



CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR SIDS IN BBNJ NEGOTIATIONS
PROGRAMME OF WORK

29 May – 1 June 2018

Lester Pollack Colloquium Room, Furman Hall (9th Floor)
245 Sullivan Street, New York University School of Law

29 May - Tuesday

- 09:30 – 10:00 **Registration**
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Opening**
Speakers:
- H.E. Dr. Ali Naseer Mohamed (AOSIS Chair and Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations)
 - H.E. Mr. Tore Hattrem (Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations)
- 10:30 – 13:00 **Session I – Introduction to the BBNJ Instrument**
Moderated by Sylvain Kalsakau (Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Vanuatu to the United Nations)
Speakers:
- Alice Hicuburundi (Senior Legal Officer, DOALOS)
 - Kristina Gjerde (Senior High Seas Advisor, IUCN)
- Exploring the need for a new legally binding instrument; what are the gaps in the current governance landscape?
 - History of the background of the BBNJ negotiations, including the work of the Ad-hoc open-ended working group and the preparatory committees.
 - What is the geographical/material/personal scope of the instrument?
 - Possible implications of the new instruments for SIDS
- 13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch Break*

- 15:00 – 18:00** **Session II - Marine Genetic Resources**
Moderated by Janine Coye-Felson (Deputy Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations)
Speakers:
- Dr. Thomas Vanagt (Founder and Director, eCOAST Marine Research)
 - Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Senior Legal Adviser, Ministry of Climate and the Environment of Norway)
 - Hiroko Gottlieb (Senior Ocean Governance Advisor, IUCN)
- General introduction to MGRs – ideological difference, scope (fish), balance between access and exploration
 - Issues of Intellectual Property Rights
 - Access and benefit sharing - lessons from Nagoya Protocol/Antarctic Treaty (clearing house mechanism) and how they can be translated into this context.
 - Modalities: What would trigger benefit sharing, and how will the downstream use of MGRs be monitored? (Monetary/Non-monetary benefits, Commercial/Non-commercial use, Short/Medium/Long term use)
 - Options for an Access and Benefit sharing regime, light to heavy models, balancing the interests and objectives of the instrument
 - Implication of utilization of these models for SIDS, including linkages with Capacity Building and Transfer of Technology.
 - Examples from existing ABS systems in SIDS
- 18:30 – 20:00** **Reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Tore Hattrem, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations**
 Ambassador's Residence, 305 East 51st Street, PH-A (Transport will be provided from the Venue)

30 May - Wednesday

- 10:00 – 13:00** **Session III - Environmental Impact Assessments**
Moderated by Joan Yang (Permanent Mission of Nauru to the United Nations)
Speakers:
- Lauren Kubiak (International Oceans Analyst, NRDC)
 - Judith Gobin (Senior Lecturer in Marine Biology, University of West Indies)
 - Jope Davetanivalu (Environmental Planning Adviser, SPREP)

- Obligation to conduct EIAs under UNCLOS and international law
- Operationalizing the obligation to conduct EIAs, guiding principles, determination of when an EIA is required, consideration of possible institutional arrangements, including monitoring and review.
- Strategic environmental assessments
- Connectivity and adjacency issues for SIDS
- Implications for SIDS, including the need for capacity development

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 – 18:00

Session IV – Area Based Management Tools, including MPAs*Moderated by* Andreas Kravik (Counsellor Legal Affairs, Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations)*Speakers:*

- Kristina Gjerde (Senior High Seas Advisor, IUCN)
 - Glen Wright (Research Fellow International Ocean Governance, IDDRI)
 - Hiroko Gottlieb (Senior Ocean Governance Advisor, IUCN)
- Overview of ABMTs, their potential use on the high seas and existing regimes/organizations that utilize ABMTs
 - The possible relationships between ABMTs under the ILBI and existing instruments – how will this interact with IMO/RFMOs/etc regimes
 - Options for ABMT regimes under the ILBI, including the process for the identification, establishment and monitoring of AMBTs

31 May - Thursday

10:00 – 13:00

Session V – Capacity Building and the transfer of marine technology*Moderated by* Luke Tang (Counsellor Legal, Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations)*Speakers:*

- Harriet Harden-Davies (PhD Candidate, University of Wollongong)
 - Janine Coye-Felson (Deputy Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations)
 - Jope Davetanivalu (Environmental Planning Adviser, SPREP)
 - Judith Gobin (Senior Lecturer in Marine Biology, University of West Indies)
- Operationalizing capacity building and the transfer of marine technology under UNCLOS - gaps and challenges

- Potential application of the IOC Guidelines on Transfer of Marine Technology or other options
- Scope of capacity building and transfer of marine technology, identifying the Capacity Building and Technology Transfer needs.
- How can capacity building and TMT be incorporated throughout the instrument to be most beneficial to SIDS?

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 – 18:00

Session VI – Institutional Arrangements

Moderated by Juliette Babb-Riley (Deputy Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations)

Speakers:

- Bryce Rudyk (Adjunct Professor of Law, NYU)
 - Nichola Clark (Senior Associate, PEW Charitable Trusts)
 - Glen Wright (Research Fellow International Ocean Governance, IDDRI)
 - Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Senior Legal Adviser, Ministry of Climate and the Environment of Norway)
- Possible models for institutional arrangements of the ILBI – what sort of framework/mechanisms might be necessary
 - Relationship of ILBI with existing regional and sectoral organizations/relationship to UNCLOS? (i.e. “not undermining”)
 - How can they be shaped to be the most beneficial to SIDS.

1 June - Friday

10:00 – 13:00

Session VII – SIDS interests in the BBNJ Instrument

Moderated by Martin Zvachula (Permanent Mission of Micronesia to the United Nations)

Speakers:

- Alec Dawson (NYU Law School)
 - Diedre Mills (Deputy Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations)
 - Margo Deiye (Deputy Permanent Representative of Nauru to the United Nations)
- Current political landscape of the discussions, and how they have evolved.
 - Highlighting the priority issues needs for SIDS in the agreement
 - Recognizing the commonalities between regions, how can AOSIS members work together to accomplish our shared goals?

- 13:00 – 15:00** *Lunch Break*
- 15:00 – 17:00** **Session VIII – Wrap up and way forward**
Moderated by Ismail Zahir (Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations)
- How can the AOSIS Chair be the most useful to the members during the negotiations?
 - Moving ahead to the Intergovernmental Conference – overview of the organizational meeting and the envisioned way forward including any intersessional work
- 17:00 - 17:30** **Closing**