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IMLI COURSE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN GOVERNANCE

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SYNOPSIS

Oceans, along with coastal and marine resources, play an essential role in human well-being as well as in social and economic development worldwide. However, they are becoming extremely vulnerable to climate change, environmental degradation, and man-made hazards. Ocean governance is a topic of increasing significance and an emerging concern in the twenty-first century.

Therefore, in the light of the vitality of the oceans in supporting life on earth, sustainable development, innovation, as well as in providing recreational uses and amenities, the last decade has witnessed a growing focus on a more effective and integrated governance and protection.

The achievement of the goal of sustainability of the oceans and their invaluable resources requires concerted efforts by all States at national, regional and global level. For this purpose, to avoid a piecemeal approach to addressing the threats the oceans are facing, policies and legislation must ensure a sustainable governance framework which promotes the ecosystem approach and demands urgent action.

National, regional and global policies shall be guided by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which set out a road map for just, inclusive and equitable development; in particular, SDG 14 and its targets which are expressly dedicated to life below water. However, the cross-cutting nature of the oceans becomes clear as it is found in all the other SDGs.

Attaining sustainable benefits from the world’s oceans as stated in SDG 14 requires, inter alia, reducing pollution, restoring ecosystems, minimizing ocean acidification, ending overfishing, and increasing benefits to Small Island Developing States.

In looking at ocean governance issues with the view to promote a harmonized and integrated approach, the protection of the marine environment is placed at the centre of the debate. The international regulatory framework and its interrelation with other maritime activities are being constantly assessed so that the maritime industry plays its role in the prevention of marine pollution as well as cooperation, response, and compensation in case of maritime accidents.

In addition, it has been acknowledged that many human activities are having a detrimental impact on climate change and are undermining the efforts for the conservation of the marine living resources of the sea – thus ultimately jeopardizing the achievement of the goal of sustainable ocean governance.

Making use of the knowledge acquired in the production of The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI organizes this Specialized Course which focuses on the protection of the marine environment within the integrated global governance of the various maritime activities. The Course thus expands further the Institute’s mission in enhancing capacity-building for a sustainable use of the oceans, in line with all SDGs, particularly SDG 14.
Introduction to Marine Environmental Law

Inaugural Address
Mr. Arsenio Dominguez (Director, Marine Environmental Division, IMO)

The Promotion of Study on Maritime Governance by UN and IMO
Mr. Koji Sekimizu (Secretary-General Emeritus, IMO)

Introduction to Marine Environmental Law
Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI)

UNCLOS and the Protection of the Marine Environment
Dr. Stefano Filletti (Lawyer, Filletti & Filletti Advocates)

Marine Environmental Protection as a Core Element in Global Ocean Governance
Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI)

IMO Regulatory Framework on the Protection of the Marine Environment

Protection of the Marine Environment from Ship-source Pollution
Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI)

Intervention on the High Seas in Case of Pollution Incidents
Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI)

Protection of the Marine Environment from Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships
Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI)

Protection of the Marine Environment from Invasive Aquatic Species in Ballast Water
Mr. Theofanis Karayannis (Head, Marine Biosafety, Subdivision for Protective Measures, IMO)

Protection of the Marine Environment from Dumping of Waste and other Matter
Mr. Fredrik Haag (Head of Office for the London Convention/Protocol and Ocean Affairs, IMO)
Protection of the Marine Environment from Ships Emissions
Mr. Roel Hoenders (Head of the Air Pollution and Energy Efficiency, IMO)

Oil and Chemical Pollution Response –The International Regulatory Framework and a Review of Recent Incidents
Ms. Patricia Charlebois (Deputy Director, Implementation, IMO Marine Environment Division, IMO)

Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in Case of Pollution Incidents
Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI)

Regional Approaches to Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in Case of Pollution Incidents
Captain Joseph Zerafa (Interim Head of Office, REMPEC)

Liability and Compensation in Case of Oil Pollution
Dr. Mitja Grbec (Senior Lecturer, University of Ljubljana)

Liability and Compensation in Case of HNS Incidents
Mr. Mans Jacobsson (Former Director and Chief Executive Officer, IOPC Funds)

The Fund Conventions and their Contribution to Adequate Compensation in Case of Pollution Incidents
Mr. Gaute Sivertsen (Director, IOPC Funds) (TBC)

Liability and Compensation in Case of Bunker Oil Pollution
Dr. Gotthard Gauci (Lecturer, Plymouth Business School)

Liability and Compensation in Case of Wrecks
Prof. Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)
The Role of UNEP in the Protection of the Marine Environment
Ms. Elizabeth Mrema (Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity)(TBC)

Marine Environmental Protection: The Case of the Baltic Sea
Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI)

EMSA in support of the EU Environmental Agenda
Ms. Maja Markovčić Kostelac (Executive Director, EMSA)

Really a Sea Change? – In Search of a Coherent and Consistent Sustainability Approach
Professor Alexander Proelss (Full Professor, Director of Institute for the Law of the Sea of University of Hamburg)

Ocean and Climate Change Law
Professor Daniel Bodansky (Regents' Professor Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Arizona State University)

Use of and Threats to the Oceans
Professor Peter Ehlers (Former President of the German Federal Maritime Hydrographic Agency)

What has Already been Done for Sustainable Ocean Governance?
Professor Peter Ehlers (Former President of the German Federal Maritime Hydrographic Agency)

What Needs to be Done for Sustainable Ocean Governance?
Professor Peter Ehlers (Former President of the German Federal Maritime Hydrographic Agency)

The International Regulatory Framework on Climate Change
Professor Simone Borg (Professor / Chair Climate Platform, University of Malta)

Sea Level Rise, Ocean Governance and International Security Implications
Dr. Antoine Grima (Head of the Environmental and Resources Law Department, University of Malta)

Ocean Acidification and Climate Change
Professor Alan Deidun (Director of the International Ocean Institute - Malta Training Centre)
The Regulatory Framework on Conservation of the Marine Living Resources and its Relevance to Sustainable Ocean Governance
Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI)
The Protection of the Marine Environment as an Element for the Conservation of the Marine Living Resources
Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI)
Biodiversity in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction
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FAO and its Efforts in Promoting Conservation of the Marine Living Resources and Eradication of IUU Fishing
Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service - Legal Office, FAO)
Closing Lecture
Mr. Vladimir Jares (Director, DOALOS) (TBC)
**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

*This Course is addressed to any person involved in the drafting of national maritime policies and legislation, the implementation of the same, as well as other professionals whose professional activities are related to the oceans and their resources. For these reasons, the Course would be most suitable to lawyers, maritime practitioners, officers of maritime administrations, and foreign relations experts. The Course would also prove beneficial to law students who wish to pursue a career in the field.*

*The Programme will be delivered in a hybrid mode. Candidates who will attend 80 percent of the lectures, will be eligible for a certificate of attendance.*

*To apply, please contact the course coordinator by not later than 12 March 2023 admissions@imli.org*

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