

Conference Abstracts & Biographies

6A – Investinblue – Ports and Terminals and their commitment to infrastructure and investment

WSP – New environmental sustainability priorities for UK ports and terminals and the need for faster action on adaptation to climate change

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Charles advises port companies and developers on complex projects in the coastal and marine space in terms of environment, social (E&S), HSE, sustainability, energy, GHG emissions and climate change risk aspects. His practical operational experience comes from working in container terminals for DP World (Global Environment Manager, 2008–12) and advising ports on masterplanning through to detailed design and EIA in a 20-year consultancy career.

Charles has terminals throughout Africa, North America, the Arabian Gulf, Sub-Continent, Asia Pacific and Europe leading HSE audits/inspections, driving forward sustainability initiatives and providing training.

At WSP, Charles works on integrating environmental awareness and sustainability features into maritime projects, including due diligence, optioneering/concepts, consents and planning and strategy. He has worked extensively to assure international lenders of environmental and social aspects for port development projects. His involvement (as Chair) in the PIANC Working Group 178 on climate change adaption in ports, inland waterways and navigation infrastructure complements WSP's desire to help businesses become "future ready". Charles is a frequent speaker at GreenPorts and TOC and is the environmental columnist for Port Strategy magazine.

British Ports Association – UK Ports and Terminals and their commitment to infrastructure and investment and Post-Brexit opportunities

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Richard Ballantyne joined the Association in 2007 and became the Chief Executive and Director of the BPA in 2016.

He represents the BPA to a number of industry bodies and is a member of a wide range of government stakeholder groups and European Committees.

Richard has in depth expertise in ports, transport and environment policy matters as well as a wide experience of the legislative process around the UK.

He sits on the European Sea Ports Organisation's Executive Committee, the Maritime UK Board and is also a Director of Port Skills and Safety.

Before joining the BPA he spent five years at a Westminster political consultancy and was previously an MP's researcher in the House of Commons.

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