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To: IMO Member States and other Governments
United Nations and specialized agencies
Intergovernmental organizations
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Subject: **Celebration of the IMO World Maritime Day Parallel Event in the United Arab Emirates (29 September to 1 October 2025)**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Government of the United Arab Emirates have the honour to invite interested parties to join them in celebrating this year's World Maritime Day Parallel Event in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, details of which are provided in the annexes.

ANNEX 1

**CELEBRATION OF THE IMO WORLD MARITIME DAY PARALLEL EVENT
IN DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

(29 September to 1 October 2025)

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has the honour to announce the celebration of the 2025 World Maritime Day Parallel Event (WMDPE) in Dubai, from 29 September to 1 October 2025. The offer by the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host the event was accepted at the 122nd session of the IMO Council, held in July 2019.

A joint letter of invitation signed by the Secretary-General and the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of the United Arab Emirates is enclosed in annex 2.

The event will consist of a number of high-level panel discussions focused on IMO's theme for 2025: "**Our Ocean – Our obligation – Our opportunity**", featuring prominent international speakers who will offer insight into several relevant subjects. The full programme will be available in due course.

Information on the event, including registration, hotels and the various activities, will be available soon on the official website at: <https://www.moei.gov.ae/en/about-ministry/wmdpe2025uae>. Participants are invited to register in good time via the event's website. Queries about the event may be sent to hessa.binsulaiman@moei.gov.ae.

The International Maritime Organization and the Government of the United Arab Emirates are grateful for your attention to this circular letter and look forward to welcoming participants to the Parallel Event in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

ANNEX 2



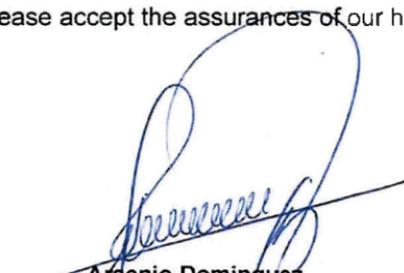
The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of the United Arab Emirates have the honour to invite you to attend the 2025 World Maritime Day Parallel Event to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 29 September to 1 October 2025.

The programme of the event will consist of a number of high-level panel discussions focused on IMO's theme for 2025: "**Our Ocean - Our Obligation - Our Opportunity**". As one of the most important maritime events on a global scale, the World Maritime Day Parallel Event will become a definitive stage for the international community to make concrete contributions and progress on the central role that shipping plays in the protection of the marine environment and the management of ocean resources.

Your participation in this event will be an excellent opportunity to share and exchange information, knowledge, and experience for a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of the maritime community with respect to enhancing the ocean's protection, mitigating the impacts of climate change, contributing towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and ensuring safe, secure, and efficient shipping on clean oceans. Further information regarding this prestigious occasion is available on the official website: <https://www.moei.gov.ae/en/about-ministry/wmdpe2025uae>.

We look forward to welcoming you in Dubai and, meanwhile, if you have any questions about the event, please contact directly Ms. Hessa Bin Sulaiman from the International Relations Office of the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure at hessa.binsulaiman@moei.gov.ae. For other enquiries, you may contact IMO at ero@imo.org.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.



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Secretary-General of the
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