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37th GRADUATION CEREMONY

19 June 2026

**“Serving the Rule of
International Maritime Law”**

Venue: Sir Temi Zammit Hall, University of Malta

Time: 18:00 hrs

PROGRAMME

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| Procession: | Faculty and Class of 2026 |
| Welcoming Address: | Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez Director, IMLI |
| Graduation Address: | Mr. Arsenio Domínguez IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board |
| Valedictory Address: | Ms. Adi Salaseini Muavesi Lesianawai (Fiji) on behalf of the Students |
| Presentation of Candidates: | Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja Chief of Administration, IMLI |
| Conferment of IMLI Degrees: | Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez Director, IMLI |
| Presentation of Prizes: | IMO Secretary-General's Prize for the Best Dissertation Government of Malta Prize for the Best Maritime Legislation Drafting Project Professor David Attard Prize for the Best Performance in the Law of the Sea Transport Malta Prize for the Best Performance in Shipping Law Sasakawa Prize for the Best Performing Nippon Foundation Scholar LRF Prize for the Best Performing Lloyd's Register Foundation Scholar Dr. Kofi Mbiah's Prize for the Best Performing African Scholar ITF Seafarers' Trust Prize on Seafarer's Law Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malta Branch Prize for the Best Performance in Maritime Transport Law REMPEC Marine Environment Law Prize CMI Prize for the Best Overall Performance |

A MESSAGE FROM MR. ARSENIO DOMÍNGUEZ IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL AND CHAIR OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD

Today marks the celebration of IMLI's 37th Graduation Ceremony, with 64 students from 34 countries graduating from all of the Institute's programmes and joining the ranks of IMLI's distinguished global alumni community.

Knowledge acquired at IMLI enables its graduates to help their countries take their rightful places at the table and play their part in international maritime affairs by enhancing the maritime sector and achieving IMO's objectives for safer, secure, efficient, and environmentally friendly shipping.

The continued success of IMLI graduates reflects the quality training offered by the Institute and demonstrates that IMLI continues to uphold its vital mission of strengthening the legal capacities of the international maritime community. Excellence in legal education means that today's IMLI graduates join an influential alumni community whose collective expertise continues to strengthen the global maritime sector.

IMLI's commendable stance on gender inclusion, with half of its programme places reserved for female candidates, empowers women to make significant contributions to academia and the maritime industry.

I wish to convey my deep appreciation to Professor Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, Director of IMLI, together with the Institute's committed staff, supporters, and donors, whose dedication and continued assistance have greatly contributed to the Institute's achievements. I also extend sincere gratitude to the Government of Malta for its steadfast support and hospitality as IMLI's host nation, and for continuing to play a vital role in the advancement of IMLI and its mission.

My warmest congratulations to the Class of 2026 on your graduation from this unique Institution. I encourage you to dedicate yourselves not only to doing well, but also to doing good. This is certainly a moment of personal pride, but let it also reflect the personal and professional support that has brought you here. Above all, do not forget our common objective of delivering healthy and sustainable oceans to future generations.

I am certain that this graduating class will continue to uphold the values and excellence that defines IMLI's distinguished legacy. As you embark on the next stage of your professional journey, I wish you every success, and look forward to seeing many of you contribute to the work of IMO and the wider international maritime community in the years ahead.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez
*IMO Secretary-General,
Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board*

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Lecturer in International Maritime Law



MR. DANIEL STEIN
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DR. RAFAEL PRADO
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LL.B. (Communitarian University of Joinville Region)
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Ph.D. (University of Barcelona and Federal University of Santa Catarina)
Advocate (Brazil and Portugal)
The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance

MASTER GRADUATES (1989 – 2025)*

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| Albania | 3 | Guatemala | 3 | Philippines (the) | 43 |
| Algeria | 12 | Guinea-Bissau | 3 | Poland | 2 |
| Angola | 16 | Guyana | 10 | Portugal | 1 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 5 | Haiti | 2 | Qatar | 1 |
| Argentina | 6 | Honduras | 10 | Russian Federation (the) | 6 |
| Azerbaijan | 7 | India | 23 | Rwanda | 1 |
| Bahamas (the) | 17 | Indonesia | 12 | Saint Kitts and Nevis | 6 |
| Bahrain | 3 | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 11 | Saint Lucia | 1 |
| Bangladesh | 11 | Iraq | 2 | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 4 |
| Barbados | 3 | Israel | 1 | Samoa | 6 |
| Belarus | 2 | Italy | 6 | Sao Tome and Principe | 1 |
| Belize | 2 | Jamaica | 10 | Saudi Arabia (the Kingdom of) | 15 |
| Benin | 3 | Japan | 3 | Senegal | 6 |
| Bolivia | 4 | Jordan | 8 | Serbia | 2 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1 | Kazakhstan | 5 | Seychelles | 12 |
| Brazil | 14 | Kenya | 38 | Sierra Leone | 15 |
| Bulgaria | 5 | Kiribati | 2 | Singapore | 1 |
| Burundi | 1 | Korea (the Democratic People's Republic of) | 8 | Slovenia | 5 |
| Cameroon | 7 | Latvia | 7 | Solomon Islands | 6 |
| Cape Verde | 2 | Lebanon | 4 | Somalia | 10 |
| Canada | 1 | Lesotho | 1 | South Africa | 9 |
| China | 21 | Liberia | 11 | Spain | 1 |
| Chile | 2 | Libya | 7 | Sri Lanka | 24 |
| Colombia | 7 | Lithuania | 6 | Sudan (the) | 6 |
| Comoros Islands (the) | 5 | Luxembourg | 1 | Suriname | 4 |
| Congo (the) | 3 | Madagascar | 10 | Switzerland | 3 |
| Congo (Democratic Republic of the) | 3 | Malawi | 7 | Syrian Arab Republic (the) | 1 |
| Cook Islands | 1 | Malaysia | 10 | Tanzania (the United Republic of) | 28 |
| Costa Rica | 1 | Maldives | 13 | Thailand | 8 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 1 | Malta | 97 | Togo | 4 |
| Croatia | 5 | Marshall Islands (the) | 3 | Tonga | 2 |
| Cuba | 1 | Mauritania | 1 | Trinidad and Tobago | 10 |
| Curaçao | 1 | Mauritius | 6 | Tunisia | 10 |
| Djibouti | 1 | Mexico | 19 | Türkiye | 9 |
| Dominica | 6 | Mongolia | 2 | Turkmenistan | 1 |
| Dominican Republic (the) | 2 | Montenegro | 7 | Turks and Caicos | 1 |
| Ecuador | 3 | Morocco | 4 | Tuvalu | 5 |
| Egypt | 11 | Mozambique | 8 | Uganda | 6 |
| El Salvador | 3 | Myanmar | 12 | Ukraine | 9 |
| Eritrea | 3 | Namibia | 11 | United Kingdom (the) | 1 |
| Estonia | 1 | New Zealand | 1 | United States of America (the) | 5 |
| Ethiopia | 15 | Nicaragua | 4 | Uruguay | 3 |
| Fiji | 8 | Nigeria | 92 | Vanuatu | 3 |
| France | 1 | Niue | 1 | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 2 |
| Gabon | 1 | Norway | 2 | Vietnam | 6 |
| Gambia (the) | 14 | Oman | 1 | Yemen | 6 |
| Georgia | 15 | Pakistan | 9 | Zambia | 4 |
| Germany | 3 | Panama | 6 | Zimbabwe | 2 |
| Ghana | 38 | Papua New Guinea | 5 | Hong Kong, China | 1 |
| Greece | 4 | Paraguay | 1 | Palestine (State of) | 3 |
| Grenada | 2 | Peru | 9 | | |

* Includes students who were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law, the Degree of Master of Humanities in International Maritime Legislation, the Degree of Master of Philosophy in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy and the Degree of Master of Science in International Maritime Law and Logistics.

MAJOR DONORS 2025-2026

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

IMO continues to support IMLI's funding requirements by annually providing fellowships which are intended for deserving government nominated candidates who wish to pursue post-graduate studies in the full spectrum of international maritime law. Thanks to this funding, the following students were able to receive training at IMLI during the current academic year: Kristan Stubbs (Bahamas, the), Orlye Sandra Dzobosse (Cameroon), Fatoumata Mballow (Gambia, the), Nana Yaa Abuaa Faibille (Ghana), Larry Nii Ashie Djanie (Ghana), Amaan Mohamed Najeeb (Maldives), Abdelillah Bhilil (Morocco), Benedicto G. Manlapaz (Philippines, the), Ahmed Hassan Jama (Somalia), Kapugama Vithanage Aravinda Gihan Gunaratne (Sri Lanka), and Loveness Jacob Nyumayo (Tanzania). IMO also awarded a fellowship to Pudensiana Patrice Mrema (Tanzania) in collaboration with the Government of United Arab Emirates.

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION

The Nippon Foundation, through its joint project with IMLI, known as the *"Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Legal Order for the Oceans,"* continues to support deserving government nominated fellows. For the academic year 2025-2026 the following students were selected as Fellows under the said Project: Danielle Christa-Joy Emanuel (Antigua & Barbuda), Sherneé Destini Symonette (Bahamas, the), Mariela del Carmen Martínez Perdomo (Honduras), Roy Mghanga Bwabi (Kenya), Romeo G. Clarke Jr. (Liberia), Aishath Zahaa (Maldives), Elozino Faith Eteghrara (Nigeria), Justine Dawn G. Santos-Timpac (Philippines, the), Corrine

Hilary Bernadette Rose (Seychelles), Gbakai Francis Kaindaneh (Sierra Leone), Ganepola Achchige Vishni Lakna Ganepola (Sri Lanka), John Kuyela Kidando (Tanzania), N'Koulete Yaovi Amedegou Kpadenou (Togo), and Can Berk Atasoy (Türkiye).

THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF) SEAFARERS' TRUST

The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Seafarers' Trust has provided funding that enabled maritime professionals from mostly developing States to receive training in the Institute's LL.M. and M.Hum. programmes. For the current academic year, the ITF Seafarers' Trust provided five fellowships to government nominated officers to pursue training at IMLI. They are Rita Hamidu (Ghana), Senteu Koinary Tutui (Kenya), Anieli Fuatino Noa (Kiribati), A.M. Kasun B. Adikari (Sri Lanka), and Mafuru Mbuga Moses (Tanzania).

THE LLOYD'S REGISTER FOUNDATION

Lloyd's Register Foundation was established to fund the advancement in transport, science, engineering, and technology education, training and research worldwide for the benefit of all, and to enhance the safety of life and property at sea, land and in the air. Since 2002, the Foundation has been generously funding nominated candidates to IMLI. For the year 2025-2026, the Foundation sponsored Kefalotse Seratwa Tsalaile-Mmese (Botswana), Adi Salaseini Muavesi Lesianawai (Fiji), and Sifiso Kaula (South Africa).

EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY

In the year 2023, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) awarded the Institute a contract for services in the sum of Euro 600,000. Through this contract, EMSA has been sponsoring the studies of suitable government officers from beneficiary countries, in the Institute's masters' and Research Degree programmes. For the academic year 2025-2026, EMSA sponsored Othmane Lamrani (Morocco), Zahran Akef Waheed Hamdalla (State of Palestine), Shatlyk Garabegov (Turkmenistan), and Artem Kharlov (Ukraine) to pursue studies in the Institute's masters' programmes. It also sponsored Abdalla Keshlaf (Libya) and Ahmad Assasleh (Jordan) to pursue studies in IMLI's Research Degree Programme.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF P&I CLUBS

The International Group of P&I Clubs, comprising of thirteen P&I Clubs, provides marine liability cover (protection and indemnity) for approximately 90% of the world's ocean-going tonnage. The aim of this Group is to inter alia, promote the insurance related interests of shipping companies as one voice. The Group has been supporting IMLI by providing a fellowship, which for this academic year, was awarded to Zaituni Simba Abdalla (Tanzania).

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING

The International Chamber of Shipping is the global trade association for shipowners and operators, which represents the world's national shipowner associations, and over 80% of the world merchant fleet. A long-standing supporter of IMLI, the Chamber extended its collaboration with the Institute for this academic year through the provision of one fellowship to Carlo Nico B. Aguilana (Philippines, the).

NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS - IMLI COOPERATION

In 2025, the Government of Malaysia supported IMLI through the provision of two full fellowships to Sarah Awenteme Abalansah (Ghana) and Mossie Wakil Kaima (Tanzania). The Government of the Republic of Korea continued to support the studies of government nominated officers and, thanks to its generous funding, Darlington Doue (Liberia) and Princess C. Aragon-Gebilaguin (Philippines, the) were able to pursue studies at IMLI for this academic year. The Government of Nigeria sponsored the training of two of their Government Officials, namely Omobola Akinmurele and Sally Ntui Omang. Other government entities who funded the studies of their officers include the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) which sponsored Florence Packshady Madelemo and Jamaly Juma Said; the Indian Coastguard which sponsored Rajat Mathuria; the Philippines Coast Guard which sponsored Reynaldo M. Gaano, and the Italian Coastguard which sponsored Ciro Bianco. For the very first time the Government of Belgium sponsored the studies of a Government officer to IMLI, namely Nuru Pipino from Tanzania. As already mentioned, the Government of the United Arab Emirates awarded a fellowship to Pudensiana Patrice Mrema (Tanzania) in collaboration with IMO. IMLI is also grateful to the Government of Malta for its continued and dedicated support.

IMLI VISITING FELLOWS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Mr. Charles Abela (Malta)

Senior Project Officer, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA); Alternate Representative of the European Commission to the IMO
“Port Security and Trade Facilitation”

Mr. Julián Abril García (Spain)

Head, Facilitation Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO

“Introduction to the IMO Facilitation Convention on International Maritime Traffic and its Annex”

“Benefits of Maritime Trade Facilitation for the Port States”

Professor Pinar Akan (Türkiye)

Head of the Maritime Law Department, Marmara University

“Container Shipping: From Freight to Demurrage”

Dr. Kamal-Deen Ali (Ghana)

Director-General, Ghana Maritime Authority

“Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy and Maritime Governance Frameworks”

Ms. Sandra Rita Allnutt (Brazil)

Head, Technical Cooperation Analysis and Audit Integration, Sub-division for Planning and Programming, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, IMO

“IMO’s Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division (TCID): Role and Achievements”

Judge Frida M. Armas Pfrirer (Argentina)

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

“Provisional Measures”

Mr. Robert Ashdown (the United Kingdom)

Secretary General, International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)

“The Role of the International Association of Classification Societies”

Dr. Felicity Grace Attard (Malta)

Senior Lecturer, Department of International Law, University of Malta; President, Malta Branch, International Law Association; Global Ambassador for Human Rights at Sea

“The Duty to Render Assistance at Sea:

Balancing Safety Obligations with Security Concerns”

Dr. Paula Bäckdén (Sweden)

President, Swedish Maritime Law Association; Swedish Average Adjuster (Dispascheur)

“General Average: Practice and Procedure”

Professor Richard Barnes (the United Kingdom)

University of Lincoln/Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea (NCLOS), UiT The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)

Two-day Training school entitled “Understanding Contemporary Challenges in Protecting the Right to Life at Sea”

Dr. Mustafa Başkara (Türkiye)

CEO, Ankara University National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law (DEHUKAM)

“Regional Cooperation for Climate Action: The Role of the Climate Change Regional Activity Centre (CC/RAC)”

Professor Pieter Bekker (the Netherlands)

Partner, Dentons USA LLP; Chair Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy, University of Dundee

“Maritime Limits and Boundaries: Delimitation Workshop”

Ms. Hassiba Benamara (Canada)

Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics (UNCTAD)

“2025 Review of Maritime Transport – Staying the course in turbulent waters”

Professor Simone Borg (Malta)

Ambassador for Malta on Climate Action; Professor of Environmental and Resources Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta
“CBDR and NMFT”

Judge Kathy-Ann Brown (Jamaica)

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

“Introduction to International Dispute Settlement”

Judge Oscar Cabello Sarubbi (Paraguay)

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

“Advisory Opinion on Fishing in the EEZ of Other States (Case No. 21)”

Dr. Ainhoa Campàs Velasco (Spain)

Lecturer in Law, Southampton Law School, University of Southampton

Two-day Training school entitled “Understanding Contemporary Challenges in Protecting the Right to Life at Sea”

Professor Laura Carballo Piñeiro (Spain)

Professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations, University of Vigo

“The Relevance of Port States in Upholding Labour Standards”

Mr. Martin Cauchi-Inglott (Malta)

Director EUCRIMARIO and Director Global Centre for Maritime Sanctions Monitoring (GCMSM)

“Maritime Domain Awareness and monitoring of sanctioned and falsely flagged vessels, supported by the #IORIS tool”

Ms. Aicha Cherif (France)

Legal Officer, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO

“Workshop on General Principles of Drafting National Legislation to implement IMO Conventions”

“Fraudulent Registration and Fraudulent Registries of Ships”

Mr. Damien Chevallier (France)

Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO
“Inaugural Lecture of the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law”

Mr. Watchara Chiemanukulkit (Thailand)

Chief, International Affairs Division, Marine Department, Thailand; Chair, IMO Facilitation Committee for 2027

“Wildlife Smuggling at Sea”

Dr. Iliana Christodoulou-Varotsi (Cyprus/Greece)

Senior Legal Consultant & Lead Industry Trainer in private practice; Member, Athens Bar Association, Greece

“Seafarers and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)”

“Challenges for Multi-Flagged Fleets in Ensuring Regulatory Compliance with MLC: The Role of Maritime Administrations”

Mr. Andrew Clarke (the United Kingdom)

Technical Officer, Maritime Security Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO

“SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code”
“IMO Model on the whole Government approach to Maritime Security”

Dr. Kai-Dieter Classen (Germany)

Deputy Director, / SEC2-2 Workplace Internationalization, EU State Aid Law, Hamburg Port Authority

“A ‘Green Ports’ Concept – Selected Public Policies for Greening Ports”

Dr. Robin Cleverly (the United Kingdom)

Maritime Boundary Expert - Marbdy Consulting

“Technical Aspects of the recent Maritime Boundary Delimitation Cases”

Dr. Harry Conway (Liberia)

Alternate Permanent Representative of Liberia to IMO, Chair of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)

“Marine Litter: A Governance Perspective”

Professor Eric De Brabandere (Belgium)

Professor of International Dispute Settlement Law, Leiden University

“Investment Treaty Arbitration and Maritime Disputes”

Professor Alan Deidun (Malta)

Director of the International Ocean Institute - Malta Training Centre; Professor and Marine Biologist; Ocean Ambassador of Malta

“Ocean Acidification and Climate Change”

Ms. Gerardine Delanoye (Belgium)

Capacity Building & Resources Manager, IALA World-Wide Academy

“IALA and the Academy”

“IALA Risk Management Toolbox”

“IMO Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services”

Ms. Chiara Della Mea (Italy)

Head, Pollution Preparedness and Response Section, Subdivision for Ocean Policy and Pollution Response Marine Environment Division, IMO

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

Mr. George Demetriades (Cyprus)

(Audit Officer, Sub-division for Member State Audit and Implementation, IMO)
“Workshop on General Principles of Drafting National Legislation to implement IMO Conventions”

Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Peter Ehlers (Germany)

Former President, German Federal Hydrographic Agency; Institute for Law of the Sea and Maritime Law, Hamburg University

“Use of and Threats to the Oceans”

“What has already been done for sustainable Ocean Governance?”

“Underwater Noise Radiated by Ships”

Professor Michael Faure (Belgium)

Academic Director Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research - Maastricht University

“Criminal Liability for Marine Oil Pollution: Legal and Economic Aspects”

Mr. Paul Falzon (Malta)

International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) Inspector, General Workers Union – Malta

“Abandonment - A Stark Reality”

Dr. Ann Fenech (Malta)

President, Comité Maritime International
“The Role of the Maritime Law Practitioner: Local – International”

“General Characteristics of a Maritime Lawyer”

“The Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sale of Ships”

Dr. Stefano Filletti (Malta)

Leading Partner, Filletti & Filletti Advocates / Honorary Consul of the Republic of Ecuador in Malta

“Marine Pollution Prevention Under Part XII of UNCLOS”

Professor Craig Forrest (Australia)

Professor of Law and Director of the Marine and Shipping Law Unit, TC Beirne School of Law University, Queensland
“Wreck Removal Convention and Potentially Polluting Wrecks”

- Professor Philippe Gautier (Belgium)**
Registrar, International Court of Justice (ICJ)
“Experts / Witnesses before International Courts”
- Ms. Gillian Grant (Canada)**
HNS Project Manager, IOPC Funds
“The 2010 HNS Convention: Why does it matter?”
- Dr. Mitja Grbec (Slovenia)**
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management, University of Primorska; Secretary-General, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia; Attorney-at-Law
“Marine Environmental Law: Liability and Compensation”
- Professor Omar Grech (Malta)**
Associate Professor, Department of International Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta
“Introduction to International Human Rights Law and International Criminal Law”
“Human Rights at Sea”
- Mr. Jeremy Greenwood (USA)**
Head, Maritime Security Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO
“IMO Response to Emerging and Urgent Maritime Security Threats”
- Dr. Antoine Grima (Malta)**
Head of the Department, Environmental & Resources Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta
“Sea Level Rise and International Security Implications”
- Mr. Fredrik Haag (Sweden)**
Head, Office for the London Convention/ Protocol and Ocean Affairs, Sub-division for Ocean Policy and Pollution Response, Marine Environment Division, IMO
“Protection of the Marine Environment from Dumping of Waste and Other Matter: The London Convention and London Protocol”
- Mr. Omar Hassen (Morocco)**
Head, Member State Audits, Sub-division for Member State Audit and Implementation, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division (TCID), IMO
“IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS)”
“Port State Activities – IMO Member States’ Rights and Obligations”
- Judge Tómas H. Heiðar (Iceland)**
President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
“Inaugural Address of the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries”
“Advisory Opinion of ITLOS on Climate Change”
- Dr. Axel Henriksen (Germany)**
Lawyer, Specialist in Commercial and Corporate Law
“Ship Building Contracts: A Practical Perspective”
- Mr. Philipp Hermes (Germany)**
Director Law, Governance and Security, Téthys Naval
“Due Process at Sea: The Use of Force on State and Non-State Vessels (Peacetime)”
- Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Chile/Germany)**
Registrar, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
“Jurisdiction of the Tribunal”
“Relations between ITLOS and State Parties”
- Mr. Roel Hoenders (the Netherlands)**
Head of Air Pollution and Energy Efficiency, Marine Environment Division, IMO
“Protection of the Marine Environment from Ships Emissions”
- Dr. Jan Hoffmann (Germany)**
Global Lead, Maritime Transport and Ports, The World Bank
“The Port Performance and Supply Chain Relationship”
- Professor Patricia Iglecias (Brazil)**
Chief, Sustainability Office, University of Sao Paulo; Professor, Faculty of Law; Partner, Iglecias Law Firm, President at Law for a Green Planet Institute
“The Global Plastics Treaty and Transnational Ocean Governance: Circular Economy and Regulatory Architecture”
- Judge Maria Teresa Infante Caffi (Chile)**
Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
“Appearing before the Court: A Practitioner’s Perspective”
- Mr. Vladimír Jares (Czech Republic)**
Director, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations (DOALOS)
“The Role and Functions of the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea in the Context of Global Ocean Governance”
- Mr. Shanaka Jayasekara (Australia)**
Head of Office, Programme Coordinator (UN Maritime Sanctions), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Programme Office in Malta
“AIS Data as Evidence and Integrity on Chain of Custody”
- Professor Henning Jessen (Germany)**
Professor, The Nippon Foundation Chair in Maritime Law and Digital Change, World Maritime University (WMU)
“Market Based Measures (MBMs)”
- Dr. Ángeles Jimenez Garcia-Carriazo (Spain)**
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“Final Provisions of a Treaty: Entry into Force, Duration, and Termination”
“Extended Continental Shelf”
- Dr. Tafsir Matin Johansson (Sweden)**
Associate Professor, Research/Ocean Sustainability, Governance and Management; WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, World Maritime University (WMU)
“Marine Technology and the Law of the Sea: Disrupting the Margins of the Law of the Sea”
- Judge Maurice Kamga (Cameroon)**
Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
“Prompt Release”
- Professor Atsuko Kanehara (Japan)**
Research Director, Canon Institute for Global Studies and Senior Fellow for the Sasakawa Peace Foundation; Member, IMLI Governing Board; Member, IMLI Academic Committee
“Protection of Undersea Infrastructure: The Right to Protect Uses of Ocean”
- Professor Nobukatsu Kanehara (Japan)**
Executive Director, Sasakawa Peace Foundation
“The Transformation of the International Order and Japan’s Aspirations”
- Dr. Theofanis Karayannis (Greece)**
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“Implementation and Enforcement of the Ballast Water Management Convention”
- Professor Stuart Kaye (Australia)**
Director and Professor of Law, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)
“Enforcement Cooperation in Combatting IUU Fishing”
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“ISPS Code and Ports”
- Mr. Andrew Kennedy (the United Kingdom)**
Lloyd’s Register’s Global Head of Dispute Resolution and Compliance
“The Legal Position of Marine Classification Societies”
- Ms. Kiran Khosla (the United Kingdom)**
Principal Director (Legal), Secretary, Insurance and Maritime Law Committee, International Chamber of Shipping [ICS]; Member, IMLI Governing Board
“The Consistent Application of the 1992 IMO Conventions on Liability and Compensation for Ship Sources Pollution”
“Dire Straits? Right of Passage through International Straits”
- Professor James Kraska (USA)**
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“The Right to Visit”
- Judge Dr. Kriangsak Kittichaisaree (Thailand)**
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“The Legality of Enforcement Activities at Sea (Cases No. 2, 19, 24 and 25)”
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“Resolving Disputes in International Marine Environment Law”
- “Regulating Submarines under International Law”
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“Fisheries Law and Compliance”
- Judge Markiyán Kulyk (Ukraine)**
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“Military Activities’ Clause in the Jurisprudence of ITLOS and Arbitral Tribunals”
“Advisory Proceedings under UNCLOS”
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“Seafarers’ Work: Challenges and Opportunities in an Era of Emerging Technologies and Green Shipping”
- Mr. Coalter G. Lathrop (USA)**
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“Dispute Settlement concerning activities in the Area”
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“Islands and the Delimitation of Maritime Zones”
- Professor Ronan Long (Ireland)**
Director of the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute
“Implementing Areas-Based Management Tools / MPAS under the BBNJ Agreement: Three Case studies to Achieve the 30 per cent Target by 2030”
- Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Poland)**
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“Inaugural Lecture of IMLI’s 37th Academic Year”

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Stevenson (USA) Director Emeritus, Center for Mariner Advocacy, The Seamen’s Church Institute of New York and New Jersey “Seafarers’ Rights and Maritime Labour Convention, 2006”</p> <p>Mr. Aret Taşçıyan (Türkiye) Director, Lockton Omni “Marine Insurance: History & Legal Framework”</p> <p>Professor Yoshifumi Tanaka (Japan) Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Centre for Private Governance (CEPRI), Denmark “Inaugural Lecture of the Law of the Sea Module”</p> <p>Mr. Andrew Taylor (the United Kingdom) Partner at Reed Smith, Secretary and Treasurer of the British Maritime Association “Carriage of Goods by Sea”</p> <p>Professor George Theodoridis (Greece) Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, World Maritime University (WMU)</p> | <p>Annual Seminar on “Maritime Transport Policy”</p> <p>Ms. Beatriz Vacotto (Argentina) Head of the Maritime Unit, International Labour Standards Department, International Labour Organization “Inaugural Lecture of the IMLI Course on Seafarers’ Rights”</p> <p>Mr. Robert van de Poll (the Netherlands) Global Director Law of the Sea, Fugro “Maritime Limits and Boundaries: Delimitation Workshop”</p> <p>Dr. Ivan Vella (Malta) Director & Founding Partner, Vella Advocates; Member, Maritime Law Advisory Council “International Conventions on Maritime Liens and Mortgages”</p> <p>Professor Patricia Vella de Fremeaux (Malta) Head, Department of International Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta “Maritime Migration and Search and Rescue”</p> <p>Mr. Jonathan Warring (the United Kingdom) Head of Legal, International Transport Workers’ Federation “ITF: Supporting Seafarers Rights”</p> <p>Ms. Jennifer Watson (the United Kingdom) Legal Consultant, UK Department for Transport; Legal Consultant, IMO “Workshop on General Principles of Drafting National Legislation to implement IMO Conventions”</p> <p>Dr. Krzysztof Wróbel (Poland) Associate Professor, Gdynia Maritime University “Maritime Autonomy - Introduction to Technical Aspects and Man-Machine Interactions”</p> <p>Mr. Godwin Xerri (Malta) Managing Director, Combined Maritime Services Limited “Shipping Law: An Overview” “Sale and Purchase Procedure” “Management and Operation of Ships”</p> <p>Captain Joseph Zerafa (Malta) Maritime Consultant “Technical Aspects of Shipping”</p> |
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Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) ringing the ceremonial bell, signifying the official opening of IMLI's 37th Academic Year



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General; Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Faculty and the IMLI Class of 2025-2026 during the annual Field Trip in London



Professor Atsuko Kanehara (Research Director, Canon Institute for Global Studies and Senior Fellow for the Sasakawa Peace Foundation; Member, IMLI Governing Board; Member, IMLI Academic Committee), Professor Nobukatsu Kanehara (Executive Director, Sasakawa Peace Foundation), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI) together with the Nippon Foundation Lecturers and the Nippon Foundation Scholars for the Academic Year 2025-2026



The Honourable Dr. Chris Bonett MP (then Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works, Malta) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (Secretary-General, IMO), Mr. Gilbert F. Houngbo (Director-General, ILO), and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) at the 20th Anniversary Celebration since the adoption of the Maritime Labour Convention (2006)



Dr. Tim. Slingsby (Director of Skills and Education, Lloyd's Register Foundation) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026 during the annual Field Trip in London



Dr. Ann Fenech (President, Comité Maritime International) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026



Ms. Katie Higginbottom (Head of ITF Seafarers' Trust) delivering a presentation to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026 during the annual Field Trip in London

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Blue Security in a Changing Climate: Integrating Climate Adaptation into Maritime Security Governance in Antigua and Barbuda* / The Merchant Shipping (Radiocommunications) Regulations: Regulations to Implement Chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended in the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda**

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Artificial Intelligence and Protection of Marine Biodiversity under the BBNJ Agreement: Regulatory Challenges from a Bahamian Perspective* / A Bill to Amend the Environmental Planning and Protection Act, 2019 in Order to Implement Selected Provisions of the BBNJ Agreement**

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Maritime Cybersecurity Governance in the Bahamas: A Case for Legislative Reform* / Merchant Shipping (Maritime Cyber Risk Management) Regulations, 2026**

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Effective Mechanisms to Strengthen the Domestic Ferry Safety Regime in the Republic of Fiji: A Governance-Based Approach* / A Law to Incorporate the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC, 2006) as amended into the Laws of the Republic of Fiji and to Provide for the Effective Implementation of Title V thereof**

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Marine Insurance Law and Climate-Related Maritime Liability: International Regimes and Legal Challenges in the Gambia* / A Law to Incorporate the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC, 2006) as amended into the Laws of the Gambia and to Provide for the Effective Implementation of Title V thereof**

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A Critical Legal Analysis of the Ghanaian Legal Framework in Protecting Seafarers in the Era of Decarbonization* / Maritime Pollution Prevention (Control of Sulphur Oxide Emissions and Fuel Quality) Regulations, 2026**

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Lieutenant Commander, Deputy Director Navy Legal Affairs, Ghana Navy

Assessing the Effectiveness of the Yaoundé Architecture in Combating Maritime Insecurity in the Gulf of Guinea: Challenges and Prospects* / Maritime Safety and Security (Cyber Risk Management) Regulations, 2026 (L.I. XXXX): An Instrument made under sections 299 of the Ghana Shipping Act, 2003 (Act 645) and 72 of the Ghana Maritime Security Act, 2004 (Act 675) to provide for the management of cyber risks affecting maritime safety and maritime security, to give effect to Ghana's obligations under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as amended, including the International Safety Management Code and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, and to provide for related matters**

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An Analysis of the Effectiveness of the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported

and Unregulated Fishing in Honduras* / A Law to Incorporate the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 into the Laws of Honduras and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Regulatory Challenges in Ensuring Green Ship Recycling in the Beaching Yards of South Asia: A Comparative Study of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh* / Maritime Search and Rescue Act, 2026: An Act to Incorporate the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979, as amended into the Laws of India and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Enhancing the Protection of Seafarer's Rights through National Legislation: A Kiribati Perspective* / Regulations to Incorporate Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships into the Laws of Kiribati and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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A Legal Analysis of the Interface between Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries and Claims for an Extended Continental Shelf: A Case Study of Liberia* / The Liberian Maritime Zones Act, 2026**

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Director International Affairs
Towards a Free, Green and Smart Port: Legal and Governance Dimensions of Decarbonization at the Freeport of Monrovia* / Ship Recycling Act: An Act to Incorporate the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 into the Laws of Liberia and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Bound by Duty, Exposed to Liability: International Legal Challenges in the Criminalisation of Maritime Rescuers* / Maritime Search and Rescue Act of the Maldives 2026: An Act to Incorporate the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) 1979, as amended in the Laws of the Maldives and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Criminal Liability for Maritime Environmental Harm at Sea* / Wreck Removal Act, 2026: An Act to Incorporate the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 into the Laws of Maldives and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Blue Crimes and Blind Spots: Addressing the Convergence of Fisheries Crime and Transnational Organized Crime* / A Legal Notice to Incorporate the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships (Beijing Convention) into the Laws of Malta and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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The Carriage of Inward Cargo by Sea in Malta: Challenges, Gaps, and Pathways for Legal Reform* / Port Workers (Amendments) Regulations, 2026**

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Strengthening Maritime Enforcement in Myanmar through the Establishment of a Coherent Legal and Institutional Framework* / A Law to Incorporate the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing into the Laws of Myanmar and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Maritime Decarbonisation and Environmental, Social and Governance Compliance under International Maritime Law: Emerging Regulatory Challenges* / A Law to Incorporate the Guidelines on Fair Treatment of Seafarers Detained in Connection with Alleged Crimes into the Laws of Nigeria and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Legal and Institutional Challenges in the Implementation of Port State Control Inspections: A Comparative Analysis of the Abuja and Paris Memoranda of Understanding* / A Law to Incorporate the 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2022 Amendments of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006 into the Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Maritime Occupation and the Law of the Sea: A Legal Analysis of the Gaza Maritime Zone in Light of the 2024 ICJ Advisory Opinion* / A Law to Incorporate the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 into the Laws of Palestine and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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A Legal Analysis on the Protection of Submarine Cables and Pipelines in the Philippines* / Maritime Cybersecurity Management Law 2026**

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An Analysis of the Legal Framework on Safe Containers in Ships: A Philippine Perspective* / An Act to Incorporate the International Convention for Safe Containers, 1972 as amended into the Laws of the Philippines, to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof, and for other Purposes**

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A Critical Analysis of Flag State Investigation of Marine Casualties in the Philippines* / Department of Transportation Order for the Establishment of the Marine Safety Investigation Bureau and for Other Purposes**

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From Containment to Compensation: A Comparative Legal Analysis of Philippine's Claims from the IOPC Fund in Case of

Pollution – Lessons learned from the *Solar 1* and *Princess Empress* Cases* / An Act to Prevent Pollution by Harmful Substances Carried by Sea in Packaged Form Implementing Annex III of the International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as Modified by the Protocols of 1978 and 1997, as Amended in the Laws of the Philippines**

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A Legal Analysis of the Philippines' Legal Framework for the Prompt Release of Detained Fishing Vessels and their Crew* / The Philippines Fisheries Code (Amendment) Act: An Act to Provide for the Prompt Release of Foreign Fishing Vessels and their Crew, thereby Implementing the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, 1982, and for other Purposes**

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From Piracy to Maritime Terrorism: Evolving Threats and the Adequacy of the Seychelles Legal Framework* / Maritime Violence and Security Act, 2026: An Act to incorporate the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988 and its Protocol into the Laws of Seychelles and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Legal and Institutional Challenges in Combating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing in Sierra Leone's EEZ: The Role of the Port State Measures Agreement* / The Fisheries (Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing) Regulations, 2026**

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The Impact of Marine Autonomous Surface Ships on Aids to Navigation: Assessing Compatibility Issues with the Current South African Framework* / Safety of Fishing Vessels Regulations: Regulations to Incorporate the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 into the Laws of South Africa and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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Naval Enforcement and Maritime Governance: The Role of the Sri Lankan Navy in Combatting Drug Trafficking* / Seafarers' (Recruitment and Placement) Digitalization Act 2026**

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From Procedure to Compliance: Understanding the Challenges of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf Submission Framework with Reference to the Sri Lankan Experience* / Arrest of Ships Act**

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The Enforcement of IMO Environmental Conventions: Legal and Institutional Challenges for Marine Environmental Governance in Tanzania* / The Oil Pollution Liability and Compensation Regulations: Regulations for the Incorporation of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992, and

International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992 into the Laws of the United Republic of Tanzania and to Provide for Effective Implementation thereof**

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The Enforcement of IMO Environmental Treaties on the Prevention and Preparedness for Marine Pollution from Ship-Source Oil Spills: Legal and Institutional Implications for Marine Environmental Governance in the United Republic of Tanzania* / An Act to Incorporate the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) into the Laws of the United Republic of Tanzania and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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The Legal Implications of Ratifying MARPOL Annex VI: Assessing Tanzania's International Obligations and Regulatory Framework* / A Bill for an Act to Amend the Merchant Shipping Act to Incorporate the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matters, 1972 into the Laws of the United Republic of Tanzania and to Provide for Effective Implementation thereof**

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Submarine Cables and the Law of the Sea: The Case for National Legislation Ensuring the Protection of such Critical Infrastructure in Tanzania* / Maritime Labour (Amendment) Regulations: Regulations to Incorporate the 2022 Amendments of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended into the Laws of the United Republic of Tanzania and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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IUU Fishing Procedural Investigation, Prosecution and Adjudication: Challenges and Successes in Tanzania Mainland* / A Regulation to Incorporate the Athens Convention relating to Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 2002 into the Laws of Tanzania and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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The Importance of Ratifying MARPOL Annex VI: A Legal Assessment of Tanzania's Measures to Combat Air Pollution* / Merchant Shipping (Harmful Control of Anti-Fouling Systems) Regulations, 2026: Regulations to Incorporate the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 into the Laws of Tanzania and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof**

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A Critical Legal Analysis of the Readiness of the United Republic of Tanzania to Address the Criminalisation of Seafarers* / Tanzania Shipping Agencies (Implementation of the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue) Regulations, 2026**

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