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

The third ITLOS Workshop for Legal Advisers (sponsored by the Republic of Korea) was opened on 1 September 2024 by the President of the Tribunal, Judge Tomas Heidar, who welcomed participants from Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela.



This workshop, which has been designed for legal advisers of Latin American and Caribbean States, is the third in the ITLOS legal advisers workshop series. It belongs to the Tribunal's array of 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.

In his opening statement, President Heidar emphasized the objective of the workshop series – to enhance the dispute settlement capabilities, in particular of developing countries – by providing high-level government officials in charge of international law of the sea with first-hand insights into the law, procedure and practice of the Tribunal as well as substantive matters concerning the law of the sea. He expressed his gratitude for the ongoing support of the Republic of Korea in sponsoring the workshop series.

Mr Hwang Jun-shik, Director-General for International Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, in his statement, confirmed the support of the Republic of Korea for both the judicial work and the capacity-building programmes of the Tribunal, stating that his government remains fully committed to supporting the legal advisers workshop series.

Prior to the opening ceremony, a memorandum of understanding between the Tribunal and the Republic of Korea was signed by President Heidar and Mr Hwang, establishing the framework for the organization and sponsorship of further workshops in the series.

This third ITLOS Workshop for Legal Advisers will run from 1 to 6 September 2024. The programme includes presentations on the dispute settlement mechanism under Part XV of the Convention; the jurisdiction of the Tribunal; the role of the Seabed Disputes Chamber in relation to activities in the Area; the contribution of the Tribunal to the development of the law of the sea; the various proceedings relating to advisory opinions, requests for the prescription of provisional measures and applications for the prompt release of vessels and crews; and the manner in which proceedings are instituted and conducted before the Tribunal. Further sessions focus on litigation before the Tribunal; the protection of the marine environment; the delimitation of maritime boundaries; the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles; international fisheries law; navigational rights and enforcement; the BBNJ Agreement and the recent advisory opinion rendered by the Tribunal on the request submitted to it by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law. Presentations will be given by President Heidar, Vice-President Chadha, Judges Cabello Sarubbi, Infante Caffi, Brown, Armas Pfirter and Rhee, and Registrar Hinrichs Oyarce. A faculty of external lecturers – Professors Evans, Harrison, Mossop, Petrig, Proelss and Voigt, joined by Mr Fietta and Ms Sander – will also speak during the course of the workshop.

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