Press Release

ITLOS WORKSHOP FOR LEGAL ADVISERS 
(SPONSORED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA)

Judge Albert Hoffmann, President of the Tribunal, opened the second ITLOS Workshop for Legal Advisers (sponsored by the Republic of Korea) on 2 July 2023, welcoming participants from Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Gabon, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe to the Tribunal. The workshop, which is taking place on the premises of the Tribunal from 2 to 7 July 2023, has been designed for legal advisers of African States.

In his opening statement, President Hoffmann highlighted the Tribunal's strong commitment to the capacity-building of future generations of law of the sea experts, including government officials, students and researchers, and expressed the Tribunal’s appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its support in organizing the workshop. He noted the important role that African States play through their active
participation in international and regional negotiations and in conferences relating to
the peaceful uses of the seas and oceans. In that connection, he voiced his hopes for
a dynamic exchange of ideas during the workshop.

Mr Hwang Jun-shik, Director-General for International Legal Affairs of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, in his statement stressed the
strong commitment of the Republic of Korea to the Tribunal’s capacity-building
programmes, such as the internship programme, regional workshop series and the
Legal Advisers workshop series, each of which is key to raising awareness of the
Tribunal’s role in upholding the regime established by the United Nations Convention
on the Law of the Sea.

This workshop is the second in the ITLOS Legal Advisers workshop series,
which forms part of the Tribunal’s capacity-building programmes aimed at promoting
and disseminating knowledge about the United Nations Convention on the Law of the
Sea and in particular the dispute settlement procedures enshrined in its Part XV.

The workshop programme consists of sessions dedicated to procedural and
substantive issues, including the role of the Tribunal in settling law of the sea disputes,
an overview of proceedings before the Tribunal, maritime delimitation and issues
concerning the continental shelf, marine environment, fisheries and navigation. The
workshop will close with a round-table discussion on key elements of the newly
adopted Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on
the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond
national jurisdiction. Presentations will be given by President Hoffmann, Vice-
President Heidar, Judges Jesus, Kateka, Bouguetaia and Kamga, and Registrar
Hinrichs Oyarce. A faculty of external lecturers – Professors Erik Franckx, Ellen Hey,
Alina Miron, Alex Oude Elferink, Alexander Proelloss and Yoshifumi Tanaka – joined by
Ms Jessica Battle, Mr Kurt Davis, Mr Michael Imran Kanu and Ambassador Rena Lee,
will also be speaking during the course of the workshop.

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