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CIRCULAR Celebrating the World Maritime Day

Every year in September we celebrate the World Maritime Day. This year theme is “ Empowering Women in the Maritime Community”.

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The World Maritime Day theme for the year is "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community". This provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of gender equality, in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and to highlight the important - yet under-utilized - contribution of women within the maritime sector.

The theme gives IMO the opportunity to work with various maritime stakeholders towards achieving the SDGs, particularly SDG 5, to foster an environment in which women are identified and selected for career development opportunities in maritime administrations, ports and maritime training institutes and to encourage more conversation for gender equality in the maritime space.

Empowering women fuels thriving economies across the world, spurs growth and development, and benefits everyone working in the global maritime community in the drive towards safe, secure, clean and sustainable shipping.

[IMO Secretary-General's message](#)

In his message the IMO Secretary-General, stated: “The maritime community itself is missing out on a huge talent pool if it fails to properly empower women in the workplace. Gender-diverse teams are more productive than male dominated teams and gender-diverse workplaces promote better job satisfaction, employee engagement and retention. Having more women in the workplace is beneficial for organizations as a whole, for men and for women.”

Below you may find the full IMO Secretary-General message.



Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls

Shipping has historically been a male-dominated industry and that tradition runs long and deep. However, IMO believes that empowering women fuels thriving economies, spurs productivity and growth, and benefits every stakeholder in the global maritime community. Through its Women in Maritime gender equality and capacity-building [programme](#) IMO encourages its Member States to enable women to train alongside men in their maritime institutes and so acquire the high-level of competence that the maritime industry demands.

IMO supports gender equality and the empowerment of women through gender specific fellowships; by facilitating access to high-level technical training for women in the maritime sector in developing countries; and creating the environment in which women are identified and selected for career development opportunities in maritime administrations, ports and maritime training institutes.

Click [here](#) to learn more about SDG 5.



List of events

A series of activities and events have been and will be held during 2019 related to the theme.

Remaining events include:

- 15-17 September - World Maritime Day Parallel Event 2019 in Cartagena, Colombia. Read more [here](#).
- 26 September - Celebration of World Maritime Day at IMO Headquarters, including special event.

World Maritime Day Logo

For the purposes of promotion of the World Maritime Day, IMO has developed a logo which DromonClass invites all to incorporate under their email signatures for the month of September 2019.

