

# **Abstract**

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## **The impact of STCW implementation ON Maritime Administrations, MET Institutions and Shipping Companies**

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) had adopted the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW 95) in order to enhance the maritime safety and environmental protection by improving the performance of human element, as well as, establishing global minimum standards for seafarer's competency and for the administrations to ensure the compliance of its requirement. In order to meet the minimum international standards, according to the provisions of the convention by the member States, the convention had created roles for the administration, maritime education and training (MET) institutions and shipping companies in the implementation process. Although that the convention had achieved most of its objectives, particularly in improving and establishing education and training systems in most of the member States, a number of weaknesses and shortcomings in the implementation process, have to be considered by the organization in the future development of the convention.