

**Abstract of the Presentation by  
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**on “An Overview of Current Issues and  
Future Challenges in Maritime Safety”**

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**Discussion Panel  
Segment 3 on “Experience and challenges in maritime safety”**

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This presentation will provide an overview of activities of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on maritime safety issues over the past fifty years; how IMO has responded to emerging maritime safety challenges, expanding its scope of activities, and created an effective forum to discuss maritime safety issues and to establish international rules and regulations. The Presentation, then, will provide an overview of the current and future challenges on maritime safety in the fields of development and new measures, implementation and enforcement, regional and sub-regional developments and the need for capacity building.

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