Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry (President, WMU) delivered a Congratulatory Address to the 2021 graduating class during the 32nd Annual Graduation Ceremony of the Institute held on 3 September 2021.

In her address, Dr. Doumbia-Henry conveyed to the graduands, especially the M.Phil. graduand, her happiness to be able to share with them the excitement of their graduation day. She told the graduands that they are now well prepared to play their part and to put into practice what they have learnt and in so doing help strengthen the maritime administration in their countries.
Dr. Doumbia-Henry informed further the graduands that the skills which they have acquired will serve them and their respective countries, particularly with respect to ensuring that the national laws and regulations are in compliance with IMO and ILO Conventions and up to date.

In concluding, Dr. Doumbia-Henry stated: “Finally, we also count on you with respect to the protection of seafarers ensuring that ILO Maritime Labour Convention is ratified by your countries and that they are also being implemented in law and in practice. As maritime lawyers returning home and joining the expanded number of maritime law professionals from around the world, as a lawyer myself, I am very proud of you today.”

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