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THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE
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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 concern in the twenty-first century.

Therefore, in 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 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 the national, regional, and global levels. 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 that 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 a fair, inclusive, and equitable development; in particular, SDG 14 and its targets expressly dedicated to life below water.

Attaining sustainable benefits from the oceans, requires, inter alia, reducing pollution, restoring ecosystems, minimizing ocean acidification, ending overfishing, increasing benefits to Small Island Developing States, regulating the seabed mining taking into consideration the ground precautionary principle, and reaching decarbonisation in the maritime sector.

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.

As stated by the UN-IPCC, climate change has profound and wide-ranging impacts on the oceans, responsible to absorb large amounts of heat and carbon dioxide. In this regard, climate change and shipping emissions are closely intertwined, as the global shipping industry is a contributor to GHG emissions, responsible for roughly 3% of global emissions, according to the IMO. The Course, therefore, addresses in detail the global efforts, especially those led by IMO, to ensure the decarbonization of shipping.

This unique Specialized Course which focuses on the protection of the marine environment within the integrated global governance of the various maritime activities expands further the Institute's mission in enhancing capacity-building for a sustainable use of the oceans, in line with all SDGs, particularly SDGs 4, 5, 14, 7, 12, 13, 16 and 17.

Inaugural Address

Professor Dr. Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (*Director, IMLI*)

Inaugural Lecture

Ms. Patricia Charlebois (*Deputy Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO*)

INTRODUCTION TO MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Introduction to Marine Environmental Law

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

Protection of the Marine Environment from Ship-Source Pollution

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice

Marine Environmental Protection: The Case of the Baltic Sea

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice

PREVENTION, RESPONSE AND COOPERATION

Marine Environment Protection

Ms. Ramat Jalloh (*Lecturer, IMLI*)

Marine Pollution Prevention under Part XII of UNCLOS

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*)

Protection of the Marine Environment from Invasive Aquatic Species in Ballast Water

Dr. Theofanis Karayannis (*Head, Marine Biosafety, Subdivision for Protective Measures, IMO*)

Oil and Chemical Pollution Response – The International Regulatory Framework and a Review of Recent Incidents

Ms. Chiara Della Mea (*Technical Officer, IMO Marine Environment Division*)

Regional Approach to Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in case of Pollution Incidents

Mr. Ivan Sammut (*Head of Office, REMPEC*)

EMSA in Support of the EU Environmental Agenda

Ms. Maja Kostelac (*Executive Director, EMSA*)

Marine Litter

Dr. Harry Conway (*Chair, Marine Environment Protection Committee, IMO*)

DECARBONISATION OF SHIPPING

Introduction to the IMO Strategy for Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships

Dr. Rafael Prado

MARPOL Annex VI

Dr. Rafael Prado

The IMO Revised Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships

Dr. Rafael Prado

Protection of the Marine Environment from Ships Emissions

Mr. Roel Hoenders (*Head of the Air Pollution and Energy Efficiency, IMO*)

Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes

Dr. Rafael Prado

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*)

LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION

Liability and Compensation in Case of Oil Pollution

Dr. Mitja Grbec (*Senior Lecturer, University of Ljubljana*)

The Fund Conventions and their Contribution to Adequate Compensation in Case of Pollution Incidents

Mr. Gaute Sivertsen (*Director, IOPC Funds*)

Liability and Compensation in Case of Bunker Oil Pollution

Dr. Gotthard Gauci (*Lecturer in Maritime Regulation and Policy, University of Plymouth*)

CLIMATE CHANGE

Ecosystem-based Management as a Tool for Sound Ocean Governance

Professor Ronán Long (*Director, WMU Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute*)

Oceans and Sustainable Development

Professor Alexander Proelss (*Director, International Foundation for the Law of the Sea IFLOS and Full Professor at the University of Hamburg*)

Climate Change International Legal Framework and its Implications in the Maritime Sector

Professor Simone Borg (*Ambassador for Malta on Climate Action and Professor at the University of Malta*)

Ocean Acidification and Climate Change

Professor Alan Deidun (*Director, International Ocean Institute Malta Training Centre*)

Sea Level Rise and International Security Implications

Dr. Antoine Grima (*Head of Department, Environmental and Resources Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta*)



OCEAN GOVERNANCE

Conservation of Biodiversity as an Essential Tool of Ocean Governance

Ms. Elizabeth Mrema (*Executive Director UNEP and UN Assistant Secretary-General*)

The Importance of the International Seabed Authority for Global Ocean Governance

Ms. Leticia Reis de Carvalho (*Secretary-General, ISA*)

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

Global Ocean Governance and the IMO Liability Conventions

Dr. Måns Jacobsson (*Academic Lecturer and Consultant in Maritime and Environmental Matters*)

BLUE ECONOMY

The New Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction

Ms. Fernanda Millicay (*Minister, Director of Trade and Environment Department, Argentina Ministry of Foreign Affairs*)

The Protection of the Marine Environment as an Element for the Conservation of the Marine Living Resources

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (*Senior Lecturer, IMLI*)

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, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea*)

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.

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