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## REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA – ANGLOPHONE, TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION OF IMO LECTURES AT IMLI

Captain Dallas Eric Laryea (Regional Coordinator for West and Central Africa – Anglophone, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) delivered a lecture titled "The Role of The IMO Regional Coordinator (West and Central Africa, Anglophone)" to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021. Captain Laryea was warmly welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI).



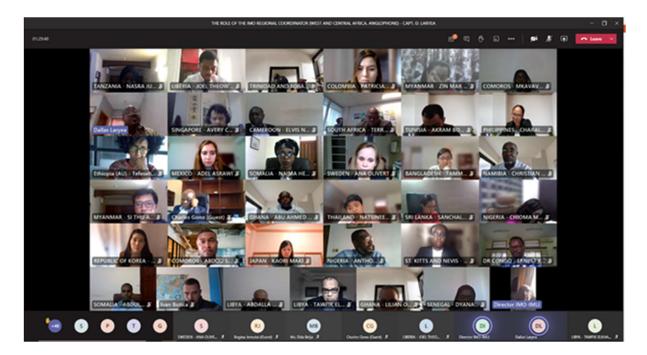
Captain Dallas Eric Laryea (Regional Coordinator for West and Central Africa –

Anglophone, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO)

In his lecture, Captain Laryea explained the role of the IMO Regional Coordinator, which includes the establishment and evolution of the Regional Presence Office (RPO). He further explained the scope of work of the IMO Regional Coordinator (RC), including some of the main challenges of the RC in carrying out some of his/her functions.

In explaining the scope of work of the RC, Captain Laryea stated that his duties have evolved and expanded to facilitating IMO's input into national and regional development policies and providing active field-level participation in the development and, in addition, to the execution and coordination of the delivery of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP). He also noted some challenges raised by some Member States in the field of legislation drafting and observed that this is one major area in which the students can contribute after their training at IMLI. Captain Laryea registered the need to have such trained consultants within the West and Central Africa, Anglophone region and encouraged them to register on the IMO e-roster for consultants. He further urged the students to regularly remind their respective countries to constantly update their Country Maritime Profile (CMP) on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) platform.

Professor Attard, in thanking Captain Laryea, concurred with his point of having expert consultants in the region, stating further that there are IMLI graduates in all regions to choose from, who can very well serve this purpose.



Captain Dallas Eric Laryea joined the IMO in November 2012, having worked for 5 years as a lecturer and Head of Department with the Regional Maritime University (RMU), Accra, Ghana. For over 13 years, he also worked for several shipping companies in the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, and Singapore as a Master and Deck Officer.

He holds a Master's Degree in Maritime Affairs specialized in Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration from World Maritime University (WMU) based in Malmo, Sweden, a Master Mariner from the RMU, and a HND in Nautical Science from RMU.

He is a member of Ghana Institute of Marine Surveyors (GIMS).

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