

**Programme – Webinar Jointly Organized by TUDAV and NIMA**  
**05 December 2022 (Monday)**

**“Blue Economy and Sharing Experiences of Türkiye-Pakistan Maritime Sectors”**  
**Concept Note**

Oceans are the source of life, while a healthy marine ecosystem is vital for the sustainability of our planet. Oceans provide food and livelihoods to a significant portion of the global population. At the same time, 80% of international trade is transported through oceans, propelling the engines of the blue economy.

The concept of the blue economy is based on the sustainable use of ocean resources and the development of ocean-based industries through green initiatives. The challenges in the maritime domain, such as climate change, overfishing, marine pollution, and loss of biodiversity, are now at the top of the national agendas of many countries. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG-14, "Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development," is particularly relevant in this regard. Therefore, there is a dire need to address these challenges to develop a sustainable marine environment.

Türkiye and Pakistan are both Maritime Nations, and their economies heavily depend on their oceans and ocean resources.

Keeping the significance of blue economy and maritime cooperation in perspective, the Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV), and National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) of Pakistan, are jointly hosting a webinar on the theme of "**Blue Economy and Sharing Experiences of Türkiye-Pakistan Maritime Sectors**" to gain mutual understanding of Pakistan-Türkiye maritime experiences and to provide expert policy recommendations on blue economy and maritime cooperation.

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event / Speaker / Topic</u></b>
09:45-10:00	Guests Join Online
10:00-10:05	Recitation From Holy Quran organized by <b>DG NIMA</b>
10:05-10:10	Introduction / Remarks by Moderator, <b>Cdre (Retd) (Emekli TugAmiral) Bilal Abdul NASIR - Director NIMA</b>
10:10-10:20	Opening Address by <b>DG NIMA</b>
10:20-10:30	“Regional Cooperation and Role of International Organizations” by <b>Admiral Mustafa IPTES - TUDAV Maritime Advisor</b>
10:30-10:40	“Pakistan’s Blue Economy: An Overview” by <b>Cdre (Retd) (Emekli TugAmiral) Ali ABBAS - Director NIMA Karachi</b>
10:40-10:50	“Blue Economy and Growth in Türkiye” by <b>Prof. Dr. Barış SALİHOĞLU - Director of the METU Institute of Marine Sciences</b>
10:50-11:00	“Aquaculture and Fisheries: Turkish Experience” by <b>Dr. Hayri DENİZ</b>
11:00-11:10	“Prospects of Gwadar Port as Transshipment and Transit Hub” by <b>Cdre (Retd) (Emekli TugAmiral) Dr. Anjum SARFARAZ - Senior Research Fellow NIMA Islamabad</b>
11:10-11:20	“Ocean Literacy and TUDAV’s Activities” by <b>Dr. Elif OZGUR – TUDAV Board Member</b>
11:20-11:30	Concluding Remarks by <b>Head of TUDAV, Prof. Dr. Bayram OZTURK</b>

**Notes:**

1. The Webinar will be conducted through Zoom. Settings may be issued by TUDAV or NIMA (as considered appropriate).
2. The timings mentioned above are Türkiye Local Time