

Atty. Imelda L. Barcelona was invited to sit as panelist in two (2) interactive panel discussions in the 14th Lloyd's Asia- Pacific Manning and Training Conference held at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila on 29 -30 October 2013.

On Day One, Atty. Barcelona shared her insights on the Philippine government efforts towards compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention. She shared the stage with Dr. Philip Belcher, Marine Director, INTERTANKO, Natalie Shaw, Director Employment Affairs, International Chamber of Shipping and Frank Corrales, Training Manager, V. Ships Leisure.

On Day Two, on the topic Women in Shipping: Making it in a Man's World, Atty. Barcelona debunked the impression that shipping is not an attractive industry for women. She essayed that while for centuries shipping has been dominated by men; it is in a woman's DNA to want to challenge the status quo - to see the world as it should be. She quoted Facebook COO and patron saint of working women, Sheryl Sandberg on the silence of men on the issue of gender equality in the workforce. Sandberg said that "Women have long dominated the heated discussion around gender equality. But one group not engaging in the conversation is men." The other panelist on this topic are ; Carla Limcaoco, Women in Maritime in the Phils., Marissa Oca, AMOSUP, Capt. Margaret Reasoner, Managing Director, Marine Personnel, Crowley Maritime Corp., and Pia Voss , Executive Vice President, Danish Shipowner's Association.