



Programme

CMI Rio Colloquium

12-15 May 2026

Venue: Windsor Barra Hotel

Av. Lúcio Costa, 2630 Barra da Tijuca, 22620-172, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL

MONDAY 11 MAY 2026

09:00 - **EXCO meeting** Venue: Windsor Room
17:00 **(closed)**

TUESDAY 12 MAY 2026

12:00 - **Registration** Venue: Event Center Foyer
17:00

09:00 - **IWGs and SCs** All IWG and SC meetings will take place at the hotel.
17:00 **Meetings**

IWG / SC	Chair(s)	Open / Closed	Meeting room	Time
<i>Collisions Convention</i>	John O'Connor	Closed	Liberdade	09:00–13:30
<i>MORU</i>	Alexander Severance Frank Nolan	Open	Alvorada I	09:00–17:00
<i>Implementation of International Conventions</i>	Peter Laurijssen	Closed	Bandeirantes	09:00–10:30
<i>Piracy</i>	Richard Neylon	Closed	Catete	09:00–13:00
<i>Polar Shipping</i>	Phil Buhler	Open	Itamaraty	09:00–12:00
<i>Rotterdam Rules and NCD</i>	Stuart Hetherington	Open	Alvorada II	09:00–11:00
<i>Lex Maritima</i>	Eric Van Hooydonk	Closed	Out of Windsor	12:00–14:00

<i>Security Interests in Containers</i>	Benoit Goemans	Open	Imperial	10:30–12:30
<i>Judicial Sales</i>	Ann Fenech	Closed	Windsor Restaurant	13:00–14:00
<i>Marine Insurance</i>	Rhidian Thomas	Open	Bandeirantes	13:00–15:00
<i>Wrongful Arrest</i>	Ed Sweetman	Open	Imperial	14:00–17:00
	George Theocharidis			
<i>MASS</i>	Frank Stevens	Open	Alvorada II	14:00–17:00
<i>Restatement of Marine Insurance Law</i>	Dieter Schwampe	Closed	Catete	14:00–16:00
<i>Decarbonisation</i>	Haris Zografakis	Closed	Itamaraty	14:30–17:00
<i>Cybercrime</i>	Sébastien Lootgieter	Open	Liberdade	14:30–17:30
<i>Publications</i>	Massimiliano Musi	Closed	Bandeirantes	15:30–17:30

18:30 - **Welcome Reception** Venue: *Cavalo Marinho Beach Club*
21:00 *Ilha 1, Av. Lúcio Costa - Recreio dos Bandeirantes, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22795-008*

Dress code: *Smart casual*

21:00 - **yCMI Event** Venue: Bar do Zeca Pagodinho – Vogue Square
24:00 *Av. das Américas, 8585 - Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22793-081, Brazil*
[Separate registration required - approximately 50 EUR]

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026

08:00 - **Registration** Venue: Event Center Foyer
11:00

09:00 - **Opening of the Event** Venue: Louvre Rooms I and II
09:45
Welcome Address:
Ann Fenech - CMI President
Luis Felipe Galante - President Brazil MLA
Arsenio Dominguez - IMO Secretary General
Pedro Guerra - Cabinet Chief of the Vice Presidency of the Republic
Representative of the Brazilian Navy: Fleet Admiral Sílvio Luís dos Santos

09:45 **Berlingieri Lecture by Prof. Norman Martinez**
-10:30 Director International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI Malta)
50th Anniversary of the International Convention on Limitation of Liability 1976
Venue: Louvre Rooms I and II

10:30 - **Coffee Break**

11:00 Venue: Event Center Foyer

11:00 - **PLENARY SESSION**

12:30 **Ratification of International Conventions and Operation of Regional Navigation Agreements by Latin American Countries**

Venue: Louvre Rooms I and II

Moderator: *Bernardo Mendes Vianna*

Speakers:

Marcelo Sammarco – Representative of Parliamentary Front of Ports and Airports
Recent efforts by the Brazilian Parliament on the ratification of International Conventions – Important developments

Jones Soares - Director of Transpetro

The new world order and legal aspects: The importance of international conventions for Brazil.

Javier Cardoso - President Ecuador NMLA

The Incorporation of the Hamburg Rules into the Ecuadorian Maritime Legal Regime.

Joaquín De Obarrio – Past President Panama NMLA

Panama's ratification of the Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships

Diego Chami - President Argentina NMLA

River Transport Agreement for the Paraguay-Paraná Waterway – Argentine perspective.

Elizabeth Salas – Past President Colombia MLA

Colombia and International Maritime Law: Achievements and the Road Ahead.

12:30 - **Lunch**

14:30 Venue: Queluz rooms I to IV

PARALLEL SESSIONS

14:30 - PARALLEL 1

16:00 Venue: Louvre Room I

Decarbonization Update

Moderator:
Haris Zografakis

Introduction to the work of the IWG and the present status of maritime decarbonisation (dead, comatose or asleep?)

Green Fuels: An international liability & compensation regime

Speakers:
Haris Zografakis

Jolien Kruit

PARALLEL 2

Venue: Louvre Room II

United Nations Convention on Negotiable Cargo Documents

Moderator:
Alexander von Ziegler

The NCD Convention: Background / Approach and Implications

The Intrusion of the Negotiable Transport Document (NCD) in the maritime sector: Coexistence or Conflict

Speakers:
Jose Angelo Estrella Faria

Paula Bäckdén

*for alternative fuels –
the IMO trajectory*

*with traditional B/L
legal practices?*

*Biofuels and the
international liability
conventions*

Neil Henderson

*A New Kid On The
Block : The Hague-
Visby Rules and the
NCD Convention*

Frank Smeele

*Liability and
Compensation for
Alternative Fuels in
Shipping: Identifying
Legal Gaps and Lessons
from Existing Regimes*

Hannah Mosmans

*The concerns and views
of the Shipping Industry;
the importance of the
Reservation*

*Two Conventions, One
Problem : Navigating
The Possible Overlap
Between The NCD
Convention And The
Rotterdam Rules*

Juan Pablo
Rodríguez
Delgado

*Greening Shipping
Contracts: do we
already have the kit?*

Charles Debattista

*Part One: Electronic
Negotiable Documents
In The Rotterdam Rules
And The NCD
Convention.
Part Two : The
Reservation For
Maritime Carriage In
The NCD Convention:
Reasons And Intended
Effects.*

Manuel Alba
Fernandez

*The NCD Convention
And The Maritime
Sector: Does It Work?
Can It Work?*

Lia Amaxilati

16:00 - **Coffee Break**

16:30 Venue: Event Center Foyer

16:30 - PARALLEL 1

Venue: Louvre Room I
**Decarbonization affecting Ports and
Terminals**

PARALLEL 2

Venue: Louvre Room II
**What are Fraudulent Registries and
fraudulent Registration? What to do about
them?**

Moderator:
Mauro Sammarco

Moderator:
Frank Nolan

Speakers:
Filipe Santana

Speakers:

*The role of marine
terminals in shipping
carbonization.*

*The current state of
affairs*

Michelle Wiese
Bockmann

<i>Green Corridors: legal aspects of a policy ambition</i>	Haris Zografakis	<i>IMO reactions and responses</i>	Fred Kenney
<i>Decarbonizing the world's ports: recent developments and challenges in Europe and China, through the lens of CMB.TECH's project experience</i>	Lutgarde Eraly	<i>The legal framework which applies to the actors involved</i>	George Theocharides
		<i>The positions of registries</i>	Meredith Kirby
		<i>The perspective of Classification Societies</i>	Bob Clyne
<i>The key role of the public sector to enhance the decarbonization of ports and terminals</i>	Julio Castiglioni		
<i>The Brazilian Waterway Transports Regulatory Agency (ANTAQ) and the Energy Transition Framework</i>	Uirá Cavalcante Oliveira		

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026

07:30 - **NMLAs Presidents' Breakfast**

08:30 Venue: Windsor Room

09:00 - 10:30	PARALLEL 1 Venue: Louvre Room I Security Interests in Containers	PARALLEL 2 Venue: Louvre Room II Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS)
	Moderator: Benoit Goemans	Moderator: Frank Stevens
	<i>Speakers:</i> Peter Laurijssen	<i>Speakers:</i> Danielle Datta
	<i>Security on containers: views from the box shipping industry.</i>	<i>Insurance Considerations for MASS</i>
	José Angelo Estrella Faria	<i>The IMO MASS Code</i>
		<i>Building Trust in Maritime Autonomy: A Class Perspective</i>
	Gen Goto	
		Liza Chua
	Warren de Waegh	
	<i>The Feasibility of an International Regime for Security Interests over Shipping Containers as distinguished from Security Interests over Ships.</i>	

10:30 -
12:00

PARALLEL 1 Venue: Louvre Room I yCMI - Intersections of Security, Geopolitics and Maritime Law in a Changing World.	PARALLEL 2 Venue: Louvre Room II The CMI Lex Maritima – The road so far and the way forward
Moderator: <i>Harald Søndergard</i>	Moderator: <i>Eric Van Hooydonk</i>
<i>Speakers:</i> Iva Parlov	<i>Speakers:</i> Eric Van Hooydonk
<i>Sanctions and the “Shadow Fleet”: Does Flag State Jurisdiction and Freedom of Navigation Shield the Shadow Fleet Vessels from Liability Insurance Requirements and Enforcement by Coastal States?</i>	<i>An introduction to ‘The CMI Lex Maritima 2025 - The Tokyo Principles of Maritime Law’, the very first compilation of universal principles of maritime law</i>
<i>Sanctions and legal issues in shipping: A perspective from the evolving situation in Colombia and Venezuela</i>	<i>How legal practice in Brazil, Argentina and Japan could use the Tokyo Principles – Status of translations of the CMI Lex Maritima</i>
<i>Drafting for Security Disruption in Charterparties and Bills of Lading: Decision Rights and Cost Allocation</i>	<i>Prioritised claims and immobilisation of ships (Principles 23 and 24): Significance for legal practice in South America and England</i>
<i>The new Brazilian Insurance Law and its implications for the international maritime insurance and reinsurance market</i>	<i>What the CMI and the national associations can do in the years to come</i>
<i>Compliance Challenges for Chinese Maritime In-House Counsels in a Shifting Legal Landscape</i>	
<i>Maritime Insolvency in an Era of Geopolitical</i>	

*Fragmentation: Unique
Maritime Risks and
International Judicial
Cooperation*

- 12:00 - **Lunch**
13:00 Venue: Queluz rooms I to IV
- 13:00 - **Break to Change for Excursion**
13:30
- 14:00 **Excursion: Pão de Açúcar (Sugarloaf Mountain)**
Buses leave in front of the hotel
- 16:00 **Sunset Reception at Pão de Açúcar (Sugarloaf Mountain)**
Venue: *Embaixada Carioca*
- Dress Code: *Casual (walking shoes)*

FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026

09:00 - 10:30	PARALLEL 1 Venue: Louvre Room I Energising the MORU Sector: maritime finance, and a MORU finance convention	PARALLEL 2 Venue: Louvre Room II Academics Session	
	Moderator: <i>Alexander Severance Frank Nolan</i>	Moderator: <i>Frank Stevens</i>	
	<i>The Wind Sector perspective</i>	<i>Speakers: Roberta Cox</i>	<i>The regulation of liability for MASS</i>
	<i>The Insurance Perspective</i>	<i>Speakers: Andréia Propp Arend</i>	<i>Challenges of Hydrogen in Shipping: Tension between Innovation and Liability Regimes</i>
	<i>The Flag State Perspective</i>	<i>Barbara Gadig</i>	<i>Transnational estoppel</i>
	<i>The Floating Offshore Wind Developer Perspective</i>	<i>Rodolfo Gonçalves</i>	<i>Steven Rares</i>
		<i>The CMLCMI Database, Judicial Decisions on International Conventions</i>	<i>Stephen Girvin</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break Venue: Event Center Foyer		
11:00 - 12:30	PARALLEL 1 Venue: Louvre Room I Revision of the 1910 Collision Convention	PARALLEL 2 Venue: Louvre Room II The Weaponisation of Sea Routes: Is Shipping in the Firing Line?	
	Moderator: <i>John O'Connor</i>	Moderator: <i>Richard Nylon</i>	

<i>Shared Seas, Divided Powers – Navigating the EEZ</i>	<i>Speakers:</i> Leyla Pearson	<i>Speakers:</i> Rafael Zelesco Barretto
<i>Scope of application and applicable law: Linking the Threads of a new International Collision Regime</i>	Vassilis Vernicos	Rita Feodrippe Pietro Palandri Nick Shaw
<i>Overcoming the Dichotomy of Substantive and Procedural Aspects: The Jurisdiction Rules under a new Collision Convention</i>	Dieter Schwampe	
<i>Vessels' Liability under a new Collision Convention</i>		
<i>Collision damages: Is it time to extend the scope? The Lisbon Rules and beyond</i>	Klaus Ramming Francesco Siccardi	

12:30 - **Lunch**
14:00 Venue: Queluz rooms I to IV

14:00 - **CMI General Assembly**
17:00 Venue: Louvre Room I and II

17:00 - **Executive Council Meeting 2**
18:00 Venue: Windsor Room

19:30 - **Cocktail Drinks followed by Gala Dinner**
01:30 Venue: *Casa das Canoas*

Dress code: *Business attire or traditional dress, black tie optional.*