

Francis Zachariae

Secretary-General (transition), International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation

The Government of Denmark nominates Francis Zachariae as candidate for the position of Secretary-General to the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA).



With IALA currently navigating the complex transition from a Non-Governmental Organisation to an Intergovernmental Organisation, the need for steady and experienced leadership has never been more critical. Mr. Zachariae has been deeply involved in the development of IALA over the years, contributing significantly to its professionalisation and efficiency. His efforts have been instrumental in shaping the organisation's direction and ensuring its preparedness for the challenges ahead. His expertise in the modernisation of data standardisation and harmonisation, aimed at facilitating efficient exchanges between shore and ship, has not only enhanced safety but also alleviated burdens on the maritime industry.

Speaking both English and French, Mr. Zachariae possesses the linguistic and diplomatic skills necessary to lead an international organisation like IALA. His vision for the future is clear: to transform IALA into an agile organisation, ready for digitalization and towards a more resilient nautical and navigational infrastructure - paving the way for safe and efficient navigation in the years to come.

In line with the requirements of the Staff Rules, Mr. Zachariae has successfully completed the necessary medical examination, further underscoring his readiness to continue serving in this key role. He is prepared to lead IALA through this crucial period of transition, but wishes to clarify that his candidacy is limited to the first term, which will conclude at the General Assembly in 2027.

Given the complexities of the current transition and the critical role IALA plays in global marine navigation, Mr. Zachariae's continued leadership as Secretary-General would provide the stability and strategic foresight needed to secure a successful future for the organisation.

- CURRICULUM VITAE -

Secretary-General, Mr. Francis Zachariae, IALA

Francis Zachariae began the work as Secretary-General of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities in February 2015.

After leaving high school Francis Zachariae joined the Royal Danish Naval Academy, followed in 1983 by service aboard several naval ships. From 1988 to 1990 he was Aide-de-camp to the Minister of Defence. Francis Zachariae went back to sea in 1990. At the same time as he was working with the Danish Ministry of Defence, Francis Zachariae completed a Master of Science, Public Administration, following which he was promoted to Captain (N) and appointed to Brussels to become Branch Chief and Advisor of the EU Council Secretariat. This was his second experience abroad. From 1993-1994 Francis Zachariae had attended the Collège Interarmées de Défense in Paris, France. In 2006 he was back at the Naval Academy, this time as Commandant. From 2007 he was the Deputy Director General of the Danish Maritime Safety Administration and in 2011 the Deputy Director General of the Danish Maritime Authority. His main tasks were related to maritime regulation, safety of navigation and pilotage in the Danish, Greenland and Faroese waters.

Francis Zachariae is residing in Paris, France where lives with his wife Jane. They have two grown up sons.

Experience

2015 – **Secretary-General**, International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Light house Authorities

2011 – 2015 **Deputy Director General**, Danish Maritime Authority.

2007 – 2011 **Deputy Director General**, Danish Maritime Safety Administration.

2006 – 2007 **Commandant** at the Naval Academy.

2003 – 2005 **Branch Chief and advisor** at the EU Council Secretariat, Brussels

1994 – 2003 **Head of Section** and from 1998 **Head of Division** in the Ministry of Defence.

1992 – 1993 **Project Manager** at the Naval Materiel Command.

1990 – 1992 **Commanding Officer**, patrol vessel HAVKATTEN.

1988 – 1990 **Aide-de-camp** with the Minister of Defence.

1983 – 1988 The early years at sea with several naval ships.

Education

2001 – 2003 Master of Science, Public Administration (MPA), Copenhagen Business School

1993 – 1994 Collège Interarmées de Défense, Paris

1979 – 1983 Naval Academy

1978 N. Zahles Gymnasium

International representation

Member of Administrative Board, EMSA, EU

Member of Council and Policy Advisory Panel, IALA

Chairman of Legal Advisory Panel, IALA

Heading work at the IMO on safety of navigation and e-Navigation

Languages

English Negotiation level – fluent written and spoken skills

French Written and spoken skills

German Basic

Personal data

Born in Copenhagen on 16 January 1960, married to Jane, 2 sons.