

OCEANLITTER PROGRAMME GLOBAL TASK FORCE TRAINING & WORKSHOP

*From Commitment to Action on
marine plastic litter
from sea-based sources*

AGENDA

12 – 14 November 2025

**Committee Room (CR) 9, 2nd floor
International Maritime Organization HQ**



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Times	Topic / Themes / Speaker
09:30-10:00	Opening Remarks David Osborn, Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO Manuel Barange, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO 
10:00-10:10	Participants' expectations from the Training and Workshop / SLIDO Kirsten Gilardi (GESAMP Vice-Chair), Moderator
10:10-10:30	OceanLitter Programme Introduction Tamar Barabadze (IMO), Amparo Perez-Roda (FAO)
10:30-11:00	Coffee break and Exhibition visit Delegates Lounge, 1st floor
11:00-12:30 <i>International legal and policy frameworks on sea-based marine plastic litter</i>	1. Marine Litter Governance System / Fredrik Haag, IMO 2. MARPOL Annex V and IMO Action Plan on Marine Plastic Litter from Ships / Margot Parcaroli-Ruiz, IMO 3. FAO Voluntary Guidelines on the Marking of Fishing Gear / Buba Bojang, FAO  4. Guidelines on the Implementation of the International Legal Framework regarding the Prevention and Reduction of Marine Plastic Litter from Sea-Based sources / Ernesta Swanepoel and Nienke Van Der Burgt, International Experts
12:30-12:45	Group Photo - Delegates Lounge, 1st floor
12:45-14:00	Lunch - Cafeteria, 4th floor / Exhibition visit
From planning to action, national success stories around ratification and implementation of international SBMPL instruments	
14:00-14:45 <i>Africa Region</i>	1. GloLitter Nigeria: The Journey So Far / Aishatu Mamman Dikko 2. The GloLitter Project in Madagascar: implementation and adoption and of the National Action Plan / Andriantsilavo Rabary 3. Legislation Updates and Environment Administration Coordination: Kenya / Grace Mumo Muli and James Kamula
14:45-15:30 <i>Asia and Pacific Regions</i>	1. Thailand's efforts toward the joint ratification and implementation process of the London Protocol / Saralee Choochim 2. Fishing Gear Traceability and Garbage Management: A Solomon Islands Approach / Diana Lazarus Vasula  3. Vanuatu's efforts under the GloLitter Partnerships Project and plans under the PRO-SEAS Project / Lloyd M. Fikiasi
15:30-16:00	Coffee break and Exhibition visit / Delegates Lounge, 1st floor
16:00-16:45 <i>Latin America and the Caribbean region</i>	1. Costa Rica experience in the implementation of international legal instruments / Elizabeth Ivannia Arronis Jimenez 2. Brazil's Progress in Strengthening Legal and Institutional Frameworks for the Prevention of Marine Plastic Litter / Giulliana Figueiredo and Alessandro Felipe Imamura Carneiro 3. Addressing Abandoned, Lost, and Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG) in Jamaica: Research, Innovation, and Lessons Learned / Nicolette Shaw-Nelson

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Women's leadership to prevent and reduce SBMPL from the shipping and fisheries sectors	
09:30-11:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IMO's Women in Maritime Programme / Mariana Noceti, IMO 2. Women's roles in reducing marine plastic litter: Insights from pilot projects in West Africa and Ways forward / Rachel Matheson, FAO  3. Gear In, Goods Out: An EPIC Model Linking Fisheries to Plastic Circular Supply Chain Development / Chloé Dubois, Ocean Legacy 4. Empowering Women Leaders in Marine Litter Reduction: A Coastal Community Perspective / Thangalakshmi S, Indian Maritime University  5. Joanna Toole's Legacy: Building Leaders in Ghost Gear / Jaclyn McGarry, Global Ghost Gear Initiative (GGGI) 
11:00-11:30	Coffee break and Exhibition visit
11:30-12:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Knot Wasting: Maritime Recycling that Works / Nicole Baker, Net Your Problem LLC  7. Panel discussion / moderated by Mariana Noceti
12:30-14:00	Lunch - Cafeteria, 4th floor and Exhibition visit
Research, innovations, and technologies addressing sea-based sources of marine plastic litter from the shipping and fisheries sectors	
14:00-15:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GESAMP Global Assessments of Sea-Based Sources of Marine Litter / Kirsten Gilardi, GESAMP 2. Bridging Legal Gaps in Marine Plastic Litter Management: Contractual, Liability, and Insurance Lessons from Container Shipping Claims / Manasi Dabhade, Unifeeder  3. Understanding Abandoned, Lost, and Discarded Fishing Gear in the North Pacific: Insights from Cleanup Operations in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch / Peter Puskic, The Ocean Cleanup 4. Identifying Appropriate ALDFG Management Strategies for High-Risk Fisheries / Joan Drinkwin, Natural Resources Consultants, Inc. 5. Integrating Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Perspectives to Advance Fishing Gear Marking and Address ALDFG in India / V.R. Madhu ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute  6. Engaging Fisheries in Plastics Research: Trawler-Based Recovery and Characterization of Seafloor Plastics / Faye Read, University of Plymouth
15:30-16:00	Coffee break and Exhibition visit
16:00-16:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Digital and Operational Pathways for Closed-Loop Management of Fishing Gear Waste / Gopikrishna Chockalingam, India 8. Greening the Blue: Evidence and Strategies for Circular Management of Fishing Gear through a Multi-Stakeholder Approach in Norway / Paritosh C Deshpande, Norwegian University of Science and Technology 9. Panel discussion / moderated by Kirsten Gilardi

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09:30-09:45	<p>Role of international donors in supporting National, Regional, and Global partnerships. Opportunities for collaboration</p> <p>1. Kari Synnøve Johansen, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation Norway </p> <p>2. Kamal Mohammed Al Junaidi, Permanent Representative to the IMO, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</p> <p>3. Julyus Melvin Mobilik, Alternate Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the IMO, The Federation of Malaysia</p>
09:45-10:00	<p>OceanLitter Programme E-Learning Courses / Woo Seung Shin (WMU),  Peter Van Den Dries and Amparo Perez-Roda (FAO)</p>
<p>OceanLitter Programme Strategic Partners: sharing best practices to prevent and reduce marine plastic litter and opportunities for cooperation</p>	
10:00-11:00	<p>1. Opportunities to collaborate on knowledge management and data integration : GPML Global Plastics Hub / Natalie Harms, UNEP </p> <p>2. Capacity Building in Developing Maritime Nations: A Platform for Action to Address Sea-based Marine Plastic Litter – The Case of Namibia Susana Angula, WMU </p> <p>3. Ocean Waste-to-Energy: Turning Marine Plastic Litter into Clean Energy for Ports and Coastal Communities / Johanna Auguin and Gianni Valenti, GAIA First</p> <p>4. Tackling ALDFG and Marine Litter through Community-Led Models in Africa and Regional Marine Litter Monitoring to Inform Sea-Based Plastic Reduction in the Western Indian Ocean / Stacey Webb, SST </p> <p>5. Reducing Marine Plastic Litter from Tuna Fisheries: ISSF’s Science-Based Approach to Address ALDFG / Hilario Murua, International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF)</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break and Exhibition visit
<p>OceanLitter Programme: - Progress and Next Steps</p>	
11:30-12:00	<p>1. Asia Regional Cooperation Opportunities / Woojin Chang, IMO</p> <p>2. Pacific Regional Cooperation Opportunities / Kelsey Richardson, FAO</p>
12:00-12:30	<p>3. Central America Regional Action Plan / Elizabeth Ivannia Arronis Jimenez, Costa Rica</p> <p>4. South America Regional Cooperation Opportunities / Gabriela Navarro (Argentina), Rebeca Espinoza Bernal (Ecuador)</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch - Cafeteria, 4th floor
14:00-14:30	<p>5. Africa Regional Cooperation Opportunities / Benedict Kiilu (Kenya), Wandifa Saidyleigh (the Gambia), Dominique Gbei (Cote d’Ivoire)</p>
14:30-15:00	Partnership Opportunities / Ava Jaeggi, IMO
15:00-15:45	Summary of the Workshop / Review by Participants / Evaluation Forms
15:45-16:00	Closing remarks / Gyorgyi Gurban, IMO
16:00-	Farewell Coffee/Tea - Outside committee room 9, 2 nd floor