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# The Law of the Sea and the **Blue Economy** in the Age of Climate Crisis : Emerging Challenges

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# PROGRAM

Monday, November 3, 2025		Venue: Diamond Hall, 22nd Floor
09:00-09:30	<b>Registration &amp; Welcome Coffee</b>	
09:30-09:50	<b>Opening Session</b>	
	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	H.E. Chun Jae-soo (Minister, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries)
	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Cho Jung-hee (President, Korea Maritime Institute)
09:50-10:10	<b>Group Photo &amp; Break</b>	
10:10-10:35	<b>Keynote Speech</b> H.E. Paik Jin-Hyun (Former President, ITLOS)	
10:40-12:10	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Legal Foundations of the Blue Economy under the Law of the Sea</b>
	<b>Moderator</b>	Kim Doo-young (Former Deputy Registrar, ITLOS)
	<b>Speaker 1</b>	<b>Erik Franckx</b> (Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel) “Blue Economy and the Necessity to Settle Disputes Peacefully: The Law of the Sea is Well-prepared to Accompany Blue Economic Growth”
	<b>Speaker 2</b>	<b>Dustin Kuan-Hsiung Wang</b> (Professor, Graduate Institute of Political Science, National Taiwan Normal University) “Navigating the Blue Economy: Legal Foundations under the Law of the Sea and the Case of Taiwan’s Fisheries Governance”
	<b>Speaker 3</b>	<b>Choi Jee-hyun</b> (Professor, Jeju National University) “Implementation of the Paris Agreement in Korea and its Blue Carbon”
	<b>Discussant 1</b>	<b>Mohit Gupta</b> (Assistant Professor, University of Delhi)
	<b>Discussant 2</b>	<b>Jeon Hyojin</b> (Deputy Director, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of Korea)
12:10-13:40	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:40-14:05	<b>Distinguished Lecture</b> H.E. Liesbeth Lijnzaad (Judge, ITLOS)	
14:10-15:40	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Climate Change : Legal Responses under the Law of the Sea</b>
	<b>Moderator</b>	Lee Keun-Gwan (Professor, Seoul National University)
	<b>Speaker 1</b>	<b>Donald Rothwell</b> (Professor, Australia National University) “Advisory Opinion of ICJ on Climate Change”
	<b>Speaker 2</b>	<b>Alexander Proelss</b> (Professor, University of Hamburg) “(Blue) Carbon Sinks under the International Law of the Sea”
	<b>Speaker 3</b>	<b>Clive Schofield</b> (Professor, University of Wollongong) “The Practice of the Pacific Islands States on Declaring Baselines, Limits and Maritime Boundaries: Best Practice for Securing Maritime Entitlements?”
	<b>Discussant 1</b>	<b>Tran Truong Thuy</b> (Vice Chairman, National Boundary Commission of the Vietnam Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
	<b>Discussant 2</b>	<b>Min Young Hun</b> (Senior Researcher, Korea Maritime Institute)
15:40-16:00	<b>Break</b>	



16:00-17:30	<b>Session 3</b> <b>Ocean Governance for a Sustainable Blue Economy</b> : Legal and Institutional Dimensions <b>Moderator</b> H.E. Rhee Zha Hyoung (Judge, ITLOS)
	<b>Speaker 1</b> <b>VAdm Pradeep Chauhan</b> (Director General, National Maritime Foundation) “Ocean Governance for a Sustainable Blue Economy: An Indian Perspective”
	<b>Speaker 2</b> <b>Sharifah Nora Syed Ibrahim</b> (Independent Environmental Expert) “Sustainable Blue Economy, Biodiversity Conservation and Regional Cooperation: Quo Vadis?”
	<b>Speaker 3</b> <b>Kim Wonhee</b> (Principal Research Fellow, Korea Institute of Ocean Sciences and Technology) “Making Exploitation Regulations of Mineral Resources in the Area for Sustainable Blue Economy”
	<b>Discussant 1</b> <b>Lim Kyunghan</b> (Professor, ROK Naval Academy)
	<b>Discussant 2</b> <b>Abid Hussain</b> (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Dalian Maritime University)
17:30-17:40	<b>Day 1 Highlights</b> <b>Kim Sung-Jin</b> (Former Minister of Oceans and Fisheries and Co-chairperson of the Global Ocean Regime Forum)
17:50-19:10	<b>Dinner (Invitation only)</b>

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

**Venue: Ruby Hall, 22nd Floor**

09:00-10:30	<b>Special Session</b> <b>Protecting Submarine Cables : Legal Gaps and Global Imperatives</b> <b>Moderator</b> <b>Kim Hyun-Soo</b> (Director, Korea-Center for International and Maritime Studies)
	<b>Speaker 1</b> <b>Robert Beckman</b> (Professor, National University of Singapore) “Cooperation to Protect Submarine Cables”
	<b>Speaker 2</b> <b>Atsuko Kanehara</b> (Research Director, The Canon Institute for Global Studies) “Proposal of Legal Frameworks(s) for Protection of Undersea Infrastructure Based upon a Right to Protect Uses of the Sea”
	<b>Speaker 3</b> <b>James Kraska</b> (Professor, US Naval War College) “The Doctrine of Constructive Presence To Protect Submarine Cables and Other Critical Underwater Infrastructure”
	<b>Speaker 4</b> <b>Utpal Kumar Raha</b> (Assistant Professor, St. Xavier University Kolkata) “Municipal Law on Submarine Cables: Regulatory and Security Challenges”
	<b>Discussant</b> <b>Lee Ki Beom</b> (Professor, Yonsei University)
10:30-10:50	<b>Break</b>



10:50-12:10	<b>Young Scholar's Agora</b>
	<b>Moderator</b> H.E. Im Han-taek (Former Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
	<b>Speaker 1</b> Sara Guliyeva (Lead Legal Specialist, Karabakh Revival Fund) “Regional cooperation in the Caspian Sea: Legal lessons for the Blue Economy in the age of climate crisis”
	<b>Speaker 2</b> Dan Ho-Jeong (Research Professor, Korea Maritime and Ocean University) “International Plastic Convention Assessment: Key Issues and Marine Environment”
	<b>Speaker 3</b> John Saylay Singbae II (Jim Rubin Fellow, Environmental Law Institute) “African Blue Economy Potentials: The bedrock for addressing the climate crisis and driving sustainable development”
	<b>Speaker 4</b> Cheigh Eugene (Post Doctoral Scientist, Korea Institute of Ocean Sciences and Technology) “Prospect for Normative Development of Civil Liability within the UNCLOS Regime”
	<b>Speaker 5</b> Quazi Omar Foysal (Ph.D student, La Trobe University) “The Scope of the “Ancillary Dispute” Test in the Adjudication of UNCLOS Disputes”
12:15-12:20	<b>Closing Session</b>
12:30-13:40	<b>Lunch</b>
End of the conference	



## LOCATION



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