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## IMLI'S COURSE ON SEAFARERS' RIGHTS

On Wednesday 29 January 2025, IMLI commenced its annual Course on Seafarers' Rights.

The Course has been praised as an important capacity-building tool in the field and has attracted policy makers and legal drafters, as well as participants from maritime administrations, heads of the departments of certification and competence of seafarers, port State control officers, labour inspectors, coastguards and naval officers and private law practitioners who handle seafarers' rights infringements.



## IMLI Course on Seafarers' Rights

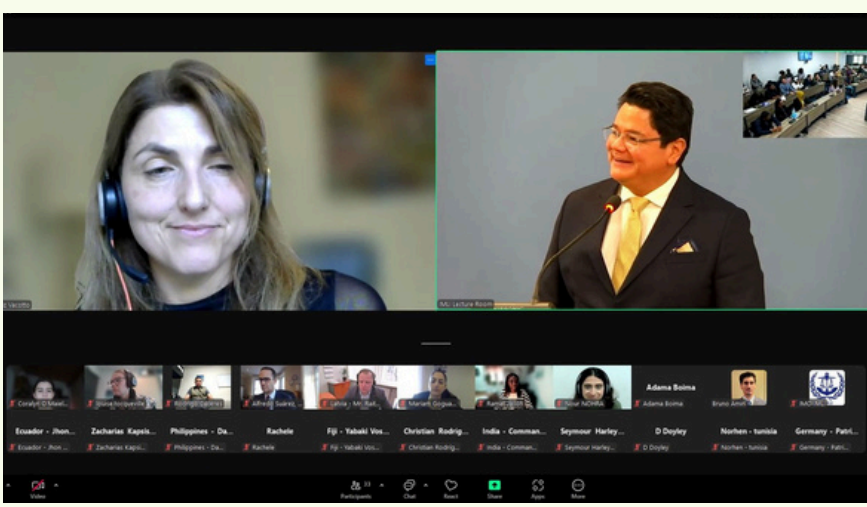
29 January to 27 February 2025

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In thanking Ms. Beatriz Vacotto (Head of the Maritime Unit, International Labour Standards Department, International Labour Office (ILO)) for inaugurating the Course, the IMLI Director stated that many participants have benefited from this training initiative which lays the foundation for awareness and proactive international approaches in ensuring seafarer's protection.



He further noted that IMLI has been in the vanguard in raising awareness on the importance of maritime labour law standards. The IMLI Director also recorded that this Course on Seafarers' Rights reiterates the Institute's commitment to the protection of seafarers in line with the international efforts spearheaded by IMO and ILO.

**EMINENT ACADEMICS THAT LECTURED DURING THIS SPECIALIZED COURSE**

Ms. Beatriz Vacotto (Head of the Maritime Unit, International Labour Standards Department, International Labour Office (ILO)) delivered online, the Inaugural Lecture of the IMLI Course on Seafarer's Rights.



Mr. Douglas Stevenson (Director Emeritus, Center for Seafarers' Rights at Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey) delivered in-situ a set of lectures entitled "*Seafarers' Rights under the MLC*".

Mr. Paul Falzon (International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) Inspector, Malta) delivered in-situ a lecture entitled "*Crew Abandonment - A Stark Reality*".





Professor Laura Carballo Piñeiro (Professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations, University of Vigo) delivered online a set of lectures entitled *“The Role of Port States in Upholding Maritime Labour Standards”*

Dr. Khansa Lagdami (Associate Professor of Maritime Labour Law & Policy, ITF Seafarers Trust) delivered in situ, lectures under the ruberick *“Seafarers’ Work: Challenges and Opportunities in an Era of Emerging Technologies and Green Shipping”*.



Mr. Abdulgani Serang (Programme Development Manager, The ITF Seafarers’ Trust, UK) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Seafarers Mental Health and Wellbeing - Initiatives by Trade Unions”*.

Dr. Iliana Christodoulou Varotsi (Senior Legal Consultant & Lead Trainer) delivered in-situ two lectures entitled *“Seafarers and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)”* and *“Challenges For Multi-Flagged Fleets in Ensuring Regulatory Compliance with the MLC: The Role of Maritime Administrations”* respectively .





Ms. Federica Ninni (Lawyer, Maritime Unit, International Labour Organization (ILO)) delivered online the final lecture within the Course entitled “*MLC in Practice: Effective Implementation and the Role of the ILO Committee of Experts*”.

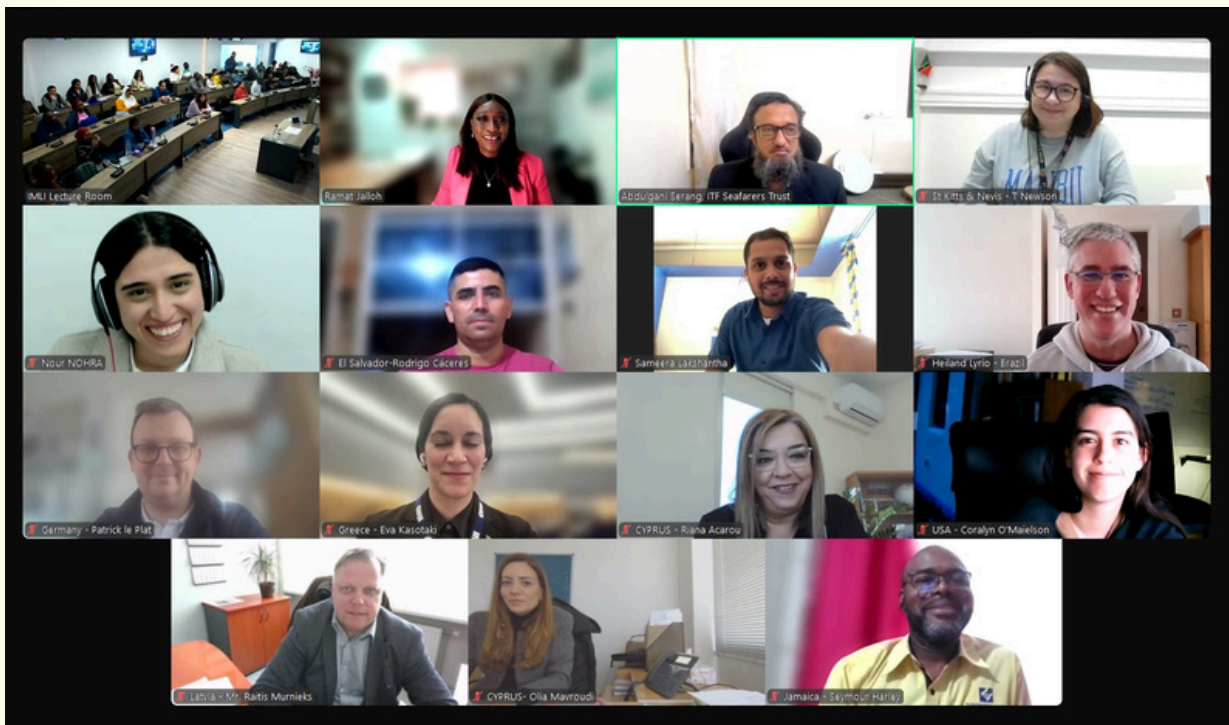
The Course concluded on 27 February. In her closing remarks, Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer and Course Coordinator) noted that labour at sea is deemed unique owing to its specific features, with emphasis on why seafarers need special protection.

She expressed optimism that the Course has addressed many aspects of maritime labour law issues, including emerging ones in respect of the challenges of technological developments for seafarers.

She conveyed, on behalf of the Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) great appreciation to all the eminent Speakers of the Course for their expert and enriching contributions and also the many external participants from their participation.



Ms. Ramat Jalloh  
(Lecturer, IMLI and  
Course co-ordinator)



Mr. Abdulgani Serang (Programme Development Manager, The ITF Seafarers' Trust, UK), Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI and the Course coordinator), and Ms. Nour Nohra (ITF Seafarers' Trust Assistant Lecturer on Seafarers' Rights and co-Course coordinator) together with some of the external participants attending the IMLI Specialized Course on Seafarers' Rights