



ბათუმის ნავიგაციის უნივერსიტეტი  
BATUMI NAVIGATION UNIVERSITY

## X International Scientific Conference "Sustainable Transport System and Maritime Logistics"

We are pleased to inform you that on **24 June 2026**, Batumi Navigation University will host the **X International Scientific Conference dedicated to the International Day of the Seafarer**, entitled *“Sustainable Transport System and Maritime Logistics.”* The conference will be held in an **online format**.

### Conference Goal

The aim of the conference is to discuss ongoing scientific research, innovative practices, and policy development issues in the fields of sustainable transport systems and maritime logistics. The event will serve as a platform for representatives of academia, industry, and the public sector to exchange knowledge, share experience, and strengthen professional cooperation.

### Who Can Participate

The conference is open to: Academic staff and researchers; PhD and Master’s students; Professionals from the transport and maritime sectors; Representatives of logistics companies; Public sector and regulatory authority representatives; Representatives of international organizations and professional associations.

### Main Thematic Areas of the Conference

The conference will cover (but is not limited to) the following thematic areas:

1. **Sustainable Transport Systems:** Green transport and decarbonization; low-emission transport models; urban mobility and integrated transport policy; energy efficiency and alternative fuels.
2. **Maritime Logistics and Port Management:** Smart Ports; port optimization and efficiency; maritime supply chain management; digital transformation and blockchain technologies in logistics.
3. **Maritime Transport Safety and Regulations:** International conventions and regulatory frameworks; risk management in maritime transport; cybersecurity and maritime infrastructure; the human element and safety culture.
4. **Innovations and Digital Technologies in Transport and Logistics:** Artificial intelligence and data analytics; autonomous transport systems; IoT and automation of logistics operations; Digital Twin technologies.
5. **Climate Change and Maritime Environmental Protection:** MARPOL requirements and environmental standards; environmental management in ports; sustainable logistics policies; ESG approaches in transport.
6. **Maritime Education and Human Capital Development:** STCW standards and their development; IMO HTW processes; digital transformation in maritime education; simulation-based training and VR technologies; accreditation and quality assurance; green and digital competencies; the human element and safety culture; dual education models in the maritime sector; industry–academia cooperation.

Participation in the international conference is **free of charge**. Registration is open until **20 March 2026**.

### Important Dates:

<b>9 March – 20 March 2026</b>	Conference registration
<b>31 March 2026</b>	Deadline for abstract submission
<b>3 April 2026</b>	Notification of acceptance
<b>15 May 2026</b>	Deadline for full paper submission
<b>24 June 2026</b>	Conference opening

Batumi Navigation University organizes this international scientific conference annually.

The conference proceedings and an electronic certificate of participation will be sent to all participants after the conference. Only those papers approved by the Conference Editorial Board and meeting the submission requirements will be published in the conference proceedings.

The working languages of the conference are **Georgian and English**.





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- ✦ Applicants must complete the registration through the electronic application form. Registration link: <https://url-shortener.me/FDPZ>
- ✦ The conference proceedings and the electronic certificate of participation will be sent to all participants after the conference;
- ✦ Each participant will be allocated 5–8 minutes for the presentation of the paper and 5 minutes for discussion;
- ✦ The abstract and full paper must be submitted to the following email address: [bnuconference@gmail.com](mailto:bnuconference@gmail.com)
- ✦ The conference will be held online using the Zoom platform;
- ✦ The conference link will be sent to all participants one day prior to the event;
- ✦ The Editorial Board reserves the right not to admit applicants with incomplete documentation or poorly translated abstracts;
- ✦ Confirmation of participation will be sent to applicants via email. Authors of accepted abstracts must submit the full paper after receiving approval from the Editorial Board;
- ✦ A paper may have more than one author
- ✦ Participation in the conference is free of charge;
- ✦ For additional information, please contact the Organizing Committee at: [bnuconference@gmail.com](mailto:bnuconference@gmail.com)

For additional information about the conference, please see the attached **ANNEX**





## Requirements for the Paper and Abstract

### Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- The abstract must be between 450–600 words;
- The abstract must be submitted in two languages: Georgian (*for Georgian Participants only*) and English;
- The paper must include at least four keywords;
- Keywords must be provided in both Georgian (*for Georgian Participants only*) and English;
- Applicants must use the designated **TEMPLATE** when formatting the abstract.

### Paper Submission Guidelines:

- Papers are accepted in Georgian or English;
- The paper must include abstracts in both Georgian (*for Georgian Participants only*) and English;
- Paper length: minimum 5 pages;

### The structure of the paper must include the following sections:

- **Introduction** – presentation of the relevance of the research topic;
- **Main Body** – research methodology and obtained results;
- **Conclusion** – key findings, possible recommendations, and future perspectives;
- The author's (authors') first and last names must be indicated in both Georgian and English (for Georgian participants), and in English only for international participants;
- Information about the academic supervisor must be provided (if applicable);
- The paper must include a bibliography (list of references);
- The paper must be formatted in accordance with the academic **Chicago Style**.

### Technical Requirements (Formatting):

The abstract and paper must comply with the following parameters:

- **Font** for Georgian text- Sylfaen; for English text - TimesNewRoman;
- **Font Size:** Headings (paper title, participant's first and last name, name of the educational institution, level of study – vocational, bachelor's, master's, supervisor's name and surname, academic degree and position) – **14 Bold**;
- Font size for main text - 12;
- Line spacing - 1,5;
- Margins - 2,5 cm on all sides;
- Citations must follow the requirements of the **Chicago Style**. For additional information on Chicago Style, please visit: <https://cutt.ly/3c4BALx>
- The university-approved **TEMPLATE** must be used for formatting the paper.