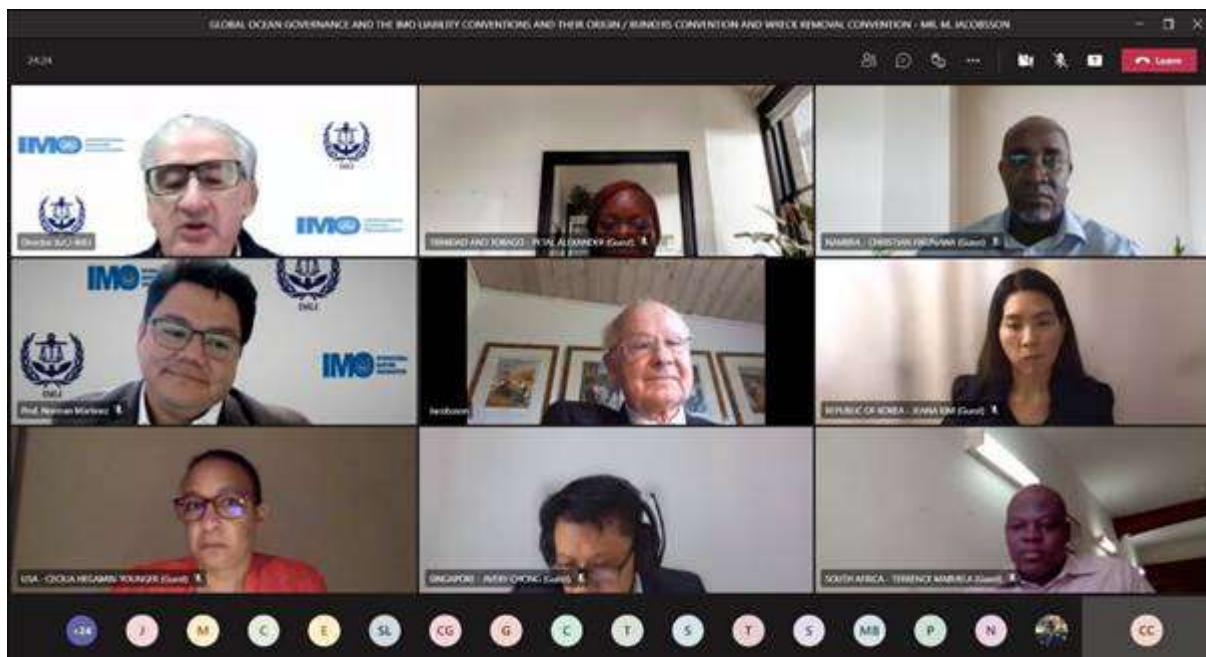


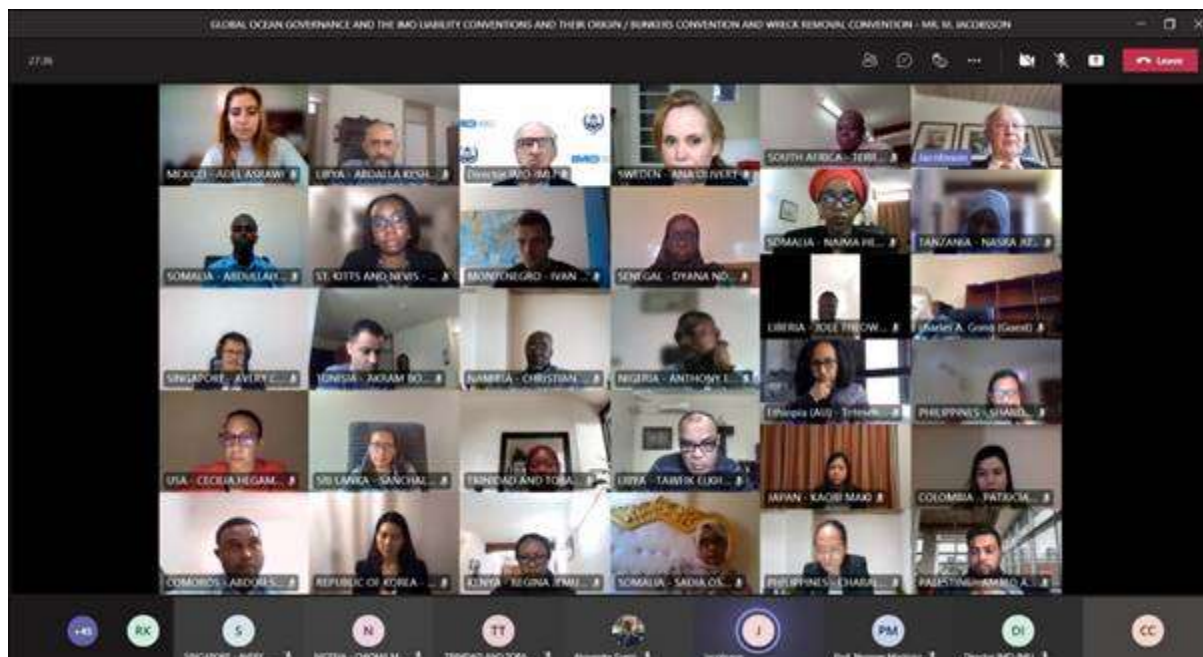
IOPC FUNDS' FORMER DIRECTOR LECTURES AT IMLI

The Institute had the pleasure of welcoming online, Mr. Måns Jacobsson, former Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds). Mr. Jacobsson delivered, between 3 and 5 March 2021, five lectures on “*Global Ocean Governance and the IMO Liability Conventions and their Origin*”, “*The Bunkers Convention and Removal of Wreck Convention*” and “*The HNS Convention and its 2010 Protocol*”, “*The Interrelationship between Maritime Liability Conventions*” as well as a lecture on “*Law-making through Intergovernmental Organisations: Implementation and Application of Treaties*”. He was introduced and welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI).



During his lectures, Mr. Jacobsson gave an overview of the international liability and compensation regimes under the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (Bunkers Convention) and the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS Convention), and compared these regimes with the regime relating to

oil spills from tankers established by the Civil Liability and Fund Conventions (CLC/FUND regime).



Mr. Jacobsson mentioned that the Bunkers Convention was in many respects very similar to the 1992 Civil Liability Convention, although there were many important differences. He emphasized that in the CLC/Fund regime the compensation to be paid by the shipowner and his insurer was supplemented by compensation from an international Fund, whereas there was no such second tier of compensation under the Bunkers Convention. With regards to the HNS Convention, he mentioned that the original Convention of 1996 had not entered into force due to an insufficient number of ratifications, which was at least partly the result of its complexity. Therefore, he further said, in 2010, a second international conference adopted a protocol to the Convention, to be known as 2010 HNS Protocol, which was designed to overcome some problems that had discouraged States from ratifying the original convention.

Further, Mr. Jacobsson dealt with law-making through intergovernmental organisations, in particular through IMO. He also discussed whether States implement conventions properly and how Conventions are interpreted and applied by national courts.

Måns Jacobsson is a Member of the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmö (Sweden). He is Visiting Professor at WMU and at the Maritime Universities in Dalian and Shanghai (People's Republic of China). He is a member of the

Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law at the University of Swansea (the United Kingdom) and Visiting Fellow at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta. He was member of the Executive Council of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) for the period 2007-2014.

Måns Jacobsson has published numerous articles in various fields of law, such as maritime law, torts, patent law, nuclear law and treaty law.

In 2007 the University of Southampton conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Laws *Honoris Causa*. In 2010, he was awarded the King of Sweden's Gold Medal for significant achievements in the field of marine environment and shipping.

He has been a long-standing friend and supporter of the Institute and its activities.

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