

Invitation to the online seminar launch of the

# Global Maritime Accord - Academy



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## PROGRAM

**Admiral RK Dhowan (Retd),  
SAMDeS, India**

Global Maritime Accord – Save  
Oceans for a Safe Earth

**Professor Peter Droege,  
LISD, Liechtenstein**

Global Maritime Accord Academy:  
climate and the oceans, core of the  
biosphere

**Dr. Dyhia Belhabib, UBC, Canada**

Ending the menace of IUU fishing  
and overfishing: for health,  
livelihoods and nutrition

**Vice Admiral Ben Bekkering  
(Retd), IMCCS, Netherlands**

The IMCCS and governed  
approaches to the wellbeing of the  
seas and oceans

## ABOUT THE GMA / GMAA

The Global Maritime Accord (GMA) is the first integrated and coordinated approach towards the harmonized administration and governance of the oceans, especially the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. The GMA Academy (GMAA) is the learning, teaching, research and exchange platform for drafting the GMA.

GMA and GMAA are focused on the health of oceans in a globally shared effort. They aim to strengthen and support the implementation of the Intergovernmental Conference on legally binding instruments under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the safeguarding of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Members of the Accord development effort include oceanographers, lawyers, environmentalists, diplomats and military security experts, from Australia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Germany, India, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Kenya, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom and United States.

## COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS

**Liechtenstein Institute for Strategic Development AG**  
LISD Liechtenstein

**Society for Aerospace, Maritime and Defense Studies**  
SAMDeS India

**International Military Council on Climate and Security,**  
Netherlands

**The Trebuchet** –Breaking Down Barriers / Building Bridges, USA

**Frank Farenski Film,** Germany

## REGISTRATION

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**Dr. Dyhia Belhabib** is an expert on illegal fisheries, maritime crime, and just conservation and enforcement. As Principal Investigator at Ecotrust Canada she founded Spyglass, the world's most comprehensive criminal record of fishing vessels. As Executive Director at Nautical Crime Investigation Services works on responsible technologies for maritime enforcement and fisheries management. A leading expert on West African fisheries, marine ecosystems and the challenges facing small-scale fishers, she collaborated with local communities on responsible fishing practices and build capacity in marine conservation enforcement. Her knowledge helped her to identify the challenges of access to credit, infrastructure, and market opportunities. Dr. Belhabib authored over 110 peer reviewed articles, book chapters, and reports.



**Vice Admiral Ben Bekkering** (Retd), International Military Council on Climate and Security (IMCCS), served 40 years with the Royal Netherlands Navy until 2019. He spent most of his junior years on board frigates, in various roles. During the second part of his career, he rotated between command positions at sea and staff positions ashore. He commanded a frigate, an amphibious ship and one of NATO's permanent Task Groups: 'Around Somalia he rallied local community support in discouraging piracy'. His staff positions were mainly in the field of plans and policy, both in the naval and the defense staff. In 2015 he became Deputy Commander of the Navy. He concluded his military career in Brussels, serving as the Netherlands' Permanent Military Representative to NATO and the EU from 2016 to 2019.



**Admiral RK Dhowan** (Retd), formerly the 22nd Chief of Naval Staff of the Indian Navy, had a distinguished career of 42 years. Since he served as 5th Chairman of the National Maritime Foundation, India's premier maritime think tank. The Foundation benefitted from his vast experience in the Navy, and formulation of wide range of maritime publications including; Indian Navy in the 21st Century: Maritime Security for National Prosperity (2014); Ensuring Secure Seas: Indian Maritime Security Strategy (2015); Indias Maritime Heritage (2016), United Through Oceans: International Fleet Review 2016. In 2020 the Admiral launched a multidisciplinary think-tank The Society for Aerospace Maritime and Defence Studies ( SAMDeS) as the Founding Chairman. Here the Admiral 's mission is to draft the Global Maritime Accord with the vision to Save Oceans for a Safe World.



**Professor Peter Droege** is a leading international urban sustainability expert on advanced urban policy, management, transport policy and strategy, urban design, city and regional planning and renewable infrastructure development. His academic career stretches from the School of Architecture and Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his position at the University of Tokyo as Urban Development Engineering Endowed Chair to his position as Lend Lease Chair and Professor of Urban Design at the University of Sydney, and Conjoint Professorship at the University of Newcastle's School of Architecture and Built Environment. At the University of Liechtenstein he developed a highly influential Chair for Sustainable Spatial Development which he held over a period of eight years.

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