



## **DIRECTOR OF THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION LECTURES AT IMLI**

Mr. Juvenal J.M. Shiundu (Director, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) visited the Institute on the 20 November 2019, and gave an enlightening lecture to the IMLI Class of 2019-2020 regarding IMO's Technical Cooperation Programme.



*Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and Mr. Juvenal J.M. Shiundu (Director, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) with the IMLI Class of 2019-2020*

Mr. Shiundu stated that because many developing countries cannot yet give full and complete effect to IMO's instruments, the IMO established an Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP), with the singular purpose of assisting countries in building up their human and institutional capacities for uniform and effective compliance with its regulatory framework. Mr. Shiundu noted further that this is accomplished through capacity-building in the maritime sector.

The achievements of the ITCP as outlined by Mr. Shiundu are vast. These include the preparation of model maritime legislation that countries can adapt to their circumstances; the establishment and upgrading of national maritime administrations; the development of regional port State control mechanisms; assistance in the development of global search and rescue plans and training of personnel to operate them; and the development of and strengthening of 73 partnership arrangements for technical cooperation.

Other achievements also include the development of national and regional contingency plans and related training courses for marine pollution preparedness and response in partnership with Governments and the industry at national, regional and international level; the establishment of and support to networks or associations for women employed in maritime sector; the provision of fellowships for specialized “on the job” maritime training and for studies at the IMO’s global maritime training institutions; and the establishment of regional coordinator offices in Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya and the Philippines, a regional maritime adviser for the Caribbean in Trinidad and Tobago and a Technical Cooperation Officer in the Pacific Community (SPC), in Fiji.

This lecture was very beneficial to the students, who came to realise how vital IMLI is to IMO in achieving its aim of generating national expertise to giving full and complete effect to its instruments. More importantly, they came to the understanding of how crucial their individual contributions will become, not only to their countries but also to the IMO, in meeting the objectives of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme. Students who are current beneficiaries of fellowships provided through this Programme were even more appreciative of the understanding gained.

At the end of his visit to IMLI, Mr. Shiundu, whose sister was the first African Carmelite nun over 50 years ago, paid a visit to the Carmelite Sisters of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and had lunch with them.



*Mr. Juvenal J.M. Shiundu with the Sisters at the Carmelite Sisters of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus*

Mr. Shiundu joined the IMO in 1997 and is currently the Director of the Technical Cooperation Division of IMO. He was previously responsible for programme management, coordination of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme and UN matters related to Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He actively participated in all the preparatory meetings leading to Rio+20 as well as in the main Conference held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012.

Mr. Shiundu has authored and contributed to numerous articles and publications, and resourced at several international conferences and seminars, on topics dealing with the maritime sector. He has also appeared as a key Expert Witness to a number of formal Commissions of Inquiries and in courts involving maritime accidents.

He is a member of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners as well as many other professional institutions. He is also a member of the Maritime Operations and Management (MOaM) MSc Advisory Group of the City of London University and Deputy Chairman of the Kenya Society in the United Kingdom. He retired as a Trustee of the Apostleship of the Sea (Great Britain) in April 2018, after servicing for nine years, and received Apostolic Blessing from the Holy Father Francis.

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