

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IMO ADDRESSES THE CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE MARITIME DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO), attended the High-Level Conference on “*Sustainable Maritime Development towards 2030 and beyond*” held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on 5-7 November, 2019.



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Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO), delivering his Address at the Conference

In his address, Mr. Lim deliberated on the main objectives of the Conference, which was to provide a platform to strengthen partnerships amongst Member States, UN system entities, traditional development partners, new and emerging development partners, and to accelerate implementation

of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Issues regarding the preservation and protection of the marine environment, specialized maritime education and training, and efforts to empower women to work in the maritime sector were also given much prominence by him.

Other distinguished speakers at the conference included Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division), Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Principal Secretary, Shipping and Maritime Affairs, Kenya) and Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry (President, World Maritime University (WMU)).

Mr. Michel Amafo, an IMLI graduate of the Class of 2002-2003 and Director of the Maritime Authority of Suriname, was a participant at the Conference, representing his country.



Mr. Michel Amafo (2nd from the left) at the Conference

Mr. Amafo informed the Editor of the IMLI e-News that during the Conference, all countries represented were invited to identify their needs for further maritime development. Some of the needs expressed, he said, were for assistance in updating maritime legislation and the need for equipment for safety of navigation.

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