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DRAFT 2026 INTERNATIONAL POLICY AGENDA

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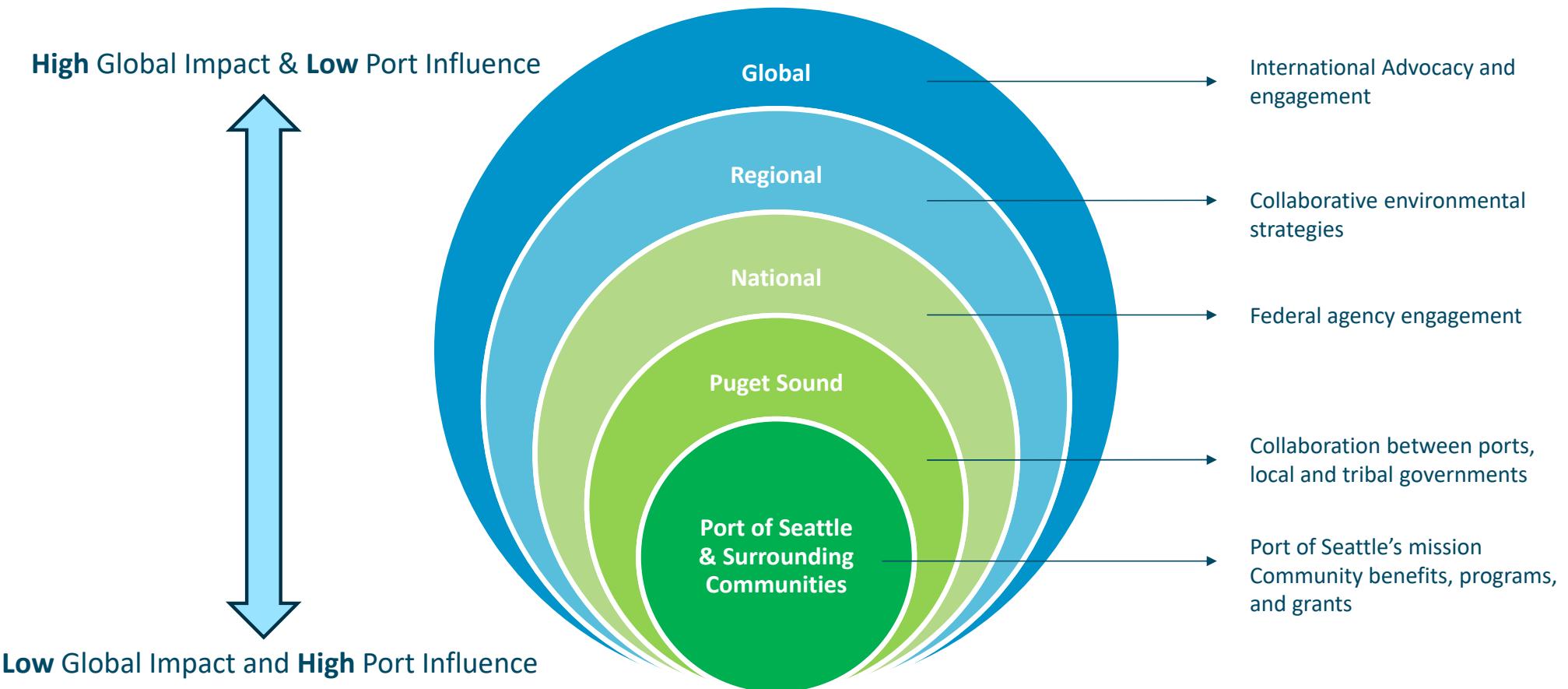


Overview

- Review 2025
- Current Context and International Landscape
- Agenda Overview and Updates for 2026
- Upcoming Opportunities and Next Steps

Why an International Agenda

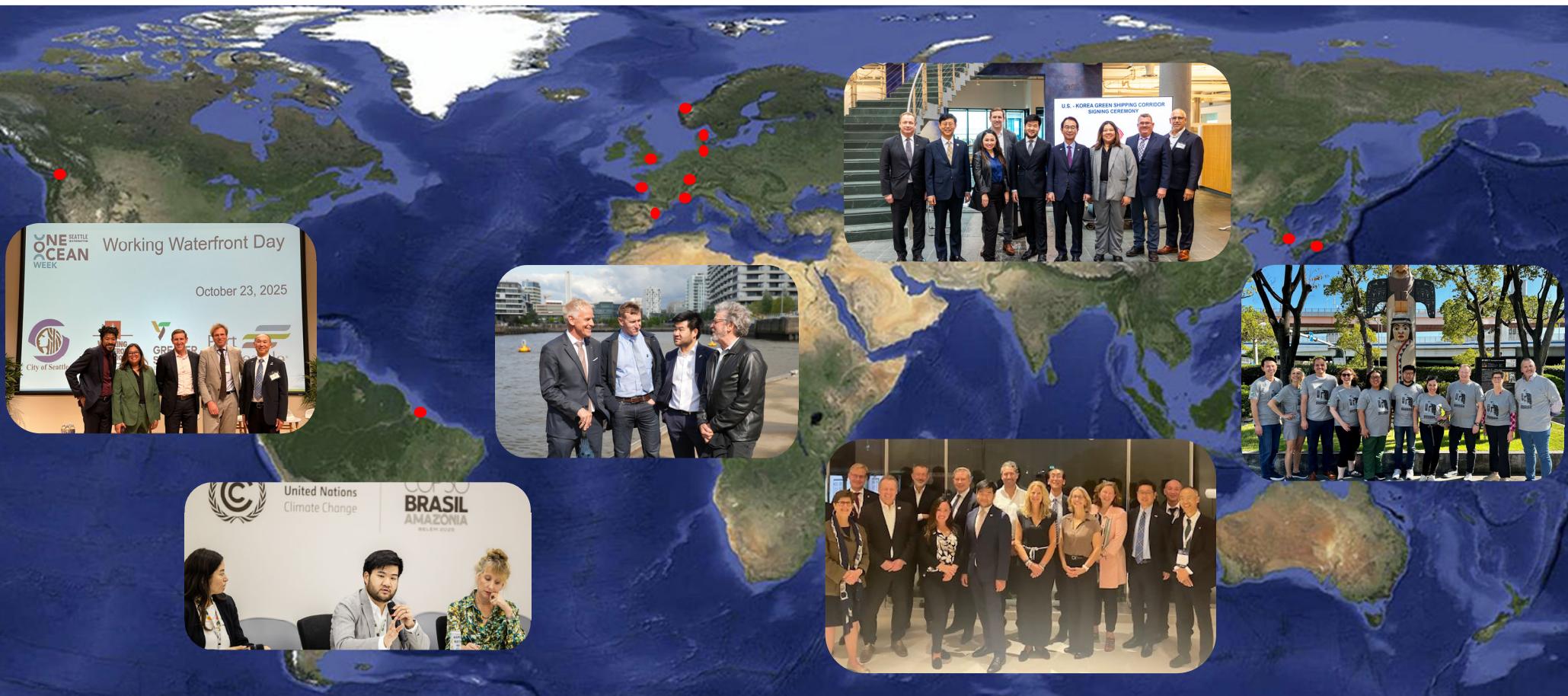
Partnership Critical to Port Strategies



2025 In Review

- **Port of Seattle:** Welcoming Port Policy; increased engagement with International Association of Ports and Harbors; MOU with Korean ports
- **U.S. policy:** Tariff and immigration policy impacts to international relations; withdrawal of support from international organizations and agreements
- **International Maritime Organization:** Carbon Intensity Indicator adopted for cruise vessels; Net Zero Framework for greenhouse gas emissions approved, not adopted - yet

International Engagement in 2025



Inbound and Outbound Delegations 2025

Inbound Delegations

- Coordinated **54 inbound international delegation groups**, with **over 570 visitors**



- **Outbound Delegations**
- Supported **over 52 outbound engagements of Port leadership and staff** to international destinations and key domestic trips that involved international partners or themes. Two Highlights:
 - **International Leadership Mission to Germany in June.**
 - **International Association of Ports and Harbors World Port Conference in Kobe, Japan in October.**

Outbound Delegations, Airport Dignitaries 2025

Other Key International Meetings:

- IMO/MEPC Meetings (April and Oct)
- Our Ocean Summit in Busan, South Korea (April)
- UN Ocean Conference in France (June)
- Seatrade Europe in Germany (Sept)
- New York Climate Week/UN (Sept)
- BIPC Busan, South Korean International Port Conference (Sept)
- Smart Ports Conference in Barcelona, Spain in (Nov)
- COP 30 in Belem, Brazil (Nov)

Airport Dignitary Gate Escorts

International government dignitaries - inbound and outbound movements at SEA.

- **Managed 72 total escort details**
 - With a total of **637** travelers;
 - And with **89 local diplomatic greeters**



Looking Ahead: International Landscape

- United States foreign policy and diplomacy
- International Maritime Organization decisions and next steps
- Hosting major events: FIFA World Cup, G20



SEA
2026

Continuing International Priorities



Addressing Climate Change & Air Pollution

Reduce Aviation and Maritime Noise

Improve Water Quality/Marine Health

Alternative Energy Standards

Combat and Reduce Human Trafficking

Support Sustainable Tourism

Recommended Updates for 2026



FIFA World Cup 2026

- Seattle: a welcoming international city
- Share work to combat and reduce human trafficking

Immigrants and Refugees

- Advocate broader support and investments that welcomes immigrants and refugees

Workforce Development

- Advance our workforce development programs through international collaborations and partnerships

Highlights of Key Conferences, Events - 2026

- Jan 28-Feb 7 **Seattle Chamber/Greater Seattle Partners' Int'l Leadership Mission to India**
- March 1-4 **TPM (NWSA) in Los Angeles/Long Beach**
- March 4-5 **World Ocean Summit in Montreal**
- April 20-24 **Maritime Week in Singapore**
- June 15-July 6 **FIFA World Cup Games in Seattle**
- Sept 14-16 **14th BIPC International Port Conference: Busan, South Korea**
- Nov 3-5 **IAPH World Port Conference: London, England**
- Nov 4-6 **Smart Ports Conference in Barcelona, Spain**
- Nov 9-20 **UN Climate COP 31: Antalya, Turkey**

International Engagement Priorities for 2026

- Focus on Subnational Diplomacy: engage our Port and International Partners directly
- Strategic Engagement Opportunities:
 - Clean energy / Technology and innovation / Industrial lands utilization
 - Continuing our engagement with sister ports of Busan, Kobe, Rotterdam, and Singapore; and other key ports such as Barcelona, Bergen, and Hamburg



Next Steps

International Policy Agenda

- Commission edits and feedback
- Submit Agenda for Adoption: February 10 Meeting

Questions?