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To: All IMO Members
United Nations and specialized agencies
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO

Subject: **International Day for Women in Maritime 2026 and the Gender Equality Award Ceremony (18 May 2026)**

1 Reference is made to Circular Letter No.5132, dated 26 February 2026, on the celebration of the International Day for Women in Maritime (ID4WIM) and the IMO Gender Equality Award Ceremony. Additional information outlining the arrangements for the event is provided, as follows.

2 The event will take place at IMO Headquarters, in the Main Hall, on **Monday, 18 May 2026, from 4.30 p.m.**, it will be conducted in person, with interpretation, with the option for remote participation. The event will also be live-streamed on [IMO's YouTube channel](#).

3 The programme of the event is outlined in annex 1 to this circular letter and is also available online, along with information on the panellists, at [International Day for Women in Maritime 2026](#).

4 Delegates intending to participate are kindly requested to register via the Online Meeting Registration System (OMRS) by Friday, 15 May 2026. Further information on the registration procedures can be found in annex 2 to this circular letter.

5 Queries regarding the Day should be sent to ero@imo.org.

ANNEX 1

ID4WIM – FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE: ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY FOR MARITIME EXCELLENCE

Programme

- 16.00 – 16.30 Registration
- 16.30 – 16.35 Opening of the event by Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General, IMO
- 16.35 – 16.50 Expert perspective: *"Why Gender Mainstreaming Matters: Challenges and Gaps in the Maritime Sector"*
- Moderator: Atty. Sharon De Chavez-Aledo
Maritime Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the IMO,
Chair of HTW Sub-Committee & Co-Chair IMOGENder
 - Speaker: Professor Anna Petrig, University of Basel
- 16.50 – 17.00 Launch of the Handbook on Gender Mainstreaming
Professor Momoko Kitada, World Maritime University
- 17:00 – 17.15 Expert perspective: *"From Commitment to Action: Best Practices in Gender Mainstreaming"*
- Moderator: Atty. Sharon De Chavez-Aledo
 - Speaker: Mia Kroghslund Jørgensen, Vice President and Head of
People, Culture & Strategy, Hafnia
- 17.15 – 17.30 IMO Gender Equality Award Ceremony
The 2026 IMO Gender Equality Award will be presented to
Professor Momoko Kitada
- 17.30 – 20.30 Reception

ANNEX 2

REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Online Meeting Registration System (OMRS)

1 Those intending to participate in this event are kindly requested to register by Friday, 15 May 2026 via IMO's Online Meeting Registration System (OMRS), as advised in Circular Letter No.4336 of 5 November 2020.

2 Once the registration procedure is complete, participants will be issued at IMO with an electronic access card to pass through the security barrier in the IMO building. The issue of the access card will require photographic proof of identity, e.g. a passport, identity card or driving licence. Attendees may also be required to show proof of identity at any time while they are in the Headquarters building, if requested to do so by IMO Security. In view of the significant costs incurred in producing access cards, attendees who have previously been issued with one are kindly requested to bring it with them for reactivation.

3 Prospective participants will not be registered to attend the event without authorization from their OMRS Delegation Coordinator. New delegates whose names appear in OMRS will be issued with the above-mentioned access card. Delegates whose names are not on the OMRS list will be requested to contact their OMRS Delegation Coordinator in order to process their authorization to attend the event.

4 Any matters relating to the registration in OMRS should be communicated to:

Registration Unit
Meeting Services, Meeting Support Section
Email: onlineregistration@imo.org

Code of Conduct

5 Delegates, participants, attendees and guests are subject to the Code of Conduct for Delegates, Observers and Other Participants at IMO Meetings, Events and Activities to Prevent Harassment, including Sexual Harassment (Circular Letter No.4908).