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**2014 MARINE AND MARITIME LAW CONFERENCE**

**“The 2050 Africa Integrated Maritime (AIM) Strategy: Legal Challenges and Opportunities”**

in partnership with the South African Branch of the International Law Association (SABILA) and the Maritime Law Association of South Africa (MLASA)

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**PROGRAMME**

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| Thursday the 13th of November 2014 |
| 08:30-09:30 | Registration |
| 09:30-09:40 | Welcome (Prof V Lawack, Dean of the NMMU Law Faculty) |
| 09:40-11:15 | Session 1 (Chair: Prof P Vrancken, NMMU)Mr F Bailet (DOALOS): “The 20th anniversary of the coming into effect of UNCLOS”Prof D Tladi (UP): “The status of the 2050 AIM Strategy in international law”Dr E Egede (Cardiff University): “Institutional gaps in the AIM Strategy” |
| 11:15-11:35 | Tea |
| 11:35-13:00 | Session 2 (Chair: Prof H Strydom, UJ)Adv S Goordeen (DAFF): “The role of RFMOs in relation to the 2050 AIM Strategy and international law - Helping or hindering”Dr E Witbooi (NMMU): “A new approach to addressing illegal fishing: The ‘fisheries crime’ paradigm”Prof J Glazewski (UCT): “Mariculture in South African law” |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00-15:00 | Session 3 (Chair: Dr E Egede, CU)Prof O Ruppel (SU): “Climate change, coastal security and disaster risk reduction in Africa: Opportunity space for development and the rule of law?”Ms E Swanepoel: “The place of international law and relevant bodies in addressing climate change displacement – the move towards cooperation” |
| 15:00-15:20 | Tea |
| 15:20-17:00 | Session 4 (Chair: Prof H Fouche, UNISA)Commander K-D Ali (Ghana Armed Command & Staff College): “Fault-lines in the implementation of the 2050 AIMS Strategy: The state of maritime boundaries in the Gulf of Guinea”Prof P Wambua (University of Nairobi): “The AIM Strategy and the implementation of UNCLOS in Kenya”Prof G Xue (Shanghai Jiao Tong University): “Strategy and capacity: Africa’s opportunities in the Antarctic region” |
| 19:00-22:00 | Conference DinnerKeynote address: Judge A Hoffmann (Vice-President of ITLOS)Launch of the Journal of Ocean Law and Governance in Africa (JOLGA) |
| Friday the 14th of November 2014 |
| 09:00-11:00 | Session 5 (Chair: Prof D Tladi, UP)Prof H Fouche (UNISA): “Harmonised legal framework for Africa as an instrument to combat threats to security in Africa’s maritime domain”Brig Gen Malcolm Kinghorn (ret): “Contributing to African maritime trade and competitiveness through compliance with international maritime security requirements”Dr J-M Iyi (UJ): “Militancy in the lower Niger delta and piracy in the Gulf of Guinea: Threats, challenges and opportunities”Mr E Nkomadu (Afe Babalola University): “Piracy legislation for Nigeria” |
| 11:00-11:20 | Tea |
| 11:20-12:30 | Session 6 (Chair: Prof G Xue, SJTU)Prof A Nienaber & Ms M Bradley (UP): “Off-shore mining in a common African EEZ: Lessons learnt from the BP spill”Mr V Surbun (UKZN): “The regulation of offshore seismic surveys in South Africa’s maritime realm: An illustration of developments in the integration of mining and marine law” |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30-15:00 | Session 7 (Chair: Prof P Wambua, NU)Mr M Hartwell (Norton Rose Fulbright): “Maritime Charter 2050: Africa rising: Some observations on the creation of national fleets and some lessons from the Nigerian cabotage regime”Mr A Pike (Bowman Gilfillan): “Developing Africa’s competitiveness in the shipping and port sectors”Mr T Sanni (Kampala International University): “The AIM Strategy and port governance in Nigeria” |
| 15:00-15:20 | Tea |
| 15:20-16:20 | Session 8 (Chair: Prof P Vrancken, NMMU)Mr P Edwards (Dawson, Edwards and Associates): “The Nairobi Convention – A new wreck removal regime for South Africa”Mr J Mahler-Coetzee (UFH): “Unpacking paragraphs 46-48 of the AIM Strategy - Challenges and opportunities arising from (South) African recreational surfing” |
| 16:20-16:30 | Vote of thanks and closure |