



DAY 1

Strategic Connectivity & Global Maritime Governance

Monday, 7 September 2026

08:30 - 09:30

Registration

09:30 - 10:45

Opening Ceremony & High-Level Keynote Addresses

- **H.E. Irakli Kobakhidze - Prime Minister of Georgia**
- **H.E. Mariam Kvrivishvili - Minister of Economy & Sustainable Development of Georgia**
- **Mr. Arsenio Dominguez - Secretary-General, International Maritime Organization**

Key Message:

Maritime connectivity is no longer optional, it is strategic.

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:30

Panel I: From Seas to Corridors, The New Geography of Global Trade

- Black Sea & Middle Corridor connectivity
- Shipping, rail and port integration
- Trade resilience and route diversification

Speakers: Ministers of Partner States

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch & Networking

14:00 - 15:15

Panel II: International Cooperation in Maritime Governance

- Coordinating regional governance frameworks
- Joint maritime safety & security initiatives
- Aligning global and regional standards

Speakers:

- **Rear Admiral Luigi Sinapi – Secretary General, International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)**
- **Mr. Francis Zachariae - Secretary-General, The International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA)**
- **Mr. Lazar Comănescu - Secretary General, Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)**
- **Mr. Altai Efendiyev – Secretary General, Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM)**

15:15 - 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 - 16:45

Panel III: On the Ground, Maritime Administrations and Regional Delivery

- National implementation of IMO conventions
- Capacity building
- Regional Cooperation

Speakers:

- **Mr. Eldar Majidov - Acting Chairman of the Governing Board, Deputy Chairman of the Governing Board, State Maritime and Port Agency of Azerbaijan**
- **Mr. Unal Baylan- Director General, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Transport & Infrastructure**
- **Dr. Ivan Tabone - CEO and Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, Transport Malta**

16:45 - 17:30

High-Level Address

- **Secretary-General, International Maritime Organization**
- **Minister of Economy & Sustainable Development of Georgia**

17:30 - 17:45

Adoption of the Batumi Declaration 2026

20:00 - 22:00

Gala Dinner (By Invitation)

DAY 2

Sustainability, Innovation & People

Tuesday, 8 September 2026

09:30 - 10:45

Panel IV: Digital Seas & Smart Corridors

- Maritime Single Window
- Port Community Systems
- Cybersecurity & data resilience

Speakers:

- **Mr. Nico de Cauwer – Secretary General, International Port Community System Association, Moderator**
- **Mr. Christophe Joubert/ Mr. Miguel Montesinos Lajara, Prodevelop**
- **Mr. Giorgi Tielidze – Head of System Security Division, State Information and Cybersecurity Center, Operative Technical Agency of Georgia**
- **H.E. Ginette Sophia Testa Barnett - Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Panama to the IMO**

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Coffee Break

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Panel V: The Human Element, Seafarers & Skills for the Future

- Training & certification
- Digital certificates
- Seafarer Shortage

Speakers:

- **Prof. Takeshi Nakazawa - Executive Director, International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU)**
- **Prof. Ruan Wei - Director of the International Office, Shanghai Maritime University**
- **Prof. Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez – Director, International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI)**

12:30 - 12:45

Closing Remarks

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