

Protecting seafarers against criminalization: what more can be done?

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Date: Monday, 16 June 2025

Time: 10 am - 5.30 pm (local time)

Venue: IMO Headquarters, London
(and online: [IMOHQ YouTube Channel](#))

Opening

- **Mr Arsenio Dominguez**, Secretary-General, IMO
- **Ms Corinne Vargha**, Director, International Labour Standards Department, ILO

Session 1: Interview Session: 'Criminalization of Seafarers - smuggling of illegal narcotics'

- **Mr Mithun Deshpande**, officer who served on the M.T. RIAH
- **Mr Suresh Prabhakar**, Director of Operations, Pacific Basin Shipping Limited

Session 2: 'Criminalization of Seafarers – a logistics and supply chain perspective'

- **Ms Lisa Lewis**, Security & Sustainability Director, Port of Plymouth
- **Mr Nicholas Tabori**, Director of U.S. Regulatory Affairs, World Shipping Council
- **Mr Ravi Muthusamy**, Group General Counsel, X-Press Feeders

Session 3: 'Criminalization of Seafarers - the IMO/ILO Fair Treatment Guidelines & roles of the insurer and judiciary'

- **Mr Jan De Boer**, Senior Legal Officer, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO
- **Ms Anyès Nauwelaerts**, Head of Legal Affairs, Human Element and Liability, DG Shipping (Belgium)
- **Ms Ruby Hassan**, Vice President, Global Head of Claims Transformation, Skuld
- **Ms Maya Abi Adam**, Passenger and Cargo Control Programme Regional Coordinator/Trainer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Session 4: 'What next?'

- **Mr Arsenio Dominguez**, Secretary-General, IMO
- **Ms Corinne Vargha**, Director, International Labour Standards Department, ILO
- **Mr Guy Platten**, Former Secretary-General, ICS
- **Mr Stephen Cotton**, General Secretary, ITF



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