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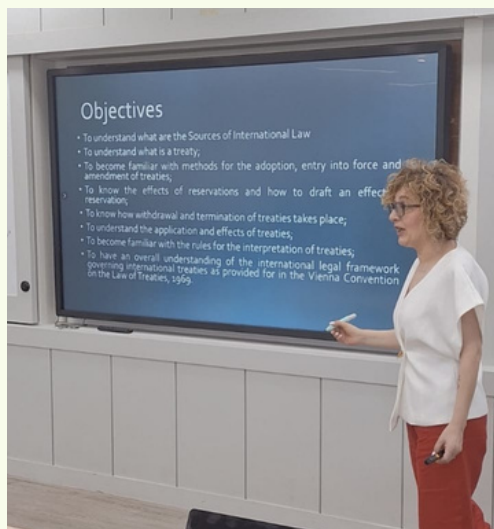
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IMLI CONTINUES ITS COLLABORATION WITH THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

IMLI continues its collaboration with the the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) through the dissemination of knowledge and expertise during international courses. Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI) and Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI) delivered several lectures on public international law, law of the sea, and fisheries law to the participants of the *11th International Course on Fisheries Law* organised by FAO. This Course was held in Busan, South Korea, and ran between 18 May and 5 June 2026.



*Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja
(Chief of Administration, IMLI)
together with the FAO Course
participants*



*Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel
(The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on
International Maritime Security Law,
IMLI) together with the
FAO Course participants*



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY (EMSA) LECTURES AT IMLI



On 25 May 2026, IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming again Ms. Maja Markovčić Kostelac (Executive Director, European Maritime Safety Agency [EMSA]). Ms. Markovčić Kostelac was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff.



*Ms. Maja Markovčić Kostelac (Executive Director, EMSA) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez
(Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026*

Following her introduction to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026, Ms. Markovčić Kostelac delivered a lecture entitled “*EMSA and its Future-Proof Mandate*” to the students and the external participants of the IMLI Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance.



Ms. Maja Markovčić Kostelac (Executive Director, EMSA), Ms. Radina Russeva, Policy Adviser, EMSA), and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with Mr. Otmane Lamrani (Morocco), Mr. Shatlyk Garabegov (Turkmenistan), Mr. Zahran Akef Waheed Hamdalla (State of Palestine) and Mr. Artem Kharlov (Ukraine), the EMSA fellows of the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

TWO-DAY TRAINING SCHOOL ORGANIZED IN COLLABORATION BETWEEN IMLI AND BLUERIGHTS

Training Experts from COST Action CA23103 - Life, liberty and health: ensuring universal protection of human rights at sea (BlueRights) and IMLI joined forces to deliver a two-day in-person training school, entitled “*Understanding Contemporary Challenges in Protecting the Right to Life at Sea*”. The training given was focused on the protection of the right to life at sea and other important topics such as “*Search and Rescue*”, “*Use of Force*”, and “*Life Risks at Work*”.



Dr. Jessica Schechinger (NCLOS, UiT), Professor Richard Barnes ((University of Lincoln/Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea (NCLOS) at UiT The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)), Professor Dr. iur. Anna Petrig (University of Basel and Chair of BlueRights), Dr. Ainhoa Campas Velasco (University of Southampton), Dr. Mariana Rosca (Moldova State University) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026 and the external participants of this training school



From L:R: Mr. Daniel H. Stein (Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI), Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI), Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI), Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, IMLI), Professor Richard Barnes ((University of Lincoln/Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea (NCLOS) at UiT The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Professor Dr. iur. Anna Petrig (University of Basel and Chair of BlueRights), Dr. Ainhua Campas Velasco (University of Southampton), Dr. Mariana Rosca (Moldova State University), Dr. Jessica Schechinger (NCLOS, UiT), Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law / Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) and Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI)

DELEGATION FROM THE EASTERN CAPE OF SOUTH AFRICA VISITS IMLI

A delegation from the Eastern Cape of South Africa paid a courtesy visit to the Institute. Headed by Mr. Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane (Premier of the Eastern Cape), the delegation was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI faculty and Staff. H.E. Ms. Nosipho Nausca Jean Jezile (High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to Malta) was also part of the delegation. Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez delivered a presentation introducing IMLI, its mission and its programmes to the members of the delegation. During the visit, possible future cooperation between IMLI and the South African Authorities was discussed. A tour of the IMLI premises followed soon after.



From L:R: Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), H.E. Ms. Nosipho Nausca Jean Jezile (High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to Malta), and Mr. Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane (Premier of the Eastern Cape)



Mr. Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane (Premier of the Eastern Cape), H.E. Ms. Nosipho Nausca Jean Jezile (High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to Malta), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), and Mr. Sifiso Kaula (Student of the 2025-2026 IMLI Class hailing from South Africa) together with the visiting delegation

IMLI ANNUAL MOOT COURT ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF MARITIME DISPUTES



The IMLI Class of 2025-2026 participated in the annual Moot Court which is conducted by the Institute under the topic of “Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes”.



This exercise, constitutes an essential part of the academic programme and is incorporated within the *Module on Law of the Sea: Specific Regimes II*.



The Moot Court enables the Class to gain practical, hands-on experience with the intricate processes of maritime dispute settlement. By participating in a simulated international judicial forum, students strengthen their advocacy, legal analysis, and collaborative skills while applying legal principles in a realistic and interactive environment.

IMLI'S PARTICIPATION AT THE 76TH SESSION OF THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI) represented IMLI at the 76th Session of the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC76) that was held at IMO Headquarters in London and ran from 8 to 12 June 2026.

The IMO Technical Cooperation Committee is the body that oversees the organization's capacity-building and technical assistance programmes, with its primary responsibility to help the developing nations to be able to implement global maritime safety, security, and environmental standards.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (Secretary-General, IMO) delivering the opening speech of the Session



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI)



The plenary whilst the Session was under way

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES AT A NATIONAL CONGRESS IN SPAIN



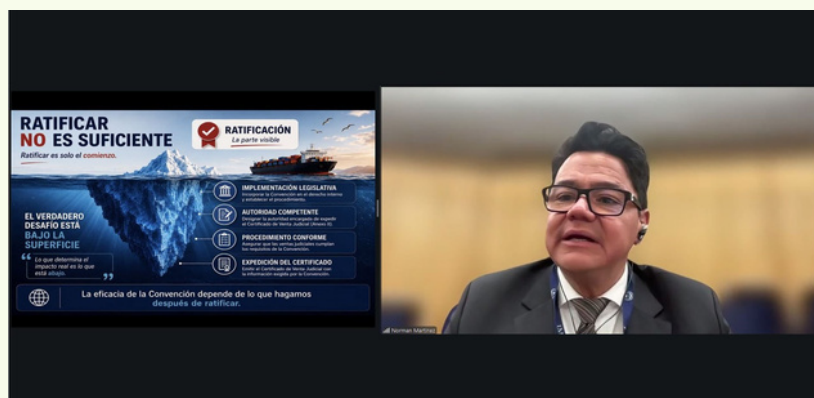
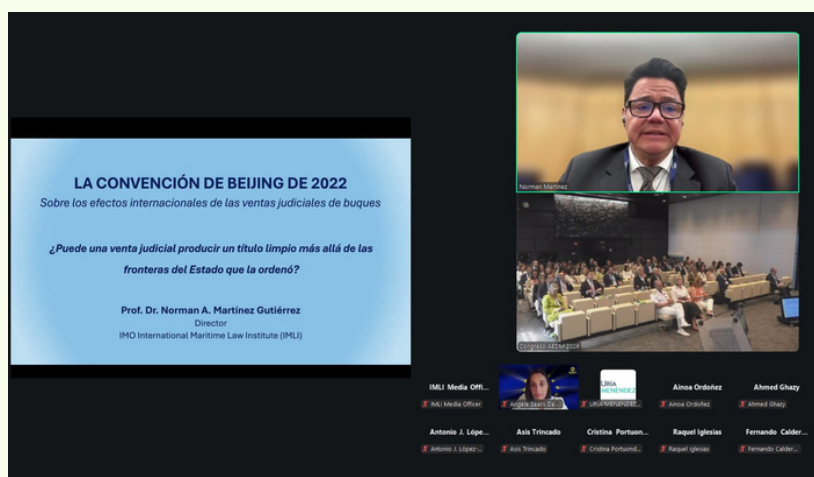
CONGRESO NACIONAL
**Mareas de cambio
Proa a Valencia**

11 y 12 junio
2026

Formato híbrido | Presencial | Auditorio Uría Menéndez (Príncipe de Vergara, 187 Madrid)
Virtual | Plataforma Zoom

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director of IMLI) delivered a presentation at the Spanish Maritime Law Association's National Congress 2026 entitled "*Tides of Change. Heading Towards Valencia*". The Congress ran between 11 and 12 June 2026.

The Director's presentation, which was delivered in Spanish was entitled "*La Convención De Beijing De 2022 - Sobre los efectos internacionales de las ventas judiciales de buques*".



IMLI DIRECTOR DELIVERS A PRESENTATION DURING THE 76TH SESSION OF THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

During the 76th Session of the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered a presentation entitled "*50th Anniversary of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976: From Ratification to Implementation - What States Need to Know*".



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering his presentation

MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY OF MALTA VISITS IMLI

The Honourable Dr. Chris Bonett (Minister for Sustainable Mobility of Malta) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 17 June 2026. Minister Bonett was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff, and the IMLI Class of 2025-2026. During his visit, Minister Bonett participated in a brief but significant ceremony, wherein he placed the IMLI Pin on the IMLI World Map symbolising the participation of Botswana for the first time in any of the Institute's programmes.



The Honourable Dr. Chris Bonett (Minister for Sustainable Mobility of Malta) meeting the students



The Honourable Dr. Chris Bonett (Minister for Sustainable Mobility of Malta) placing the IMLI pin on Botswana showcasing the participation of this country within the IMLI programmes



The Honourable Dr. Chris Bonett (Minister for Sustainable Mobility of Malta) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

During his visit at IMLI, the Honourable Dr. Chris Bonett (Minister for Sustainable Mobility of Malta) unveiled a plaque which commemorates the generous contribution provided by the Government of Malta for the refurbishment of the Institute's second Lecture Hall.

