



# **ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEAS: UNCLOS AT 40**

**10th December 2022**

*HOSTED BY*

**CENTRE FOR MARITIME LAW & RESEARCH,  
MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY  
MUMBAI**

*IN COLLABORATION WITH*

**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING,  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**Abstract Deadline: 30th November 2022**

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## **About the Directorate General of Shipping**

The Directorate General of Shipping, is established by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways by Government of India. The Directorate General of Shipping deals with implementation of shipping policy and legislation so as to ensure the safety of life and ships at sea, prevention of marine pollution, promotion of maritime education and training in co-ordination with the International Maritime Organization, regulation of employment and welfare of seamen, development of coastal shipping, augmentation of shipping tonnage, examination and certification of Merchant Navy Officers, Supervision and Control of the allied offices under its administrative jurisdiction.

## **About the Centre of Maritime Law & Research**

Centre for Maritime Law & Research is established with the joint efforts of Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai and Directorate General of Shipping in 2018 for the purpose of advancement in Maritime Academics and Research. The Centre works towards contributing to all the stake holders of maritime community including Ship Owners, Ship builders, Charter Parties, Seafarers, Maritime Trade Unions by academic and research support. The objective of the Centre is to enhance the development of Maritime Law by promoting learning and research in the field by offering various training and research programmes.

## About the Conference

The 1982 United Nations Convention for the Law of the Sea was adopted 40 years ago. Today it has 168 State Parties. Ambassador Tommy Koh, the President of the UNCLOS III proclaimed the Convention as the “Constitution for the oceans”. In some 320 articles the Convention covers a myriad of ocean issues ranging from navigation, maritime delimitation, protection of the environment and living resources, marine scientific research and transfer of marine technology. It also created new institutions, new regimes and a comprehensive compulsory dispute settlement process. Successful multilateral diplomacy has played a defining role in making the convention a reality. Despite many successes and accomplishments, UNCLOS has not sufficiently addressed some challenges, such as environmental degradation, biodiversity loss, ocean human rights protection, delineation of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, etc.

This conference aims to bring together academic and professional professionals from all over the country to debate and analyse the successes and shortcomings of UNCLOS over the past 40 years as well as its continued relevance. To mark the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, MNLU Mumbai is hosting its Annual Conference on Law of the Seas on the theme UNCLOS at 40.

## Platform

Webex shall be used for paper presentation and conduct of the conference. Further, details will be shared with the participants by December 1, 2022.

# Submission Guidelines

Early career scholars and practitioners and mid-career scholars and practitioners are invited to submit a proposal. We invite proposals which re-examine and re-evaluate the Convention in light of new social, political, environmental, strategic and technological challenges. The conference will focus on three important themes:

1. Emerging Challenges to 1982 UNCLOS and International Law
2. Capacity Building in the Law of the Sea: Issues and Experiences
3. Climate Change, Biodiversity & New Technologies

The abstract shall not exceed 400 words and must be accompanied by a short bio of 50 words and a cover page, stating the following:

1. Title of the Paper
2. Name of the Author(s)
3. Name of the Institution
4. E-mail Address

Upload your Abstracts here: <https://forms.gle/cGXeNbbRnhbAi1kt9>

## **Note:**

- Co-authorship is permitted to a maximum of two authors
- Selection of the paper presenters will be based on the selection of abstracts.
- Submission of the full paper is not mandatory.
- Prior registration is mandatory for paper presenters as well as participants of the conference.
- There is no Registration Fee.

## **Important Dates**

Submission of Abstract: 30th November 2022

Communication of Acceptance of Abstract: 4th December 2022

Last date of Registration: 6th December 2022

Date of the Conference: 10th December 2022

## Programme Chairs

Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey  
*Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai*

Shri Amitabh Kumar, IRS  
*Director General of Shipping*

## Programme Co-Chair

Prof. (Dr.) Anil G. Variath  
*Registrar, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai*

Shri Ash Mohomad  
*Deputy Director General of Shipping*

## Schedule of the Programme

Sr. No.	Particulars	Time
1	Breakfast	09:00- 09:45
2	Inaugural Session	09:45-11:30
3	Round Table Conference	11:30-1:30
4	Lunch	01:30 - 02:00
5	Paper Presentation (Online/Offline)	02:00-04:00

# Registration

No participation fee will be charged for the programme.  
Breakfast and Lunch will be provided by MNLU Mumbai.

Registrations are open till 30th November 2022

## Programme Administrator

Amana Khare, Conference Director

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