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PROGRAMME AND BIOGRAPHIES BOOKLET

Educating Ocean and Maritime Leaders: A Legacy of Excellence and Future Plans at the World Maritime University

SIDE EVENT AT UN OCEAN CONFERENCE 2022

27 June 2022 at 16:00 - 17:30 WEST

Online & Auditorium III, PT Meeting Center, Lisbon

Event ID: OBZB146 (FIL Lisbon Exhibition and Congress Centre, [Directions here](#))

Cocktail reception provided for Registered Participants onsite

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SIDE EVENT PROGRAMME

Monday 27 June, 2022

Lisbon Time (WEST), Onsite at PT Meeting Center (FIL Lisbon Congress Centre) - Lisbon, Portugal

16:00 - 16:10 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- **Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry**, Barrister-at-Law, President, World Maritime University, WMU
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16:10 - 17:20 **Panel Session: Ocean and Maritime Governance and Capacity Building**

Moderator: **David Robin**, Programme Director, Ocean Governance and Fisheries, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, OECS (TBC)

Speakers:

WMU Land-to-Ocean Leadership Programme: A Pathway for Ocean Leaders

- **Kahlil Hassanali**, PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, WMU
- **Luciana F. Coelho**, PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, WMU

BUGWRIGHT2: Overcoming Regulatory Barriers for Service Robotics in an Ocean Industry Context

- **Dr. Tafsir Matin Johansson**, Associate Research Officer, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, WMU

Closing the Circle: Advancing Marine Research and Capacity in Caribbean SIDS

- **Sarah Mahadeo**, Research Fellow, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, WMU
- **Roxanne Graham**, PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, WMU

Open to the floor for **Delegates and Audience**, Questions and Answers: 30 min

Rapporteur: **Renis Auma Ojwala**, PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, WMU

17:20 - 17:30 **Concluding Remarks**

- **Professor Ronán Long**, Director, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, WMU
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17:30 - 18:00 **Cocktail Reception for Registered participants**

BIOGRAPHIES *(In Order of Appearance)*



Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry **President of the World Maritime University (WMU)**

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry (LL.B, LL.M, Ph.D International Law) joined WMU as President in the summer of 2015. Prior to joining WMU, she served as the Director of the International Labour Standards Department of the International Labour Office (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Doumbia-Henry began her career at the University of the West Indies, Barbados, as a lecturer in law. She later worked with the Iran-US Claims Tribunal in The Hague, The Netherlands and then joined the ILO in 1986 where she served both as a senior lawyer of the Organization and in several management positions. As the Director of the International Labour Standards

Department, she was responsible for developing the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 and remained responsible for it until she joined WMU. Since the late 1990s, she led the ILO participation in a number of IMO/ILO interagency collaborations on several issues of common interest to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and ILO, including the Joint IMO/ILO Ad Hoc Expert Working Groups on Fair Treatment of Seafarers and on Liability and Compensation regarding Claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers.



David Robin **Programme Director, Ocean Governance and Fisheries, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)**

David Robin, (Commander, (Ret.)), is the Director for Sustainable Ocean Management Programme (SOMP) in the Environmental Sustainability Division (ESD) at the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission, headquartered in Saint Lucia. David leads implementation of the tailored, integrated, ridge-to-exclusive economic zone (EEZ) – Green|Blue|Circular|Zero Waste economy – for OECS Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Small Island Territories, which has portfolios of governance, clean ocean and priority productive services, that are guided by OECS Blue Economy foundational frameworks and tools, including and strategic priorities; The OECS SOMP supports: transition of the OECS to a

blue economy region towards sustainability and resilience; delivering and achieving national and regional priorities agreed by OECS Member States; strengthening and operationalization of OECS national and regional blue and ocean governance intersectional coordination mechanisms (NICs); and, collaboration with stakeholders and partners. David holds a Masters in Maritime Affairs (Maritime Safety and Environmental Protection, World Maritime University, Malmö, Sweden); Diploma in National Strategy, Policy and Decision Making (Staff College, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA); Diploma, Naval Officers Training (Britannia Royal Naval College, (BRNC), Dartmouth, Devon, England).

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Kahlil Hassanali

PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Kahlil Hassanali is a PhD candidate in Maritime Affairs at the World Maritime University-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute (WMU-GOI). His PhD research examines the negotiation of the legally binding instrument being developed 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 (BBNJ agreement) from a Caribbean Community (CARICOM) blue economy perspective. Alongside his PhD studies, Kahlil serves as a negotiator for CARICOM on Environmental

Impact Assessments in the process to develop the BBNJ agreement. Prior to joining the GOI he garnered over eight years experience as a research officer in marine policy and governance at the Institute of Marine Affairs, a multidisciplinary marine and environmental research organization in Trinidad and Tobago. Kahlil holds an MSc in Environment and Development from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. He was also a 2013/2014 United Nations-Nippon Foundation of Japan Fellow, receiving advanced education in ocean affairs and the Law of the Sea.



Luciana F. Coelho

PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Luciana Fernandes Coelho is currently pursuing a Doctoral degree at World Maritime University. She has been working in academia and civil society with issues related to the law of the sea, fisheries law, environmental justice and law-policy-science interface for over eight years. Her PhD research investigates the implementation of the framework governing Marine Scientific Research under UNCLOS by Small Island Developing States. She anticipates that her findings will have a

positive impact on discussions about equity in ocean sciences, achieving the sustainable development goal 14, negotiations on BBNJ, implementing the 2030 Seabed Survey and the Ocean Decade. Luciana holds an M.Sc. in Environment, Politics & Society from the University College London, UK, a Masters of Law from the University of Brasilia, Brazil, and a Bachelor of Laws with first-class honour from the Dom Bosco University, Brazil.

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Tafsir Matin Johansson

Associate Research Officer, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Dr. Tafsir Matin Johansson is an Associate Research Officer at the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute in Malmö, Sweden. Prior to joining the WMU-Sasakawa-Global Ocean Institute, Tafsir served as Research Associate at the World Maritime University (WMU) where he has held office since 2013. Tafsir is a policy analyst with a Ph.D. in Maritime Affairs from WMU, an LLM in Maritime Law from the University of Lund, Sweden, and an LLB from the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Dr. Johansson has led research teams and worked proactively on regulatory development projects funded by Transport Canada (Government of Canada) since 2014 in diverse areas under Canada's Oceans Protection Plan, e.g., oil spill intervention, abandoned vessels and derelicts, ISPS Code, marine medical certificate for seafarers, and aquaculture of salmonids. The work for Transport Canada mirrors noteworthy and significant developments within the European Union.

Tafsir continues to develop research proposals under the supervision of the Canadian Chair of WMU. Dr. Johansson has published extensively in the field of ocean governance, corporate social responsibility, international law and environmental law. He co-authored his first book (with former Associate Academic Dean of WMU, Patrick Donner) that deals with the Arctic legal regime with a specific highlight on "stakeholder theory". In 2018, Tafsir co-edited a book (with Dr. Lawrence Hildebrand and Dr. Lawson Brigham) titled "Sustainable Shipping in a Changing Arctic". His key area of interest lies in developing policy briefs for government officials as well as applying "legal theory research" and "expository research" to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of national laws in dealing with contentious issues in the maritime and ocean domain.



Sarah Mahadeo

Research Fellow, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Sarah Mahadeo is a Research Fellow in the Closing the Circle Programme which looks at exploring challenges and advancing potential solutions to marine debris, Sargassum and marine spatial planning (MSP) in the Eastern Caribbean. Sarah has more than 7 years' experience working both in terrestrial and marine planning. Prior to joining WMU, she worked with the MSP global initiative of the IOC-UNESCO for capacity development activities on MSP and the Blue Economy in Trinidad and Tobago, as well as on a series of policy briefs related to MSP on a range of topics including Climate Change, Ocean Governance and Capacity Development. Her work in MSP also includes an internship at Nordregio in Stockholm Sweden in 2018, where she was involved in the Pan Baltic Scope project. Sarah was previously employed as a Town Planner in the Ministry of Planning and Development in Trinidad and Tobago from 2011 until

2020 (with a hiatus for study from 2016-2018). Her work in land use planning involved assessment of applications for building and the development of land and contributing to policy reviews and other planning guidance. She was also a member of the working committee which produced the national standards for accessible buildings and facilities. Sarah's educational background includes the Erasmus Mundus Masters in Maritime Spatial Planning, jointly conferred by the University of Seville, Spain; University of Azores, Portugal and University IUAV of Venice, Italy. She also holds a BSc in Urban and Regional Planning from Heriot-Watt University, Scotland and a BSc in Biology from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. Her research interests include stakeholder engagement in planning, land-sea interactions, marine and terrestrial planning integration and developing MSP in small island states.

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Roxanne Graham

PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Roxanne Graham is a current PhD Candidate in Maritime Affairs at World Maritime University, Sweden. She is also an Instructor at St. George's University's Biology, Ecology and Conservation Department. Roxanne completed her Master of Marine Management Degree at Dalhousie University, Canada in December, 2016. Prior to her graduate studies, Roxanne was a Project Assistant at Roberts Caribbean, Ltd., Environmental and Development Consulting Division.

Roxanne has experience in conducting environmental consultancies and contributing to several agricultural and environmental related national reports for Grenada. Roxanne loves fashion and modelling and tied it with her love of conservation by founding and producing a competition called "Face of Grenada-Beauty with a Purpose". Roxanne is also the Vice-President of Gaea Conservation Network.



Renis Auma Ojwala

PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Renis Auma Ojwala is a PhD Candidate at the World Maritime University. Her research topic focuses on "Evaluating Gender Equality in Ocean Science for Sustainable Development in Kenya." Renis holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Aquatic Science from Egerton University and a Master of Science Degree in Limnology and Wetland Management - a Joint International Master of Science Programme from BOKU University in

Vienna Austria, Egerton University in Kenya, and UNESCO-IHE (Currently, IHE-Delft) in The Netherlands. Renis is passionate about gender equality and women's empowerment in Ocean science and fisheries research related fields and has worked with various institutions such as Egerton University, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-Kenya), Victory Fish Farms and National Museum of Kenya.

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Ronán Long

Director, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Professor Ronán Long is the Director of the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute at the World Maritime University (WMU), Malmö, Sweden, and holds the Nippon Foundation Professorial Chair in Ocean Governance and the Law of the Sea. He leads a world class team of specialists that are undertaking a diverse range of projects on land-to-ocean leadership, climate change and the Law of the Sea, BBNJ, marine debris and Sargassum in the eastern Caribbean, robotics and AI in the maritime domain, as well as women empowerment for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. He is the author/co-editor of 14 books and over 100 scholarly articles on oceans law and policy. He read for his PhD at the School of Law Trinity College Dublin, he has been a Senior Visiting Scholar-in-Residence at the University of California, Berkeley, and a Visiting Scholar at the 'Centre for Oceans

Law and Policy' at the University of Virginia. Additionally, Professor Long teaches on the Law of the Sea programme at Harvard Law School. Prior to his academic career, he was a permanent staff member at the European Commission and undertook over 40 missions on behalf of the European Institutions to the Member States of the European Union, the United States of America, Canada, Central America as well as to African countries. During his previous career in the Irish Naval Service, he won an academic prize at Britannia Royal Naval College and held a number of appointments ashore and afloat, including membership of the Navy's elite diving unit. As a keen yachtsman, he has represented Ireland at the top competitive level in offshore racing. Ronán is passionate about the law of the sea, conservation and global sustainability, as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

BIOGRAPHIES *(Support Team)*



Elnaz Barjandi

Project Engagement Officer, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Elnaz Barjandi is Project Engagement and Implementation Officer at the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute. She supports the Institute's operational delivery and implementation of research programmes/projects as per the WMU Ocean Research Agenda. Elnaz coordinates the Institute's outreach, conferences and events, and respective donor reporting. Prior to joining WMU, Elnaz worked at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Denmark, as Operational, Administrative & Finance support at the Office of Information Technology and Management (OIMT). She supported the general operations, and coordinated the ICT and Green Energy service delivery to UNDP Country offices world wide. Elnaz has a BSc. and MSc. in International Business and

Politics from Copenhagen Business School (CBS), and attained knowledge in economics, international development as well as operations and management in organisations, leading people and processes with focus on sustainability. She is an alumni of the Rhodes Academy of Ocean Law and Policy 2019, as well as recipient of H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf's Foundation's Value-based Leadership Diploma 2014 and Fulbright's European Student Leaders Scholarship 2008. Elnaz academic and professional experiences have heightened her knowledge for sustainable development, international diplomacy and strategy, ocean governance, as well as capacity building, organisation and leadership for human empowerment and equality.



Linda Del Savio

Project and Research Support Fellow, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Linda Del Savio is a Project and Research Support Fellow at the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute. She provides project, research and administrative support to the Institute's programmes and to its events, trainings and capacity building activities under the WMU Ocean Research Agenda. Prior to joining WMU in her current position, she was Carlo Schmid Fellow to the Closing

the Circle Programme, which looks at exploring challenges and advancing potential solutions to marine debris, Sargassum and marine spatial planning (MSP) in the Eastern Caribbean. She holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Bonn and a MA in International Politics and International Law from the University of Kiel.

EVENT INFORMATION

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VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

For Attendees

- The conference will be available online and hosted in the form of a Webinar, meaning that the audience can interact through the Q&A function.
 - To attend the conference online, please register to receive dial-in details & link on email. Direct link to [registration here](#).
 - The Webinar will be **recorded**.
 - Should you have technical difficulties or questions, please write to us on goisecretariat@wmu.se
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