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# NEWSLETTER



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## A Successful Journey of Tanzania's Centre for Maritime Safety and Security from IMLI

From a professional lawyer with a major area of inspiration to join International Maritime Law Institute, Adv. Kitureti was aspired further to use the knowledge and expertise gained at IMLI and merged as a legal expert within the maritime field. En route to maritime law, he expanded his vision to create not only vital awareness for maritime safety and security, as well as crucial ocean governance but also a resilient blue economy.

### A HALF-DECADE OF "MAKING IT WORK"

Since 2021, Adv. Kitureti has had a vision to establishing maritime organization which will be vital for creating opportunities for future generation of maritime lawyers and creating the collaborative structures needed to ensure safer navigation, cleaner oceans, and a more sustainable, resilient national supply chain for Tanzania's generation to come. By that time it wasn't easy to work alone with few colleagues day and night to promote awareness on maritime safety, security, and sustainability across Tanzania's marine and inland waters. Against all odds, this once-impossible dream after several years finally became reality.

By the time when no one would expect Adv. Kitureti's vision might come true, in 2023 he was among the extra ordinary and exclusive lawyers selected from Tanzania to join IMLI. His selection marked a turning point where perceived impossibility became into accomplished fact. A pipedream into reality, started a brand-new chapter to engage with global maritime leaders, sharpening his strategic thinking for responsible ocean stewardship.



### **Cultivating a global network of maritime experts**

Embarking on a new chapter to collaborate with international maritime experts, refined Adv. Kitireti's expertise in sustainable ocean governance and blue economy. After only six months when he was a student at IMLI in Malta, Europe he launched a new phase of professional development, tapping into international expertise to master maritime laws and blue economy principles. Immersing himself in global maritime insights, mentored by experts to cultivate a forward-thinking approach to maritime laws. Through the course of his research on this study, he had the privilege to work under Dr. Sanjeer Ruhul, the Nippon Foundation lecturer in International Maritime Law at IMO-IMLI.

He is deeply honored by the immense support received from Tanzania and IMO-IMLI, which strengthened his resolve and made him proud of this collective journey. Deepening his knowledge of ocean governance and the blue economy through active collaboration with both global and national maritime industry veterans.



**Adv. Vedastus Kitireti (IML)**  
**Senior Founder, CMSS**



**David Mulokozi**  
**Co-Founder & Executive Director**

### **A Confidant Colleague from Child & Youth development projects to Maritime Industry and Blue Economy**

Among those few colleagues who liaised with Adv. Kitireti back in 2021 when there was no official entity founded, there was Adv. Kitireti's confidant colleague who by that time served as Project Director on Child & Youth development projects at ELCT/NWD. On account of financial constraints, severe capital shortages, and owing to insolvency, Adv. Kitireti & David deemed unviable on the establishment of organization. Until then, in 2023 when Adv. Kitireti was studied at IMLI, shared his new ideas and experiences with David who was in Tanzania. A key focus was to ordain the organization to unlock the ocean governance and the potential of the blue economy, with special attention to creating actionable opportunities, training, and economic empowerment for women and young people. Alongside with a small dedicated group of colleagues, they achieved the formal registration of CMSS as a Tanzanian NGO in Tanzania in 2024. David harnessed the momentum of this victory to establish himself as a specialist in maritime affairs and sustainable blue economy.

The Centre for Maritime Safety and Security has transformed from an ambitious concept into actuality. What once seemed unachievable is now bridging the gap between improbable yearning and recognized excellence, serving as the benchmark for elevating Tanzanian maritime safety, ocean governance and blue economy in Tanzania.