Workshop on
Capacity Development to Improve the Management of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ): Needs, Experiences, Options, and Opportunities
May 18-21, 2016, St. George's, Grenada

Part of the Blue Week Grenada 2016 (May 14 to 21, 2016)

Organized by the Global Ocean Forum and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, together with the partners of the GEF/FAO/GOF ABNJ Capacity Project

Hosted by the Government of Grenada

OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
Participants are invited to a Welcome Reception on Wednesday May 18, followed by two days of formal Workshop, including presentations and discussions (May 19 and 20), with a final day (May 21) for informal meetings and discussions. Participants are encouraged to join in other parts of the Blue Week Grenada 2016. See a detailed agenda of the Blue Week Grenada 2016 at http://www.bluegrowth.org/.

ORGANIZERS
The Workshop is organized by the Global Ocean Forum (GOF), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the partners of the Common Oceans Program (see www.commonoceans.org), the University of Delaware's Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, and the project partners[1] of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)/FAO/GOF Project on *Strengthening Capacity to Effectively Manage ABNJ* as part of the GEF/FAO Program on *Global Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction* (Common Oceans Program). The Workshop is kindly hosted by the Government of Grenada under the leadership of H.E. Dr. Angus Friday, Ambassador of Grenada to the United States, Mexico, and the Organisation of American States.

PARTICIPANTS
The Workshop will bring together global, regional and national decision-makers; UN delegates; international organizations; non-governmental organizations; policy and legal experts; academics; and partners of the Common Oceans Program.

DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHOP
The main theme of this Workshop is *Capacity Development in ABNJ-- Needs, Experiences, Options and Opportunities.*

Needs

- Needs: The GEF/FAO/GOF Workshop *Linking Global and Regional Levels in the Management of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)* (organized at FAO, Rome, February 17-

[1] Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, Government of France (French Marine Protected Areas Agency), Government of South Korea (Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology), Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), International Maritime Organization, International Ocean Institute, Nausicaa (Centre National de la Mer) France, Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, SeaOrbiter, UNESCO (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission), UNESCO (Natural Sciences), University of Delaware, Vietnam National University, Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association, World Ocean Network

20, 2015) identified the further development of capacity to better manage ABNJ areas, including through the application of integrated and ecosystem-based management approaches to area-based planning, as an essential imperative.

As well, past UN deliberations regarding the protection of marine biodiversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction have recognized capacity development as a central issue to be addressed. This workshop will focus on the need for capacity development in area-based management of ABNJ.

- Needs assessment: The ABNJ capacity project is carrying out a survey at global, regional and national levels to assess what type of capacity is required at each of these levels. This survey is in progress. Workshop participants will be invited to participate in the survey.

Experiences

- Present a synthesis of capacity development experiences to implement global provisions on capacity development from UNCLOS, the sustainable development summits, and other relevant international agreements.

- Present experiences in capacity development from the Common Oceans projects.

- Highlight emerging best practices in area-based management, both within national jurisdiction (in coastal zones and in Exclusive Economic Zones) and in areas beyond national jurisdiction, that could be scaled up and applied to ABNJ, and identify capacity needs for their adaptation and implementation.

Options

- Identify vital gaps in capacity development in ABNJ, especially in area-based management, and in other key areas as relevant, and discuss specific options for the development of capacity.

Opportunities

- Identify possible opportunities at global, regional and national levels for advancing capacity development regarding ABNJ.

A special emphasis at the Workshop will be placed on capacity development for Blue Growth, both in EEZs and in ABNJ. Blue Growth prioritizes balancing the sustainable management of natural aquatic resources taking into consideration environmental, social and economic needs, with an emphasis on efficient resource use in capture fisheries and aquaculture, ecosystem services, trade, livelihoods, and inclusive food systems. It is sustainable growth and development from economic activities in the oceans and other aquatic systems that minimizes environmental degradation, biodiversity loss and unsustainable use of resources and maximizes economic and social benefits. Blue Growth can create the appropriate and enabling environment not only to assist people involved in fisheries and aquaculture to act as resource users, but also to play an active role in protecting and safeguarding natural resources for the benefit of future generations. Blue Growth can be a catalyst in improved governance and management of aquatic ecosystems; contribute to conserving biodiversity and habitats; and help empower concerned communities (in particular small-scale fisheries communities). With innovation as one of its key elements, Blue Growth can also foster new meaningful approaches and promote sustainable technology transfer.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The purposes of the Workshop are to:

1. Discuss and exchange information and perspectives towards a broader understanding of the needs and opportunities in the development of capacity in Blue Growth and towards improving the management of fisheries and biodiversity conservation in ABNJ, with an emphasis on area-based management;

2. Contribute information on capacity development that can inform the ongoing discussions towards a legally-binding international instrument on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) under UNCLOS; and

3. Formulate next steps in the way forward in advancing capacity development in ABNJ, building on past and ongoing initiatives and experiences, especially the outputs of the GEF/FAO Common Oceans Program, taking into consideration the context of global provisions on capacity development regarding marine resources and their management.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- Summary of the Workshop
- Technical report of the Workshop
- Findings on capacity development in ABNJ for dissemination to:
    - Relevant global, regional, and national institutions
    - Preparatory process towards the development of a legally-binding international instrument on BBNJ under UNCLOS

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Wednesday, May 18, 2016
6:30 to 8:00 PM
Welcome Reception hosted by the Government of Grenada

Thursday, May 19, 2016
8:30 to 8:45 AM
Registration
All participants should be seated by 8:45 AM

9:00-10:30 AM
SESSION 1. OPENING SESSION: THE CENTRALITY OF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MARINE AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION (ABNJ) AND TO PROMOTE BLUE GROWTH

This session provides an overview of ABNJ as well as an overview of the workshop, its scope and goals in the context of current and emerging problems, and constraints, and opportunities in the management of ABNJ, especially in light of current opportunities for developments in ABNJ at the global level, in particular, the ongoing discussions toward the development of a legally-binding international instrument on BBNJ under UNCLOS. Leaders discuss capacity development needs in ABNJ from the national, global and regional perspectives, providing a vision of challenges and opportunities.

Co-Chairs:
H.E. Dr. Angus Friday, Ambassador of Grenada to the United States, Mexico, and the Organisation of American States
Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum and Professor and Center Director, University of Delaware
Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop

Nicole Glineur, Program Manager, Biodiversity and Private Sector, Global Environment Facility
The GEF/FAO Common Oceans Program

Jacqueline Alder, Fish Code Manager, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO
Capacity Development – A Common Thread through the GEF/FAO Common Oceans Program

Special Address: H.E. Dr. Caleb Otto, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations
The Importance of Wise EEZ and ABNJ Management

Thembile Joyini, Counsellor (Legal Advisor/Sixth Committee), Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations
Overview of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) process in the development of 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

Sainivalati S. Navoti, Senior Legal Officer, International Seabed Authority
Capacity as an Essential Element of New Economic Developments in ABNJ

10:30-11:00 AM
COFFEE BREAK

11:00 AM-12:30 PM
SESSION 2. THE EVOLUTION OF GLOBAL PROVISIONS ON CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ON OCEANS TOWARD ENHANCED IMPLEMENTATION
This session analyses the evolution of capacity development provisions, frameworks, and strategies emanating from the major international agreements related to oceans, including, inter alia, the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and related agreements, the sustainable development summits (UNCED, WSSD, and Rio+20), the SIDS Samoa Pathway, Convention on Biological Diversity decisions, Agenda 2030, the Paris Climate Agreement, and the ongoing BBNJ deliberations, focusing especially on possible lessons that may be learned from associated implementation processes. Following two stage-setting presentations, the session will be run as an interactive panel discussion.

Chair: David Freestone, Executive Secretary, Sargasso Sea Commission

Biliana Cicin-Sain, Global Ocean Forum and University of Delaware
Overview of the Global Provisions in Capacity Development on Oceans and Their Implementation

Prim Masrinuan, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations
Overview of Ongoing discussions on Capacity Development in the BBNJ PrepCom Process

Interactive Panel

Valentina Germani, Legal Officer, United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (UN DOALOS)

Marco Boccia, Fishery Liaison Officer, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Joseph Appiott, Associate Program Officer, Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat

Amrikha Singh, Senior Project Officer, CARICOM

Questions for Discussion

--To what extent (if any) are the global provisions on capacity development regarding oceans generally consistent with one another?

--To what extent (if any) is there information on the extent of implementation of the provisions? Are there assessments of resources deployed, results achieved, problems faced, lessons learned?

--To what extent (if any) have gaps in implementation been identified?

--What lessons (if any) might be learned from these global provisions related to capacity development on oceans relevant to the crafting of new global provisions on capacity development on oceans specifically related to ABNJ area-based planning and management?

12:30-1:30 PM
LUNCH BREAK

1:30-3:30 PM
SESSION 3. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING AREA-BASED MANAGEMENT IN ABNJ

Chair: Jacqueline Alder, FishCode Programme Manager, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Marjo Vierros, Senior Adjunct Fellow, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability
Overview of the Application of Area-based Management Approaches and Tools to ABNJ (Cross-sectoral and Sectoral), Challenges, Lessons Learned, Possible Future Directions

Daniel Cebrian Menchero, Strategic Actions Programme Officer, Mediterranean Action Plan, Regional Activity Center for Marine Protected Areas, Tunisia
Collaboration Among Regional Institutions on Area-Based Management in the Mediterranean

Lizanne Aching, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations
Overview of Ongoing Discussions on Area-Based Management in the BBNJ PrepCom Process

Interactive Panel

Chris O'Brien, Coordinator, ABNJ Deep Seas Project, FAO

Sainivalati S. Navoti, Senior Legal Officer, International Seabed Authority, Jamaica

Joseph Appiott, Associate Programme Officer, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat

Abou Bamba, Regional Coordinator, Abidjan Convention, UNEP

Julián Augusto Reyna Moreno, Secretary-General, Commission Permanente del Pacifico Sur

Elizabeth Brierley, Senior Ocean Analyst, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Julius Francis, Executive Secretary, Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association

Questions for Discussion

--*What challenges/issues are posed when applying area-based management tools (cross-sectoral and sectoral) to ABNJ?*

--*What are the capacity needs that should be addressed to support the application of area-based management tools (cross-sectoral and sectoral in ABNJ)? At what level? National? Regional? Global?*

--*What are special capacity needs that should be addressed to support the protection of marine biodiversity in ABNJ?*

--*What factors/conditions are useful to facilitate inter-organizational collaboration on area-based planning and management in ABNJ?*

--*What initiatives may be fruitful to advance enhanced harmonization and coherence of existing efforts/programs related to the application of area-based approaches to ABNJ?*

3:30-4:00 PM
COFFEE BREAK

4:00-5:30 PM
SESSION 4. MOBILIZING FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION IN ABNJ
This session addresses general considerations in capacity development in ABNJ in support of decision-making processes.

*Linking capacities for ABNJ and EEZ--Formulation and implementation of national ocean policies and formulation of transboundary regional ocean policies and plans for ABNJ region*s

Chair: Abou Bamba, Regional Coordinator, Abidjan Convention, UNEP

Indumathie Hewawasam, Senior Policy Advisor, Global Ocean Forum
Capacity Development and the Blue Economy

John Virdin, Director, Oceans and Coastal Policy Program, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University
Possible Mechanisms for Mobilizing on Capacity Development in ABNJ and in EEZs

Interactive Panel

John Tanzer, Director Marine, WWF International

Kristian Teleki, Senior Marine Adviser, Prince of Wales' International Sustainability Unit, UK

Perry Head, Director, Corporate Services, Forum Fisheries Agency

Raymon Van Anrooy, Fishery and Aquaculture Officer, Subregional Office for the Caribbean, FAO

5:30-6:15 PM
SIDE EVENT: The Sargasso Sea Commission: An Innovative Approach to the Conservation of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

Friday, May 20, 2016
9:00 AM-4:30 PM

SESSION 5. BREAK-OUT GROUP DISCUSSIONS: CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN ABNJ: WHAT POSSIBLE MODALITIES FOR AREA-BASED MANAGEMENT IN ABNJ AND REQUISITE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AT THE REGIONAL LEVELS?

This session addresses regional considerations in the development of capacity in ABNJ within the existing regional institutional frameworks as well as from different political, economic and sectoral perspectives – including associated Blue Growth opportunities. This session will synthesize information on already-available knowledge about ICM, EBM, MSP, MPAs, EIA, and other area-based management approaches and techniques relevant to ABNJ. This session also addresses ABNJ-specific challenges (e.g., lack of multiple use institutional frameworks, plethora of sectoral authorities, etc.).

This session will be conducted in three parts:
1) an introductory session in plenary where perspectives on broad conceptual needs in capacity development will be discussed

2) a facilitated break-out group discussion by regional groups on capacity development on cross-sectoral and sectoral training and education

3) a facilitated break-out group discussion by regional groups on capacity development needs in area-based management and planning.

The break-out group discussions will identify, discuss, and take stock of needs, experiences, options, and opportunities in capacity development in ABNJ in the regions, including cross-regional initiatives and prospects for Blue Growth. The expected outputs from these break-out group discussions will consist of findings on possible best practices for more efficient and effective capacity-building at the regional level.

Facilitators and Rapporteurs will be invited to lead discussions in break-out groups, to develop key questions to guide discussions, and to summarize the discussions.

9:00-10:00 AM
1) Briefing and Introduction to the Break-out Group Discussion (Plenary)

Chairs: Johan Williams, Specialist Director, Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Norway, and Biliana Cicin-Sain, Global Ocean Forum and University of Delaware

Tina Farmer, Communication Adviser, Office of the Deputy Director-General, FAO and Miriam Balgos, Associate Scientist, University of Delaware, and Program Coordinator, Global Ocean Forum
Guidance on Discussion Group Procedures

Erica Wales, University of Delaware, and Miriam Balgos, University of Delaware and the Global Ocean Forum
ABNJ Capacity Project Survey on ABNJ Capacity Needs

10:00 AM-12:00 PM
2) Break-out Group Discussion 1
Cross-sectoral and Sectoral Education/Training Relevant to ABNJ and Connections to EEZs

3) Break-out Group Discussion 2
Capacity Needed to Implement Area-based Management at the Regional Level in ABNJ

Break-out Groups

1) Africa

Abou Bamba, Regional Coordinator, Abidjan Convention Secretariat

Julius Francis, Executive Secretary, Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association

Thembile Joyini, Counsellor (Legal Advisor/Sixth Committee), Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations

Jean Richard Payandee, Commissaire de la Pêche, Rodrigues Regional Assembly, Mauritius

Daniel Cebrian Menchero, Strategic Actions Programme Officer, Mediterranean Action Plan, Regional Activity Center for Marine Protected Areas, Tunisia

2) Latin America and the Caribbean

Lizanne Aching, Second Secretary, Trinidad and Tobago Permanent Mission to the UN

Jennifer Alexis, Managing Director, Pure Cerulean, Grenada

David Freestone, Executive Secretary, Sargasso Sea Commission

Olivier Yambo, PhD Student in International Environmental Law and Ocean Governance, University of Dundee

Jenny Sharyne Bowie Wilches, Third Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia

Safiya Sawney, Policy Strategist - Oceans, Climate, and SIDS, Blue Growth, Grenada

Michelle Walker, Head, Legal Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica

Amrikha Singh, Senior Project Officer, Sustainable Development, CARICOM Secretariat

Raymon Van Anrooy, Fishery and Aquaculture Officer, FAO Subregional Office for the Caribbean

Manuel Perez Moreno, Coordinator, Caribbean Billfish Project, FAO Subregional Office for the Caribbean

Julián Augusto Reyna Moreno, Secretary General, Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur

LaVerne Walker, Senior Project Officer, Caribbean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Project

Susan Singh-Renton, Deputy Executive Director, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Secretariat

3) Asia

Prim Masrinuan, Counsellor, Thailand Permanent Mission to the UN

Ram Boojh, Programme Chief, Natural Sciences, UNESCO, New Delhi, India

Yuhei Murakami, Associate Program Officer, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Japan

Indumathie Hewawasam, Senior Policy Advisor, Global Ocean Forum

4) Pacific

Elizabeth Brierley, Senior Ocean Analyst, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner/Pacific Island Forum Secretariat

Perry Head, Director, Corporate Services, South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency

Salote Tagivakatini, Principal Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fiji

Joeli Veitayaki, School of Marine Studies, University of the South Pacific

12:00-1:00 PM
LUNCH BREAK

1:00-4:30 PM
CONTINUATION OF SESSION 5

4:30-6:00 PM
SESSION 6. WORKSHOP CONCLUSION AND CLOSING SESSION: TOWARDS ENHANCING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING AREA-BASED MANAGEMENT IN ABNJ: NEXT STEPS ON OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES
This session will begin with summary presentations from the facilitators of the regional break-out groups. A synthesis of the overall outcomes from the plenary sessions and break-out discussions will follow along with next steps and concluding remarks.

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Biliana Cicin-Sain, Global Ocean Forum and University of Delaware
Thembile Joyini, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations

- Reporting from the Chairs of the Regional Breakout Groups

- Workshop Concluding Observations

  Michelle Walker, Head, Legal Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica

  Lizanne Aching, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the UN

  Lisa Svensson, Special Representative for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

  Salote Tagivakatini, Principal Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fiji
  UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14 (Fiji, 5-9 June 2017)

6:30 PM
Farewell Reception hosted by the Government of Grenada

Saturday, May 21, 2016
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Post-workshop Activities
- Meeting of the Community of Practice on Fisheries, Biodiversity, and Climate Change (with special focus on the outcomes of the oceans and climate initiatives at the UNFCCC COP21)
- Meeting of the Community of Practice on Multi-Sector Area-Based Planning