



INTERNATIONAL WINTER COURSE ON OCEANOGRAPHY AND BLUE ECONOMY PARTICIPANTS VISIT IMLI

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) had the pleasure of welcoming participants of the Malta International Winter School on Oceanography and Blue Economy. Mr. Penisoni Mafoa Latu (Tonga), Mr. Tupou Hermaloto (Tonga), Mrs. Bandaranyake Kishara (Sri Lanka), Dr. Geyre Sonkor Jama (Senior Consultant in the Ministry of Planning of the Federal Government of Somalia), Capt. Afrah Hassan (Somalia), Ms. Kante Fatime (Seychelles), Mr. Sinvala Larkin Sinvula (Namibia), Dr. Knox Nichola (South Africa), Ms. Sooklall Trishna (Mauritius), Capt. Gebru Getinet Abay (Ethiopia), Mr. Dawit Gebre Ab (Founder Director, Djibouti Airlines and Strategic Manager Djibouti Harbour), Dr. Brewster Leo S (Djibouti), Ms. Sime Tefesehet (Ethiopia) on behalf of the African Union were amongst the distinguished participants. Ambassador Ronald Micallef (Ambassador Non-Resident to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union) together with Ms. Gabriella Cassola (Deputy Director, Commonwealth Small States Centre of Excellence) accompanied the visitors.



Participants of Malta International Winter Course on Oceanography and Blue Economy

The objective of this course, organized by the Commonwealth Small States Centre of Excellence (SSCOE), University of Malta, and supported by the Copernicus Marine service, Mercator Ocean International and EMODnet, is to empower participants to source, interpret and merge available data, and to consolidate and experience the key skills needed to transform data into knowledge and added value products for marine economic development with the focus being placed on oceanographic data exploration, elaboration and product creation for Blue Growth.

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) welcomed the distinguished guests and participants and delivered an address on “Capacity-Building in the Law of the Sea”.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressing the participants

In his address, Professor Attard highlighted the relationship between the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), being considered by the international community as the ‘constitution for the oceans’, and the work of International Maritime Organization (IMO), which has a mandate as a global standard-setting authority to further regulate maritime issues on the basis of many of the provisions of the Convention.

Professor Attard’s address was followed by a reception in honour of the participants.

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