

Latin America & Caribbean

SUMMARY OF GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Guiding Principles

- Capacity building has to lead to genuine development of human resources across different sectors and improved intersectoral coordination

Cross-Sectoral Training/Education

- Many opportunities of formal training exists e.g. UWI courses, Nippon Fellowship, SPIMCAM, ComSec Training
- Learning by doing – several cases of extensive experience at regional level with int'l fora and negotiations re ABNJ issues
 - Instances of national inter-sectoral coordination (eg National Council for Oceans and Coastal Zone Management)
- Learning through Project Experiences – certain projects require intersectoral cooperation because of straddling objs e.g. CLME+ and SPS Projects

Sectoral Training/Education

- Again opportunities of formal training exists e.g. ComSec and UN training opportunities on UNCLOS, CRFM short courses in various aspects on fisheries and oceans management, Rhodes Academy training on UNLOS
- Learning by doing –several cases of extensive experience at regional level with int'l fora and negotiations re ABNJ issues e.g. CRFM's participation in ICCAT

Recommendations

- Capacity to delimit EEZs is needed including courses to enable capacities to be built (technical, legal and diplomatic dimensions)
- Support RFMO discussion in Region for an RFMO with inter-sectoral coordination already incorporated
- Undertake assessment of existing capacities in the region as existing strengths should be used to inform ABNJ process

Capacity Needs Relevant to ABNJ

- Capacity building measures should be carefully tailored to the needs of each region and should address both human and institutional aspects and should not place undue burden of SIDS and LDCs.
- Capacity building is needed in several areas, including protected area management, marine spatial planning, research and development of marine genetic resources, as well as other areas which inform decision making on conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ.
- Clearing house mechanism for sharing of data and research results

Capacity Needs Relevant to ABNJ

- Development of a mechanism for effective implementation of Part XIV of UNCLOS; compliance mechanism which would ensure that obligations were met, such as cooperation in MSR and information exchange
- Need for consistent and reliable funding: suggestion for establishment of a global funding mechanism based on both voluntary and mandatory proceeds
- Funding for the participation of scientists from developing countries in research

Capacity Needs Relevant to ABNJ

- The operationalization of the IOC Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology
- Development of regional and local centers
- Need for support mechanisms to facilitate access to research vessels, transfer of MSR, especially in relation of MGRs (*in situ, ex situ and in silico*), training, including for SIDS scientists, scholarship and research opportunities, including exchanging research visits and strengthening of local institutions

National Priorities

- Education and awareness
- Marine scientific research and innovation (data information and knowledge management)
- Institutional capacity, legal and policy frameworks

RFMO Priorities

- Development of new Fishing methods and technologies for deep sea fisheries
- Coordination of research and assessment for straddling stocks and associated ecosystems
- Capacity building for legal and policy framework for economic activities in the high seas

Regional Seas Priorities

- Marine Conservation
- Development of policy for ABNJ management and research
- international cooperation

CARICOM Other Entities

- Awareness raising for decision makers
- Coordination of regional institutions to build on existing capacities