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

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**37 YEARS SERVING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW**

# SYNOPSIS

Oceans and their resources are the lifeblood of our planet. They sustain human well-being, drive social and economic development, and anchor the prosperity of countless communities. Yet they are increasingly vulnerable to climate change, environmental degradation, and unsustainable human activity.

This comprehensive, specialized Course provides participants with advanced knowledge of the international legal frameworks for the protection of the marine environment, while promoting a harmonized and integrated approach to ocean governance. Particular attention is given to the role of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in developing and implementing global measures on marine environmental protection and ocean governance, including its groundbreaking work on the decarbonization of international shipping and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport.

The Course examines the prevention of marine pollution, the conservation of ecosystems, the responsibilities of States as flag, port, and coastal States, and the importance of regional and global cooperation in ensuring the effective implementation of international law. It also addresses pressing challenges such as overfishing, seabed mining, ocean acidification, the conservation of marine biodiversity, and the promotion of the Blue Economy as part of sustainable development strategies.

Through the discussions within these themes, participants will gain the expertise required to strengthen governance frameworks at national and regional levels, to effectively implement international maritime and environmental law, and to contribute meaningfully to the global transition towards sustainable and climate-resilient oceans.

This initiative directly supports the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Goal 14 (Life Below Water), while also advancing related goals such as quality education, climate action, and partnerships for sustainable development.

IMLI has been at the vanguard of enhancing global capacity-building in international maritime law and empowering professionals to become leaders in marine environmental protection and sustainable ocean governance.

This specialized IMLI Course equips participants not only with a rigorous understanding of the international legal framework but also with the analytical and practical skills required to address the challenges faced by their own States and regions. By combining academic excellence with practical examples, the Course bridges the gap between international law and domestic implementation, ensuring that participants return home as effective agents of change.

The Course also reflects IMLI's commitment to fostering international cooperation and dialogue among developing and developed States alike. It offers a unique platform for professionals from diverse legal and cultural backgrounds to share experiences, exchange best practices, and build enduring networks of collaboration. This global classroom setting enriches the learning process and strengthens the collective capacity to protect the marine environment and govern the oceans in a sustainable and integrated manner.

Ultimately, by advancing capacity-building in international maritime law, IMLI contributes to the achievement of the objectives of IMO and the goals of the international maritime community.

## **Inaugural Address**

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

## **Inaugural Lecture: Role and Achievements of IMO's Maritime Environment Division**

Mr. David Osborn (*Director, IMO-MED*)

# **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*)

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

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

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

Ms. Chiara Della Mea (*Technical Officer, IMO-MED*)

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

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

### **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 (*The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI*)

## **The IMO Revised Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships**

Dr. Rafael Prado

### **MARPOL Annex VI**

Dr. Rafael Prado

## **Protection of the Marine Environment from Ship Emissions**

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

## **The London Convention and Protocol**

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*)

## **Liability and Compensation in Case of Bunker Oil Pollution**

Professor Dr. Norman Martínez Gutiérrez

## **Liability and Compensation in Case of HNS Pollution Incidents**

Mr. Daniel Stein (*Lecturer, IMLI*)

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

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

# CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Professor Simone Borg (*University of Malta*)

**Ocean Acidification and Climate Change**

Professor Alan Deidun (*Director, IOI Malta*)

**The ICJ Advisory Opinion on Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change and its Impact on Ocean Governance**

Mr. Daniel Stein



# OCEAN GOVERNANCE

**Marine Environmental Protection as a Core Element in Global Ocean Governance**

Dr. Rafael Prado

**Conservation of Biodiversity as an Essential Tool of Ocean Governance**

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

**Sea-Level Rise and the Stability of Maritime Entitlements under UNCLOS**

Dr. Murat Sümer (*The Nippon Foundation on International Maritime Law, IMLI*)

## **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*

**What Needs to be Done for Sustainable Ocean Governance?**

*Professor Peter Ehlers*

**Underwater Noise Radiated by Ships**

*Professor Peter Ehlers*

**The Importance of the International Seabed Authority for Global Ocean Governance**

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

# **BLUE ECONOMY**

**The BBNJ Agreement and the IMO mandate**

*Ms. Fernanda Millicay (Minister, Argentina Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship)*

**Implementing Area-Based Management Tools: MPAs Under the BBNJ Agreement**

*Professor Ronán Long (Director, World Maritime University Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute)*

**IMLI Workshop: THE BLUE ECONOMY AND THE LEGAL ARCHITECTURE OF OCEAN GOVERNANCE**

*Ambassador Nancy Karigithu (Kenya's Special Envoy for Maritime and Blue Economy and member of IMLI Gov. Board)*

*Dr. Kofi Mbiah (Member of IMLI Academic Committee)*

*Ms. Alessandra Sensi (Union for the Mediterranean)*

*Mr. Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy (World Ocean Council)*

# **CONCLUSION**

**United Nations and Ocean Governance - The Present and the Future**

*Mr. Vladimir Jares (Director, UN DOALOS)*

# COURSE FEE

*Euro 2,900*

# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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

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

*To apply, please get in touch with [admissions@imli.org](mailto:admissions@imli.org) by not later than*

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