

Platform welcomes two board members and a new member organisation

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22 September 2011 - The NGO Shipbreaking Platform is looking forward to a challenging and fulfilling 2012 as it welcomes onboard SDPI (Sustainable Development Policy Institute), its first-ever Pakistani member organisation. The Platform is also happy to welcome two new board members, **Svend Søylund** and **Ritwick Dutta**. **Svend** has done research on organised environmental crime for the United Nations and worked for the Norwegian Ministry of Environment. He headed the Bellona Foundation US office from 2005-2008, and has since then been responsible for international aspects of maritime affairs at the Bellona Oslo office. **Ritwick**, an environmental lawyer working for Legal Initiative on Forest and Environment (LIFE), is by the means of litigation sheading light on the devastating effects of the shipbreaking yards-borne pollution on the environment, local communities and workers in India. He has practiced in the Supreme Court of India since 2001. **Kanwar Iqbal**, Research Associate at SDPI, will be the local contact for our new Pakistani member organisation. Kanwar has already organised a seminar on the effects of shipbreaking in Karachi. He will be responsible for collecting data, raising awareness around the issue and building local and international ties with relevant organisations.