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University of the Arctic International Secretariat
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P.O. Box 122
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FINLAND
Via email

RE: Letter of Intent - Membership

Dear University of the Arctic International Secretariat,

Please accept this letter as an indication of the World Maritime University (WMU)'s strong interest to become members of the University of the Arctic network.

WMU was founded in 1983 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, as its premier centre of excellence for maritime and ocean postgraduate education, research, and capacity building. The University offers a broad range of postgraduate educational programmes in the fields of maritime transportation, policy, administration, management, safety, security and environmental protection. WMU undertakes wide-ranging research in maritime and ocean-related studies, including through the recently founded WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute.

During the almost 40 years of dedicated service to the global maritime and ocean community, WMU has educated almost 6,000 maritime and ocean leaders who work in important positions of the public sector as well as the industry in more than 170 countries.

WMU's vision and strategic directions are in line with the values of the University of the Arctic. In particular, the University is committed to work towards several interconnecting goals of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including Goal 14, Life Below Water, Goal 5 concerning Gender Equality, and Goal 13 on Climate Action. Furthermore, the University has become a strong advocate for gender equality and the promotion of the roles of women in the maritime and ocean sectors.

Joining the University of the Arctic would allow WMU to expand its collaborative network, providing an opportunity for faculty and researchers to share knowledge in the maritime field and to gain a broader perspective from the work of others. We have several research groups working on issues that are relevant to the Arctic and its inhabitants, including on ocean governance, fisheries, SAR, Marine Renewable Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Shipping, and many others. In addition, we see significant potential in exploring exchange opportunities for students and faculty across the network.

We are hoping that our membership application can be positively considered and look forward to hearing from you.

Should you need anything else to support our application, please let us know.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry
President

2023 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

Applicant: World Maritime University

Country: Sweden

Membership Category: Arctic

Membership Type: HEI

Profile Description:

The World Maritime University (WMU) was founded in 1983 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, as its premier centre of excellence for maritime postgraduate education, research, and capacity building. The University offers unique postgraduate programmes, undertakes wide-ranging research in maritime and ocean-related studies, and continues maritime capacity building in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, while promoting the role of women in the maritime and ocean sectors worldwide.

WMU's MSc and PhD degrees are accredited by the Government of Sweden. The University has offered the degree of Master of Science since 1983. The programme offers professional education for the international maritime and oceans community. Its has been designed to offer interdisciplinary breadth, areas of deeper study and a firm foundation for the students' research. The programme is offered under seven specializations: Maritime Education and Training; Maritime Energy Management; Maritime Law and Policy; Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration; Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management; ; Port Management; Shipping Management and Logistics.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree has been offered since 2003 and it has been designed to offer professional education in research. Each approved research topic is established within a Research Priority Area, and the framework of international Conventions and agreements by which it is governed.

As a United Nations educational institution, WMU is intrinsically an international HEI, with staff from five continents, and students and alumni from more than 170 countries and territories. The Master of Science programme is delivered in China by WMU collaboration with Shanghai Maritime University and Dalian Maritime University. WMU builds capacity and serves the global community of maritime professionals. WMU has 5,807 graduates, reflecting the global population of the maritime industry.

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

- Educating and Fostering Maritime and Ocean Leaders

- Enhancing Maritime and Ocean Research

- Enhancing Strategic Collaboration and Partnerships

- Strengthening Financial and Institutional Sustainability