

Invitation to **Informal Discussions on BBNJ Capacity Development¹**

Monday, September 10, 2018

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters

The purpose of this informal multi-stakeholder gathering is to follow-up on:

- 1) discussions held at the September 6, 2018 Side Event on *Options on Approaches, Modalities, and Strategies on Capacity Development for a New International Agreement on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction* (<https://bit.ly/2C0FuvD>), and
- 2) the content of the *Policy Brief on Capacity Development as a Key Aspect of a New International Agreement on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)* (<https://bit.ly/2C0FuvD>)

Inter alia, participants might wish to discuss, e.g.:

1. What needs are there for further analysis, research work, clarification, action?
On what time frame?
2. What additional questions are posed?
3. Considering the current efforts at capacity development in BBNJ (addressed in Section 4 of the Policy Brief and in the Annex), what might be some ways of better coordinating existing efforts and of achieving greater synergy among them?
4. What might be some ways to further develop/expand the multi-stakeholder “community of practice” on capacity development in support of achieving effective outcomes on capacity development in the BBNJ process?

All interested delegates and members of civil society are welcome to participate. Since space is limited, please RSVP to Alexis Maxwell, Global Ocean Forum, alexismaxwell@globaloceans.org

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¹ During the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (General Assembly resolution 72/249), September 2018