



Speaker CV



Grant Holmes

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Grant Holmes leads the strategy and business development on a global scale of INCHCAPE Shipping Services, the world's largest maritime service provider, leveraging the company's international reach of 300+ offices in around 70 countries to service Cruise Lines in over 500 ports with the

support of its well established Business Partner network.

With over 20 years dedicated Cruise Industry experience, Grant directed operations at First Choice Cruises from its inception in 1999 and later in 2000 became a Director at Festival Cruises, managing global Tour Operations, Shore Excursions, destination services, and Onboard Revenue until 2004.

Grant later founded Progress International FZC, which today is one of the world's leading Cruise Industry service providers, specializing in Consultancy, Training, and Recruitment services. Since 2006, Progress International served 15 international Cruise Lines, 12 Government Tourism Authorities and provided training for over 70,000 crew of all levels.

Grant regularly moderates sessions for CLIA Executive Partner events and his 360-degree Cruise Industry vision sees him driving INCHCAPE'S ambitious plans to develop emerging markets such as India, The Middle East, the Red Sea, Asia, and Central / South America to support the strategic growth ambitions of INCHCAPE across all regions of the world.