

## 2017 Senegal Maritime School Education and Capacity Building Program

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This communication aims to give a personal vision of my two days (11-12 December) in Dakar at the INFM, as a marine expert invited by the KMI (*Korean Maritime Institute*).

The first thing I should thank is the attention and hospitality of the Director of KMI in Spain, Dr. Deukhoon Han, who made all the moments very pleasant and special and he enlightened me in a very interesting way about Korean customs and traditions, so different from my country Spain.



Also from the Direction and the faculty of INFM/ENFM. The subject of my classes was the IMO, its main conventions and particularly the safety of fishing vessels and its main international regulations (*Torremolinos Convention*; *FAO/ILO/IMO Guidance on Fishermen's Training and Certification* and the revised *Code of Safety for Fishermen and Fishing Vessels, 2005*, and the *Voluntary Guidelines for the Design, Construction and Equipment of Small Fishing Vessels, 2005*; etc.). We had expected the classes to be given in English, although finally they were given in English and French, which raised a large number of questions and a very lively debate. Perhaps this is one of the most relevant aspects: the interest of the

students and teachers in the subject, who followed all the explanations, with great attention.



In those days, the INFM/ENFM audit was also carried out by the EMSA, which likewise allowed the explanation of the functions and work of the EMSA- European Maritime Safety Agency and the SCTW Convention 75/98 and the main novelties of the Manila amendments (2010).

It has been a very interesting experience for me and I hope for my Senegalese friends. One more time thanks to the KMI ;)

