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SIDE EVENT ON

Options on Approaches, Modalities, and Strategies on Capacity Development for a New International Agreement on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction

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6 September 2018, Conference Room 11, UN Conference Building, New York, 13:15-14:30

Co-organized by the Government of France, Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations, Global Ocean Forum, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, and Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

Capacity development and technology transfer are cross-cutting issues which will be essential for the success of a new international legally binding agreement on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction. This Side Event features a **Policy Brief on Capacity Development as a Key Aspect of a New International Agreement on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)** (<https://tinyurl.com/y7vpc6j7>), a multi-author, multi-institutional effort led by the GEF/FAO/GOF Project on *Strengthening Global Capacity to Effectively Manage Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction*, which provides practical analyses and suggestions for capacity development related to BBNJ for input into the BBNJ negotiations. The Policy Brief addresses: The capacity that will be needed at national and regional levels to implement the new Agreement; relevant international prescriptions on capacity development and summary of BBNJ discussions to date; existing efforts at providing capacity relevant to BBNJ; options for a clearing-house mechanism; options for a financing mechanism; and possible modalities for linking capacity development actions at global, regional, and national levels.

Following a brief presentation of the Policy Brief, a panel discussion will be held. Panelists are invited to make comments on the paper and to address, in particular, various aspects of capacity development, e.g.: 1) **possible options for a clearing-house mechanism**; 2) **possible financing mechanisms for supporting capacity development in the context of a new International Agreement**; and 3) **possible modalities for linking global, regional, and national actions on capacity development**.

Side Event Organizers



AGENDA

Opening comments, Co-Chairs:

H.E. Ambassador Juliette Babb-Riley, Deputy Permanent Representative,
Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations, CARICOM Coordinator

H.E. Ambassador Serge Segura, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of France

Presentation of the *Policy Brief on Capacity Development as a Key Aspect of a New International Agreement on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)*

Dr. Biliانا Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum

Dr. Atsushi Sunami, President, Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

Dr. Marjo Vierros, Senior Policy Associate, Global Ocean Forum

Panel Discussion

Country/Regional Perspectives

H.E. Dr. T. Suka Mangisi, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations

Ms. Alice Revell, Manager, Environment and Resources Law Unit, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Mr. Mehdi Remaoun, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations, Coordinator of the African Group

Mr. Andreas Papaconstantinou/Mr. John Brincat/Mr. Marc Richir, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Dr. Haiwen Zhang, Director-General, China Institute for Marine Affairs, People's Republic of China

UN Perspectives

H.E. Mr. Tomas Anker Christensen, Ambassador, Chief Advisor to the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

Mr. Árni M. Mathiesen, Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Ms. Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director, United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

The Side Event will be covered by the Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB)

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