



MLC, 2006: 20 Years Advancing Decent Work at Sea

High-level panel

10 March 2026

13:30–15:10 CET – followed by a reception ¹

ILO Headquarters (Auditorium), Geneva & broadcast on ILO Live

Programme

13:30–13:35 Opening and Welcome

13:35–14:05 *Delivering Impact on Seafarers' Rights: the MLC 20 years on*

Moderated by Zeina Awad, Chief, ILO News and Media Unit

- International Labour Office Director-General: Mr Hounbo
- International Maritime Organization Secretary-General: Mr Dominguez
- International Transport Workers' Federation Secretary-General: Mr Cotton
- International Chamber of Shipping Secretary-General: Mr Kazakos (online)

14:05–14:35 *From vision to reality: negotiating out of the box*

Moderated by Manuela Tomei, ILO Assistant Director-General for Governance, Rights and Dialogue

- Chair of the International MLC Conferences: Mr Schindler
- Government Vice-chair at the MLC Conferences: Mr Smefjell
- Shipowner representatives at the MLC Conferences: Mr Bowring and Ms Shaw (online)
- Seafarer representative at the MLC Conferences: Ms Meijer

14:35–15:05 *Sustaining impact: the role of the Special Tripartite Committee (STC) and the ILO supervisory mechanisms*

Moderated by Corinne Vargha, Director of the ILO International Labour Standards Department (tbc)

- Member of the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations: Prof. Athanassiou (online)
- Chair of the STC: Mr Marini (online)
- STC Government Vice-chair: Mr Storhaug
- STC Shipowners Vice-chair: Mr Springett
- STC Seafarers Vice-chair: Mr Dickinson

15:05–15:10 Closing Remarks: ILO Director-General

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