

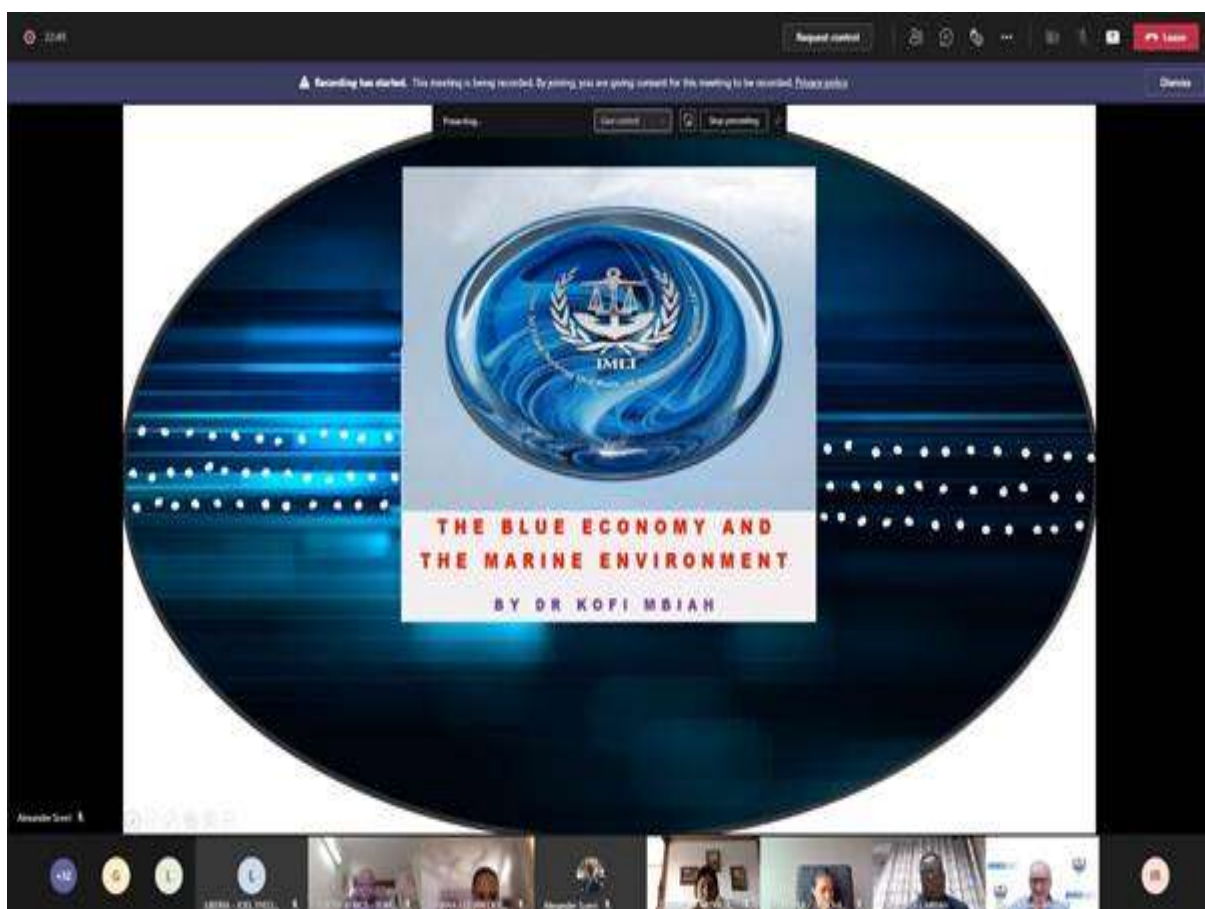
FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Kofi Mbiah (Former Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee and Governor, IMLI Governing Board) on 17 May delivered a lecture on “*The Blue Economy and the Marine Environment*” to the participants and IMLI Class of 2020-2021. Dr. Mbiah was introduced by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who described him as one of Africa’s best maritime lawyers and an old friend of the Institute. Professor Attard noted that Dr. Mbiah is one of the IMLI’s first graduates, stating how proud the Institute is that his achievements have elevated the Institute’s reputation.



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Dr. Mbiah thanked Professor Attard for his warm welcome and expressed how pleased he was to “come back home.” In his lecture, Dr. Mbiah explained the origin and history of the entire concept of the blue economy, the importance of the seas and oceans for the blue economy. He explained further the main elements of the blue economy, touching briefly on the SDG’s, especially SDG Goal 14: Life Below Water. He further explained the potentials that can be realized from the blue economy, linking it up with what he identifies as the blue cluster approach. Dr. Mbiah also discussed the new paradigm and maritime policy as it affects the blue economy and then discussed the legal framework, which will allow the policy to be realized in its full and firm form.



Dr. Mbiah is a Barrister at Law. He holds a Masters in Marine Management, (M.M.M.) from Dalhousie University, Canada, a Master of Laws, (LL.M.), from the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) Malta, where he graduated with distinction and was the recipient of the IMO Secretary General's Award for Best Overall Performance. Dr. Mbiah also obtained a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the Ghana Institute of

Management and Public Administration, in 2005. He obtained his PhD. in Maritime Administration from the World Maritime University, Sweden in 2011.

He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators U.K. (MCIArb). and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. (FCILT) He started his working career at Ghana Shippers Authority in 1982 as an Assistant Legal Officer and rose through the ranks by dint of hard work to become the Chief Executive Officer in 1998. A position he held for 19 years.



Dr. Mbiah is the immediate past chairman of the Legal Committee of the International Maritime Organisation. A position he held for 6 years. He also served as Chairman of the Union of African Shippers Councils from 2016 to 2017.

Since 2006 till date, Dr Mbiah has served at various times as a visiting professor at the World Maritime and Lund Universities in Malmo, Sweden and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute in Malta.



Dr Mbiah has also served as a resource person and maritime law expert at various international seminars and conferences including CMI conferences and Maritime Law seminars for judges in Kenya, Ghana and Nigeria.

He has published articles in local and international magazines and journals. In 2015, the IMO appointed Dr. Mbiah to the Board of Governors of IMLI. He is a proud recipient of many awards for excellence including the IMLI International Achievement Award.

He now works with Alliance Partners as a Private Legal Practitioner and a Maritime Law and Management Consultant.

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