



# CLOSING REMARKS

## 3rd SIMA WORKSHOP WITH SHIP OPERATORS

*“Enhancing Safety through maritime awareness and education”*

*4-5 October 2023*

*Mendana Hotel*

# Outcomes

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## At the 3<sup>rd</sup> SIMA Workshop, the Ship Operators:

**Recognized** the signing of Partnership Agreement for Governance, Oversight and Advisory Services of the Solomon Islands Maritime College between SIG, SINU, SIMA, SIPA and SIMTA as a key driver of maritime training and education of seafarers; and applauded the objective of overseeing the Solomon Islands Maritime College and mobilise resources for maritime training.

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**Acknowledged** the implementation of Seafarer Employment Agreement (SEA) in domestic shipping that assist ship operators in recruiting qualified seafarers with valid certificates meeting the requirements of the Shipping Act 1998 as amended and the Labour Act [cap 73].

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**Recognized** the need to ensure salaries of seafarers are affordable to Ship Operators and **acknowledged** that SIMA cannot regulate seafarer salaries but SIMTA to consider mechanism to monitor and harmonize them.

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# Outcomes

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At the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
SIMA Workshop,  
the Ship  
Operators:

**Recognized** the obligation to assist ships and persons in distress at sea and the need to have an agreement to clarify obligations and rights related to Search and Rescue.

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**Agreed** to participate in initiatives to collect data related to fuel oil consumption and consider measures on operational efficiency and shipborne technologies; and applauded shipping companies volunteering to work with SIMA in this area.

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**Committed to** and **recognised** the benefits of developing and implementing a Safety Management System (SMS) onboard their vessels that integrate safety, pollution prevention and maintenance procedures.

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# Outcomes

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At the 3rd  
SIMA Workshop,  
the Ship  
Operators:

**Recognised** SIMA E-gate and the benefits to access integrated information related to international and domestic vessels, seafarers, safe manning and safety of navigation.

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**Called** those involved in logging and mining industries to comply with applicable maritime laws and **request** SIMA to strengthen enforcement and prosecution and collaborate with ministries responsible for logging and mining.

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