



## **PRESIDENT OF WMU DELIVERS A CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO THE GRADUANDS**

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry (President, WMU) delivered a Congratulatory Address to all students, especially the M.Phil. graduands during the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Graduation Ceremony of the Institute held on 3 September 2020.



*Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry (President, WMU) delivering her Congratulatory Address*

In her address, Dr. Doumbia-Henry opened by expressing her great pride and satisfaction to see all present at the ceremony, in particular, Ms. Aderonke Aminat Adekeye and Ms. Oyindamola Temitope Banjoko, both from Nigeria, who are the first to graduate with a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in International Maritime Law. The M.Phil. is a joint programme designed in partnership by IMO's two sister institutions, IMLI and WMU.



*L-R Ms. Aderonke Aminat Adekeye and Ms. Oyindamola Temitope Banjoko (the first two graduates with a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in International Maritime Law)*

Dr. Doumbia-Henry encouraged, Ms. Adekeye and Ms. Banjoko to put into practice the training they have received, not only to ensure that they contribute immensely to build their national institutions but to also ensure global application of international instruments. As lawyers, she also enjoined them to uphold justice and the law and to be flag-bearers of both Institutions, IMLI and WMU.

In concluding, Dr. Doumbia-Henry, encouraged all of the graduands to use the knowledge they have gained to be drivers of change in these challenging times and to build a strong maritime network, not only for promulgating national law but for the effective implementation of same.

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