



Arkas Line Takes Its Place on the UN Global Compact Türkiye Supervisory Board

The 4th Ordinary General Assembly of UN Global Compact Türkiye, at which the Management and Supervisory Boards for the 2026–2029 period were determined, was held on March 6, 2026, in Istanbul.

At this meeting, Arkas Line Sustainability Director Serra Tükel was elected as a member of the UN Global Compact Türkiye Supervisory Board.

Since joining the network in 2023 as a signatory of the UN Global Compact, we have continued to play an active role in programs that promote stronger integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into the business world. We also contribute to international initiatives for ocean protection and sustainable blue economy development as one of the signatories of the global call to business within the scope of the UN Ocean Conference.

As Arkas Line, we are determined to take on an expanded role within UN Global Compact Türkiye, strengthen collaboration, and create collective impact for a sustainable future.

We are happy to share the latest developments in our sustainability projects and our journey toward decarbonization in every issue.

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Continuing Our Green Office Journey: The Knowledge Contest Series



In line with our sustainability vision and as part of the **Blue for Green** initiative launched in 2024, we have continued to strengthen awareness through the **Green Office Award System**, encouraging employees to adopt sustainable behaviors.

This year (2026), we introduced a **three-stage Knowledge Contest Series** under the same initiative. With this series, we aim to enhance our collective sustainability knowledge, strengthen awareness of **Arkas Line's** practices, and foster greater interaction among teams.

We successfully completed the first stage on March 12, 2026. Through questions focused on sustainability and Arkas Line's sustainability practices, we aimed not only to measure knowledge levels but also to enhance sustainability awareness across the entire organization.

Successful Completion of the UN Global Compact Türkiye Target Gender Equality Program



We successfully completed the Target Gender Equality Accelerator Program run by UN Global Compact Türkiye in collaboration with UN Women.

Arkas Line was represented in the program by Sustainability Manager Samet Korkmaz and Senior Human Resources Manager Çiğdem Çapa. Over six months of intensive work throughout 2025–2026, our teams made significant progress in the following areas:

- Defining gender equality targets aligned with company-wide priorities,
- Establishing measurable KPIs,
- Updating existing policies and processes from an inclusion perspective,
- Preparing for upcoming EU gender equality regulations.

The program aims to help organizations develop a systematic and holistic approach to gender equality that goes beyond one-off initiatives.

As Arkas Line, we remain committed to making an inclusive and equitable work environment a permanent reality.

A New Step Toward 100% Recycled Fuel: Advancing Zero-Emission Shipping with B100 UCOME



To reduce fossil fuel use and strengthen the pathway toward zero-emission shipping, we are integrating alternative fuel solutions into our operations. As part of this effort, we have taken a significant step in our transition to low-carbon fuels by deploying B100 UCOME biodiesel across our fleet. Produced by Arkas Bunker, B100 UCOME is made from fully recycled content, is ISCC EU-certified, and delivers zero-emission operational performance on a Tank to Wake basis.



Environmental Benefits:

- It delivers 100% emission reduction within the Tank to Wake boundary, providing a zero-emission solution at the point of use.
- It supports our decarbonization pathway with more than 80% greenhouse gas emissions reduction on a Well to Wake basis.

A Concrete Step Toward a Cleaner Future

By introducing B100 UCOME into our fleet operations:

- We strengthened the integration of alternative fuels into our operations.

- We implemented a practical and effective solution that supports our zero-emission ambition.
- We advanced the use of sustainable fuels within the fuel supply chain.

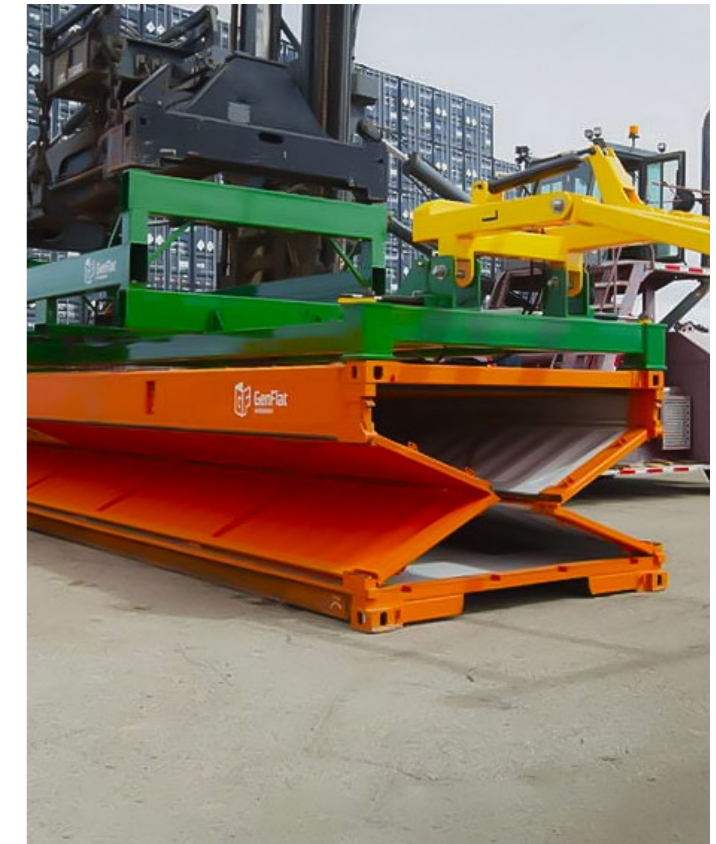
Produced from fully recycled content and delivering zero-emission operational performance on a Tank to Wake basis, B100 UCOME represents an important step forward in both carbon reduction and our circular economy approach. By increasing the use of alternative fuels, we continue to reduce our environmental impacts.

Strategic Collaboration with GenFlat on Collapsible Container Technology



To make our container management more efficient and sustainable, we are launching a strategic partnership with GenFlat. Planned for implementation in April 2026, this collaboration aims to reduce empty container management costs and optimize area utilization.

With this product, four empty containers can be transported within the footprint of a single standard container. This reduces the space needed during transportation, storage, and repositioning, making our operations more efficient.



At the same time, reduced movement during repositioning decreases energy and time consumption. Fewer trips and lower fuel use both increase operational efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.

With this technology, we aim to achieve up to 75% savings in freight, handling, repositioning, and port/depot area usage.

As Arkas Line, this collaboration strengthens our operational excellence while contributing tangibly to our sustainability goals.

COP31 in Antalya: **Türkiye at the Center of Global Climate Diplomacy**



One of the most critical items on the global climate agenda is taking shape ahead of COP31, to be held in Antalya from November 9–20, 2026. Bringing together representatives from 197 countries, the summit will play a key role in shaping global climate policy. The process, to be co-chaired by Türkiye and Australia, aims to strengthen a more inclusive and effective negotiation model.

Key topics expected to be addressed include a just transition away from fossil fuels, combating deforestation, strengthening climate finance mechanisms, and reassessing existing financial structures.

The periodic review of global climate targets is also among the top agenda items.

For the maritime sector, in line with IMO's 2050 net-zero target, new regulations are expected in areas such as energy transition, low-carbon fuels, and supply chain transparency.

As Arkas Line, we will continue to closely monitor developments in global climate diplomacy and policy decisions affecting our sector.

Global Shipping Sector Sustains Green Investments Despite Carbon Pricing Uncertainty

In the first quarter of 2026, major players in the global shipping sector continued investing in low-carbon technologies and alternative fuels despite uncertainties around international carbon pricing mechanisms. The sector is not stepping back from multi-billion-dollar green transformation programs despite opposition to global carbon pricing initiatives.

Industry representatives note that long investment cycles and binding regional regulations—such as FuelEU Maritime and the EU Emissions Trading System—prevent delays in international negotiations from slowing down decarbonization investments.



International Maritime Organization: Carbon Reduction Process in Shipping Has Begun



IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez stated that the carbon reduction process in maritime transport has reached an “irreversible” point in the 2025–2026 period. The IMO Net-Zero Framework targets net-zero emissions for international maritime transport around 2050.

The framework focuses on two main areas:

- A significant reduction in fuel-based carbon intensity by 2030,
- Establishing a two-tiered global mechanism based on fuel standards and greenhouse gas pricing.

This mechanism aims to help the sector establish a common transition pathway despite the absence of consensus on a global carbon tax.

Black Carbon Debate Deepens in the Arctic

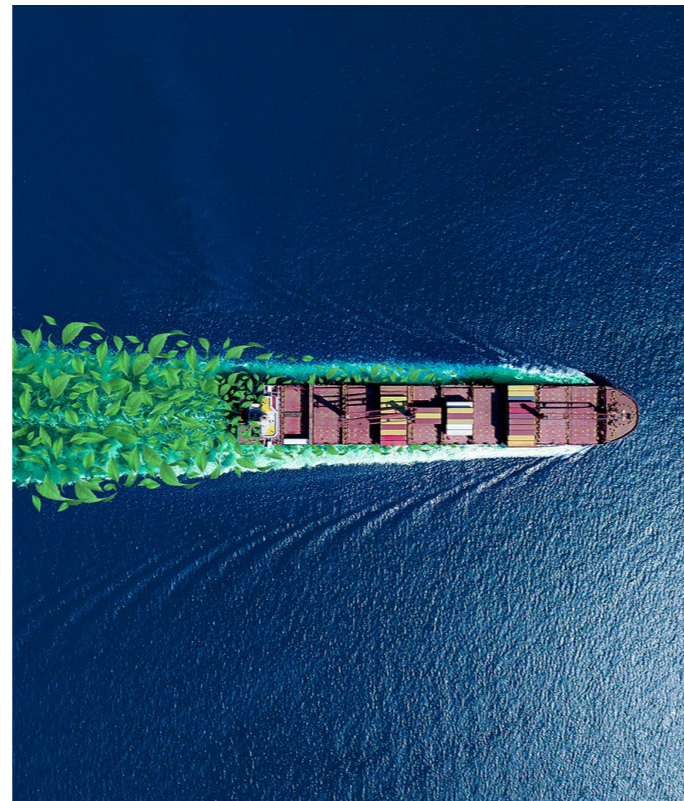
Increasing vessel traffic in the Arctic is making the impact of black carbon emissions more visible.

The region—warming roughly four times faster than the global average—is experiencing accelerated ice melt due to black carbon from vessels using heavy fuel oil (HFO).

At the IMO PPR 13 meeting held in February 2026, the regulation of heavy fuel oil (HFO) use in polar waters was one of the prominent agenda items, although geopolitical and economic differences limited concrete progress.



Alternative Fuels in Shipping: Biofuels and Methanol Come to the Fore



As of 2026, biofuels and methanol are among the fastest-growing low-carbon fuel options in shipping.

According to DNV data, more than 450 methanol-compatible vessels are operational or on order. While methanol engine technologies are becoming more reliable, bio- and e-methanol production is expected to increase.

However, cost and supply constraints remain major challenges. Biofuel demand is projected to exceed 140 million tons by 2028, driven largely by forthcoming IMO Net-Zero regulations.

In every issue, we bring you the latest news from Arkas Line, the sustainability journey of the maritime industry, and innovative, inspiring projects from around the world.

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