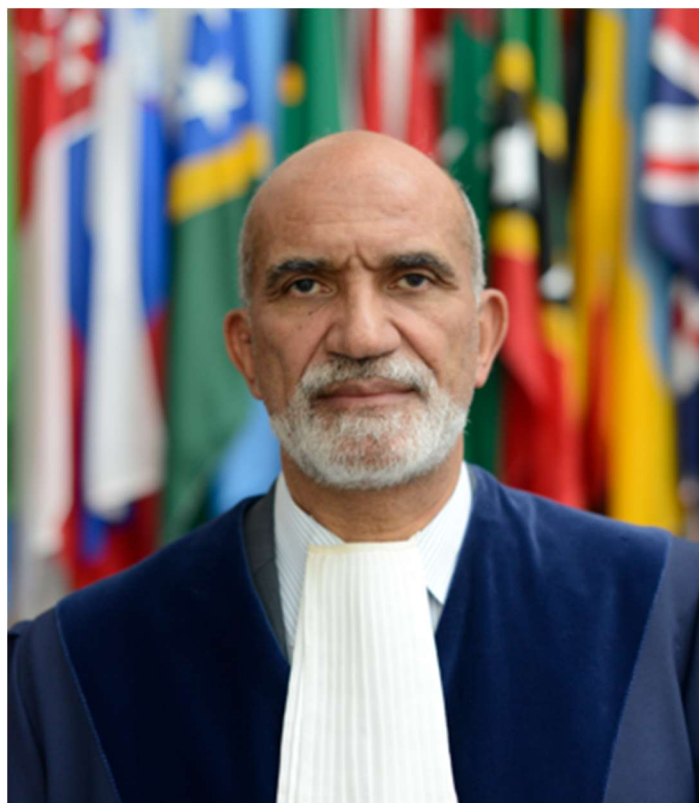


JUDGE JOSÉ LUIS JESUS LECTURES AT IMLI

The Institute had the pleasure of welcoming online, Judge José Luis Jesus (Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)) on 10 May 2021. Judge Jesus delivered a lecture titled “*Delimitation of the Continental Shelf Beyond 200 nm (Cases No. 16 and 23).*” He was introduced by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who described him as one of the legends in the area of the law of the sea. The lecture of Judge Jesus straddles both the IMLI Specialized Courses on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries, which was attended by over 100 Government nominated participants from 79 countries.



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Judge Jesus thanked Professor Attard for inviting him to deliver the lecture and for his warm words of welcome. In his lecture, Judge Jesus discussed delimitation beyond 200nm as it has been handled by the Tribunal. To aid his discourse, he used ITLOS Case 16, dealing with the dispute concerning the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal. Judge Jesus explained that, as case 16 was the first case ever delimiting the continental shelf beyond 200 miles, it established the roadmap not only for the Tribunal itself, but for other courts and tribunals on matters relating to the delimitation of the Continental Shelf beyond 200nm. He noted also that the contribution of the Tribunal in this respect is invaluable because it establishes the procedure and legal thinking that have inspired other courts and tribunals to proceed with the delimitation of the outer continental shelf. Judge Jesus also used ITLOS Case 23, Ghana/Cote D'Ivoire continental shelf delimitation beyond 200nm. He explained that this case, which was handled by a Special Chamber, relied heavily on the jurisprudence set by the ITLOS Case 16 and followed closely the reasoning laid therein in dealing with the delimitation of the outer continental shelf between Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.



Judge Jesus was a Delegate and Head of Cabo Verde delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly and Counsellor (Legal Adviser). He was Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Cabo Verde, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Cabo Verde to the United Nations in New York, Chairman of the Group of 77 for the Law of the Sea and Chairman of the Group of African States at the United Nations. Judge Jesus was Head of the Cabo Verde delegation to United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties between States

and International Organizations or between International Organizations, Vienna, Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. Between 1987-1994, Judge Jesus was President of the United Nations Security Council. He was Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the Great Lakes Region, Central Africa and Ambassador of Cabo Verde to Portugal, Spain, and Israel. Judge Jesus was also Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the National Commission on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries of Cabo Verde. He was Legal Consultant for technical assistance in the drafting of fisheries legislation, for FAO. He has lectured at several seminars and conferences on the law of the sea, international dispute settlement, humanitarian law and international relations.



Judge Jesus has been a Member of the Tribunal since 1 October 1999, re-elected as from 1 October 2008 and 1 October 2017. He was of the President of the Tribunal between 2008–2011 and also President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber between 2014-2017. Judge Jesus is currently a Member of the Special Chamber formed to deal with the Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Mauritius and Maldives in the Indian Ocean (Mauritius/Maldives).

He is the author of publications in the fields of the law of the sea, ITLOS proceedings and humanitarian law and extradition.

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