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**13 June 2025**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> ABLOS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**  
**Doha, Qatar, 7 - 8 October 2025**

Reference: Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures of the IHO-IAG Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS)

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Under the provisions of Reference A and in accordance with the IHO Work Programme for 2025 approved by the IHO Member States, the 12<sup>th</sup> biennial conference organized by the IHO-IAG Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Doha, Qatar from 7 to 8 October 2025. The theme for the 12<sup>th</sup> ABLOS Conference is:

***"Is UNCLOS Fit for Purpose in Modern Times?  
Achievements, Challenges and Future Pathways"***

2. Registrations should be made via the dedicated ABLOS conference website (<https://www.ablos.org/conferences/>), hosted by the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). The conference fee for the 12<sup>th</sup> ABLOS Conference will be as follows:

Industry participants	€330
Government participants	€220
Academic participants	€110
Students/early-career researchers	waived subject to statement of case to attend (places limited)

The conference registration fee will also be waived for applicants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

3. The presentations will be in English or Arabic with simultaneous interpretation provided. Presentations will only be considered for inclusion in the programme upon receipt of a supporting abstract. All abstracts should be submitted to the organizing committee for consideration via the ABLOS Conference website.

4. Logistics information and details of the management of the Conference programme will be available on the ABLOS conference website (<https://www.ablos.org/conferences/>). This web site will be updated as more information becomes available.

5. On behalf of the ABLOS, the IHO Secretariat requests Member States to circulate the invitation to attend the Conference both within their organization and among other relevant national authorities and educational institutions.

Yours sincerely,  
On behalf of the Secretary-General

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi SINAPI', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luigi SINAPI  
Director