IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Robert Ashdown (Secretary General, International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)) who delivered an online lecture entitled “The Role of the International Association of Classification Societies” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023. Mr. Ashdown was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI).

Mr. Ashdown is responsible for directing all activities and initiatives of the Association, including relationships with the IMO, Flag Administrations, the European Union, as well as other industry associations and media relations.
Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) participated as a speaker at the Women in the Maritime Sector in Eastern and Southern Africa's (WOMESA) Seminar entitled "International Women's Day 2023 Virtual Celebration: Woman and Digitalization in the Maritime Sector".

The Institute is also proud to note that several of the key participants were IMLI graduates and these include Ms. Lydia Ngugi (Kenya), Ms. Miatta-Fatima Kromah (Liberia), Ms. Anene Wodajo (Ethiopia), and Ms. Johanne Andria-Manantena (Madagascar). With pride, IMLI also notes their passion, together with other formidable groups of women, to ensure that women are provided with the necessary tools to succeed in the era of digitalization in the maritime sector.
Mr. Christopher Trelawny (Deputy Secretary General, INTERPORTPOLICE) was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law). Following his introduction, Mr. Trelawny delivered an online lecture entitled “Challenges for International Maritime Security” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and the Participants of the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law.

Mr. Trelawny has been a longstanding supporter of the Institute, especially through his previous engagement as the Acting Director of the IMO Technical Cooperation Division.

Mr. Trelawny's thought-provoking lecture was very well received by the participants, which was evident by the number of curious questions posed by them following the lecture.
On 10 March, IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Jan Hoffmann (Deputy Secretary General and Chief of the Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD). Dr. Hoffmann was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI).

After being introduced by Ms. Jalloh, Dr. Hoffmann delivered an online lecture entitled “Container Ports: Connecting and Competing” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and the External Course Participants. His interactive lecture engaged the audience by encouraging students and participants to ask several questions.