IMLI AND FAO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL TRAINING COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES LAW

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is currently holding a three-week competency-based International Fisheries Law Training Course at the Institute’s premises. The course, which began on 8 July 2019, is a result of FAO’s recognition of IMLI’s unique capacity-building expertise in maritime legislation drafting which led FAO to designate IMLI as a training partner.

The objectives of the training include among other capacity building in terms of knowledge in international fisheries law and governance with an emphasis on the relevant FAO instruments such as the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.

The Course participants are Senior Officers hailing from Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador and Panama and who are working in the Fisheries Ministries or Departments of their countries. The Course is delivered by Members of the IMLI Faculty, FAO Officers and other Guest Lecturers.

The participants were welcomed by Professor David Attard who expressed his pleasure to receive them at IMLI for this short course which will enhance their knowledge in fisheries law and in
preparing national legislation for the adequate implementation of international fisheries instruments into domestic laws. Professor Attard acknowledged with appreciation the collaboration with FAO which is contributing to the capacity-building of States in the field.

Mr. Matthew Camilleri (Branch Head, Fishing Operations and Technology Branch, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO) also addressed the participants highlighting the importance of the course in enhancing the national capacity in the implementation and enforcement of international fisheries instruments.

The Course was inaugurated by Judge Óscar Cabello Sarubbi (Paraguay). Deputy Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Dr. Ximena Hinrichs, also delivered a lecture on Settlement of Disputes.

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