



**IMLI/WMU SYMPOSIUM
ON FLAG STATE RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE FUTURE OF ARTICLE 91 OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA
CO-HOSTED BY IMO AND ITLOS**

IMO Headquarters, Thursday, 5 March 2020

PROGRAMME

13.30	<p>Welcome/Administrative remarks by <i>Mr. Frederick J. Kenney, Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO</i></p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <p><i>Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General, IMO</i></p> <p><i>Judge Jin-Hyun Paik, President, ITLOS</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, President, WMU</i></p> <p><i>Professor David Attard, Director IMLI and Vice-President, ITLOS</i></p>
13.50 – 15.05	<p>Panel 1: The Development and interpretation of article 91 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Professor David Attard, Director IMLI and Vice-President, ITLOS</i></p>
13:50 – 14.00	<p>Negotiating history of article 91 of UNCLOS</p> <p><i>Mr. David H. Anderson, ITLOS, former Judge</i></p>
14.00 – 14.10	<p>Interpretation of article 91 of UNCLOS through ITLOS case law – Flag State rights and obligations</p> <p>The right of the flag State to make claims in respect of its vessels</p> <p><i>Judge Tomas Heidar, ITLOS</i></p>
14.10 – 14.30	<p>Practical implementation and challenges</p> <p>The current state of ship registration: a practitioner's perspective</p> <p><i>Mr. Ed Watt, Addleshaw Goddard LLP, Author: Ship Registration Law and Practice</i></p>

	<p>Trends and developments in ownership and the registration of the world fleet – Current status of the United Nations Convention on Conditions for Registration of Ships, 1986</p> <p><i>Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</i></p>
14.30 – 14.50	Panel Q&A
14.50 – 15.05	<i>Break</i>
15:05 – 16:15	<p>Panel 2: Current and future challenges on implementation of article 91 of UNCLOS by flag States</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Professor George Theocharidis, WMU</i></p>
15.05 – 15.15	<p>Registration of ships and ITLOS case law</p> <p>Nationality and registration of ships in the jurisprudence of the Tribunal <i>Judge James L. Kateka, ITLOS</i></p>
15.15 – 15.25	<p>Fraudulent registries and their impacts</p> <p>Update on the work of IMO on Measures to prevent unlawful practices associated with the fraudulent registration and fraudulent registries of ships <i>Mr. Frederick J. Kenney, Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO</i></p>
15.25 – 15.40	<p>Ship registration and compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions</p> <p><i>Mr. Neville Aquilina, Chair, Sanctions Monitoring Board and Director General, Global Issues, International Development & Economic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs, Malta</i></p>
15.40 – 16.00	Panel Q&A
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Break</i>

16.15 – 17.20	<p>Panel 3: The modern ship registry and implementation of IMO instruments</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mrs. Gillian Grant, Vice-Chair IMO Legal Committee and Alternate Permanent Representative of Canada to the IMO</i></p>
16.15 – 16.35	<p>The structure and operation of the Marshall Islands Registry <i>Mrs. Elizabeth Bouchard, Deputy Commissioner, Maritime Affairs, Marshall Islands</i></p> <p>The structure and operation of the Liberian Registry <i>Mr. Kostas Ladas, General Manager, Liberia International Ship and Corporate Registry (LISCR), London</i></p>
16.35 – 16.55	<p>Wrap-up/Future work</p> <p>Future challenges arising in relation to the registration of ships: the role of the Tribunal in the interpretation and application of article 91 <i>Ms. Naomi Burke O'Sullivan, Legal Officer, ITLOS</i></p> <p>Ship registration: future challenges and opportunities <i>Professor George Theodoridis, WMU</i></p>
16.55 – 17.15	<p>Panel Q&A</p>
17.15 – 17.20	<p>Closing remarks <i>Mr. Frederick J. Kenney, Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO</i></p>
17.20 – 18.15	<p>Reception (Delegates Lounge)</p>