellists Claudia Beumer, Chris Turner, Rahul Choudhuri and Ludovic Laffineur for such an open and forward looking exchange.

Our session focused on the future of leadership in bunkering and the evolving role of bunker trading in an increasingly digital environment. Today, +50% of all bunker stems are managed through intermediaries. The central question we addressed was whether this structure remains fit for purpose as AI, data transparency and digital platforms reshape commercial models across our industry.”

- *Kenneth Dam, Global Head of Bunkering, TFG Marine*



Networking

The photos capture the vibrant networking atmosphere at MEBC 2026 with delegates engaging in conversation, exchanging ideas, and building new connections. They reflect a friendly yet professional environment where industry peers came together to collaborate and strengthen partnerships.



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