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Global Maritime Annual Conference 2013





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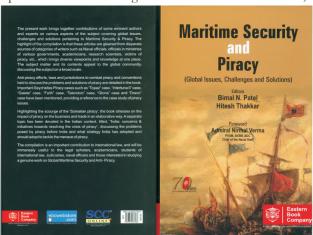
Global Maritime Security and Anti-piracy Conference (GMSAC 2011)

Global leaders, stakeholders, academic luminaries came together at the Gujarat National Law University to deliberate on pressing concerns of Maritime Security and Piracy in pursuit of cogent perspectives and strategic solutions. Global leaders, stakeholders, academicians drawn from the global intelligentsia and cognoscenti from across 35 countries and myriad international organizations around the world came together at the Global Maritime Security and Anti-piracy Conference 2011, an international mega endeavour organized by the Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, India at Cambay Hotels & Resorts, Gandhinagar, India on 26 & 27 November 2011.

The 2-day event was launched with a grand inauguration graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Narendra Modi who addressed the august gathering of international diplomats and delegates on the various facets of Maritime Security and the persistent commitment of the State of Gujarat in augmenting maritime security by drawing attention to the various model projects prevailing and planned in the state, which has established a reputation of being the 'Port State' of India with a strategic maritime geography by virtue of having the longest coastline in the nation, and thus explicated on the increased relevance of the organization of the conference in the State of Gujarat.

The other distinguished guests of honour at the occasion included H.E. Ebyan Muhamed Salah from Somalia; H.E Ambassador Thomas Winkler and H.E Ambassador Freddy Svane from Denmark; Mr. Justice Duncan Gaswaga, Supreme Court of Seychelles; Mr. Sudhir Devare, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs and Mr. B.K. Sinha, Add. Chief Secretary, Ports & Transport, Govt. of Gujarat also delivered highly insightful, solution-oriented addresses on the quintessence of such deliberations on pressing contemporary global concerns like maritime security and piracy.

The 2-day event consisted of a series of intellectually-enriching deliberations ranging across diverse topics of relevance based on the theme of the conference viz. the interplay of public and private actors from shipping, insurance and other industries to collectively orchestrate an efficient response to combat this evil that knows no boundaries; efficacy of international humanitarian law and the politico-legal hassles of implementing the same in the national laws; technological intricacies and modus operandi of pirate operations and effective counterpiracy measures, experience-sharing sessions by survivor hostages etc. which were true eye-openers and rich with insight and trivia. Prof. Bimal N Patel, Director, Gujarat National Law



University in his valedictory remarks emphasized on the phenomenal outcome with the cogent perspectives and strategic solutions derived at the conference. The phenomenal outcome of conference are enumerated in the conference proceedings book titled "Maritime Security and Piracy (Global Issues, Challenges and Solutions)" published by EBC which will be released soon.

Organizer

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, established under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003 recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and the University Grants Commission (UGC) for 12(B) purposes, strives for excellence in letter and spirit. GNLU has created a unique conducive learning milieu that empowers the student fraternity academia with requisite required to achieve their professional endeavours. By disseminating a sound legal research and training coupled with a solid grounding on theory, GNLU envisions to effectively address the end-users requirements be it judiciary, academic, or legal profession. Simultaneously, the GNLU endeavours to foster and bring into being professionals who are technically sound, professionally competent and socially responsible, concerned and responsible citizens who would eventually uphold human value and the cause of the civil society at large.

GNLU is the sole National Law University (NLU) in India which offers integrated Law degree courses in five distinct streams - B.A., B.Com., B.B.A., B.Sc. and B.S.W. L.L.B (Hons.), two year L.L.M and Ph.D. in Law and inter-disciplinary fields apart from various diploma and certificate courses in various arenas. GNLU is the nodal agency, mandated to enhance standards of legal education, research, training and extension. The 32 Law Colleges are under the ambit of GNLU in Gujarat, catering to nearly 15,000 students annually.

Directorates & Centers of Excellence, present at GNLU, function in niche areas of the economy for dissemination of specialized knowledge and professional excellence. GNLU has established active as well as dynamic academic and research partnerships and collaborations, signing MoUs with international and national institutions like United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR, Geneva), World Trade Institute (WTI, Bern), University of Malaya (Kualalampur, Malaysia), University of Barcelona (Spain), Gujarat Forensic Science University (GFSU, Gandhinagar), India Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU, Gandhinagar), Adani institute of Infrastructure Management (AIIM, Ahmedabad) to name a few among others. Sincere efforts are under way for collaborative relationships with 37 nations across the globe.

Global Maritime Annual Conference (GMAC 2013)

Relevance

Exploration and exploitation of ocean resources, maritime transportation and marine insurances are three key challenges before the maritime nations and industry worldwide. Ranging from marine life to manganese nodules deep in the oceans have required never before such critical attention of the policy-makers. Managing the exploration and operations in the oceans in a sustainable symbiotic manner can only guarantee a long-term solution to the broader needs of the industry and economy of developed and developing nations. However, the research and development, the technological know-how, far-sighted visionary policies ensuring this objective demands a concerted and coordinated thinking and policy formulation at local as well global level. Developed Maritime Nations of Europe, US, Japan, Australia and New Zealand and their R&D institutions, global industrial conglomerates have made significant progress. While the developing maritime nations of the remaining part of the Globe and their industrial houses are far more behind, least to say, fully aware of the enormous economic and ecological importance of twinning a sustainable policy and practice in the exploration of ocean resources and management of maritime transportation. To address these interlinked issues and concerns, GNLU is organizing a two day global event with special themes on Ocean Resources, Maritime Transportation and Insurance.

Aims

- 1. To learn the latest policy, practical and technology development with regards to the exploration and exploitation of ocean resources.
- 2. To discuss policies and operational and executive plans on energy and mineral resources in the ocean.
- 3. To create enhanced awareness on ocean operations and sustainable development of ocean ecology system.
- 4. To understand coordination and management mechanisms with regards to the seaport infrastructure projects.
- 5. To learn the best practices on the Terminal management, practical organization and operational techniques.
- 6. To discuss role of telecommunications, satellite technology, ICT, customs in the effective and efficient maritime transportation and shipping operations.
- 7. To share marine insurances laws and practices and the challenges to the maritime industry.
- 8. To raise awareness on various programs and activities carried out by the international organisations and global conglomerates of industrialised nations in enhancing the utility of ocean resources, marine insurance and maritime transportations.
- 9. To provide platform for networking and building effective public private partnership with the leading ocean resources companies, maritime industry, marine insurance houses, port authorities, oil, gas, petrochemicals, tankers and shipping companies.

Themes

Exploration of Ocean Resources Maritime Laws and Maritime Transportation Shipping Transportation Shipping Insurance Maritime Transportation: General Issues

Important Dates

- 1. Last Date for Submission of Abstract: 10 September, 2013
- 2. Acceptance of Abstract: 19 September, 2013
- 3. Full Paper Submission: 15 October, 2013
- 4. Conference Dates: 16-17 November, 2013

Venue

Gujarat National Law University

"Attalika Avenue", Knowledge Corridor, Koba, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

Registration Fee

Indian Participants
Participants from SAARC and Developing Countries
Participants from OECD countries
5,000/ \$ 150/ \$ 200/-

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Concerned Stakeholders

Industry: Ocean resources exploitation and research companies, global infrastructural financers, port authorities, logistics companies, Technology Equipment Manufacturers and Distributors, marine insurance companies and houses.

Governments: Policy-Makers and Operational Experts from the departments of Ocean/Earth Resources, Maritime Departments, Finance Department, Infrastructure, transportation, environment, Space Department.

Intergovernmental organisations: International Maritime Organisation (IMO), UN, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, ASEAN, APEC.

Coast Guard Management Authorities, Security Agencies, Academicians, Researchers, Law Firms, Police Officers.

Expected number of participants: Approximately 200-250 (international 50, regional 50 and national 100)

Expected Tangible Outcomes

- Knowledge creation and sharing of plans and ideas to explore and exploit ocean resources (energy, mineral and biodiversity)
- 2. Critical assessment of the challenges and prospects facing the global maritime transportation industry, especially the port developers and authorities
- 3. Understanding of the laws and practices related to marine insurances in the wake of maritime security, piracy and environmental disaster issues
- 4. Develop business opportunities

Measurement of Outcomes

- 1. By discussion, presentations, short film display, etc.
- 2. Establishment of an e-network of the conference speakers and participants
- 3. Preparation and distribution of a comprehensive database addressing the issues of ocean resources, maritime transportation and marine insurances
- 4. Publication of the conference report and proceedings

Sponsorship Opportunities

In terms of relevance, significance and scale, the Global Maritime Annual Conference 2013 is poised to take off as a mammoth academic global event. The organizing secretariat invites organizations and institutions for sponsoring this event and benefit from the said event to the optimum.

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Schedule

Saturday, 16 November 2013

0930-1100 hours Inauguration

Tea break 1100-1115 hours

Session 1 / 1115-1345 hours: Exploration of Ocean Resources

Topics:

Latest Policy, Practical and Technology Developments

Resources in the Indian Ocean: Barrier Reefs, Living Resources, Biodiversity

Mineral Resources in the Indian Ocean: Sustainable Exploration and Exploitation: Benefit/Cost Analysis

Protection of the Indian Ocean Environment

Future of Asian Development linkage to the Indian Ocean Policy

Lunch 1330-1430 hours

Session 2 / 1430-1600 hours: Exploration of Ocean Resources Continue

Topics:

Energy Resources: Technology Transfer and Capacity Building in the Indian Ocean

Damages to Ocean Resources: Mining, Oil Spills, Pollutions

Legal and Regulatory Framework: International, Regional and National Levels

Indian Ocean Rim Countries for the Sustainable Use of Ocean Resources in the Indian Ocean

Tea break 1600-1615 hours

Session 3 / 1615-1830 hours: Maritime Laws and Maritime Transportation

Topics:

Coordinating and managing seaport infrastructure projects

Providers and end-users of port finance: port acquisition;

Latest development on modern terminal design and construction of seaports

Logistics centers for seaports

Best Practices on the Terminal management, practical organization and operational techniques

Research and Development in the effective Seaport Equipment with special focus on ICT solutions

Capacity Building: Port-training programs and institutions



Sunday, 17 November 2013

Session 4 / 0930-1140 hours: Shipping Transportation

Topics:

Latest Practices in Acquisition, ownership and registration, and sale of ships Issues concerning Ship's mortgages; The operation of ships, including statutory requirements,

Implementation of the SOLAS and the ISM Code,

Port State Control and the sub-standard ship

Practices on the Oil pollution liability;

Tea break 1130-1200

Session 5 / 1200-1330 hours: Shipping Transportation

Topics:

Interaction between the need for LNG and oil tankers to enter busy seaports, while maintaining a high level of security and providing a viable environmentally friendly fuel source.

Maritime emergency and mobilization activities

Maritime Telecommunications and Crisis Management

Lunch break 1330-1430 hours.

Session 6 / 1430-1630 hours: Shipping Insurance

Topics:

International marine insurance practices in the wake of security and piracy threats;

Hull and Marine Insurance, and standard 'Institute' cover; P&I Insurance; International carriage regimes: The Hague, Hague-Visby and Hamburg Rules, The UNCITRAL/CMI draft Transport Convention, Limitation of liability for cargo claims; Carriage documents and their interaction; INCO Terms, Electronic Commerce in Shipping,

Law of Salvage and Wreck; Law of General Average; Law of Towage Law of Marine Pilotage

Tea break 1630-1645

Session 7 / 1645-1800 hours: Maritime Transportation: General Issues

Topics:

Cargo and vehicle tracking;

Control on animal and animal products;

Control on dangerous goods;

Customs modernization, procedure and valuation

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