

Organizational Meeting, 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) 16 to 18 April 2018, New York

Side Event on

Capacity Building as a Key Aspect of a New International Agreement on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) and Options on Approaches, Modalities, and Strategies

17 April 2018, Conference Room 5, UN Conference Building, New York, 13:15-14:30

Co-organized by

Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations, Global Ocean Forum/ International Coastal and Ocean Organization, 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

This side event focuses on tangible recommendations on options for capacity building in BBNJ for discussion by decision makers at 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). It features presentations on a Policy Brief prepared especially for the BBNJ Conference, representing an international multi-author, multi-institutional effort, led by the GEF/FAO/GOF Project on *Strengthening Global Capacity to Effectively Manage Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction*, its Communities of Practice, and participants in the ABNJ Regional Leaders Program and in the ABNJ Workshops in Rome and Grenada.

The Policy Brief focuses, in particular, on *alternative modalities for capacity building in BBNJ* taking into account the diversity of needs/capacities in different regions and of existing efforts in capacity building by the United Nations, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the academic sector relevant to BBNJ; *options for and relevant experiences related to building a clearinghouse mechanisms for capacity building and technology transfer*; and considerations and options relevant to financing. As well, various experiences with capacity building related to ABNJ will be highlighted.

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Presenters:

Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum, *Overview of Findings of the Policy Brief on Capacity Building Regarding BBNJ*

Ms. Rose Lesley Kautoke, Assistant Crown Counsel, Attorney General's Office, Government of the Kingdom of Tonga, and former Legal Advisor to the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations, *The Importance of BBNJ Capacity Development and Essential Links to EEZ Management*

Dr. Marjo Vierros, Senior Associate, Global Ocean Forum, *Policy Brief: Focus on Options for a Clearinghouse Mechanism and for Financing*

Mr. Julian Barbieri, Head, Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, *Possible Modalities for a Clearinghouse Mechanism for BBNJ and for Technology Transfer*



Dr. Miriam Balgos, Senior Associate, Global Ocean Forum, *Possible Modalities for Capacity Building in BBNJ—Linking Global, National and Regional Processes*

Dr. Miko Maekawa, Manager and Senior Research Fellow, Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan, *Key Findings of the Policy Brief and Relevant Experiences in Capacity Building on Ocean Affairs by the Nippon Foundation and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation*

Ms. Tina Farmer, Communications Adviser, Office of the Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Experiences with Capacity Building of the GEF/FAO Common Oceans Program (remote intervention)*

Speakers:

Mr. Sérgio Carvalho, Legal Adviser on Ocean Affairs and International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Portugal

Prof. Ronan Long, Nippon Foundation Professorial Chair of Ocean Governance & the Law of the Sea, World Maritime University (WMU)

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

Work is underway to prepare a *Policy Brief on Capacity Building as a Key Aspect of a New International Agreement on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)*. The Policy Brief is intended to contribute to the discussions at the Intergovernmental Conference on development of an international legally binding instrument under UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ).

This is a multi-author, multi-institutional effort, led by the GEF/FAO/GOF Capacity Development Project and its Communities of Practice, involving a set of 38 Organizing Authors and Contributing Authors (see below). This effort represents an iterative process and other colleagues from all regions of the world are invited to participate. Initial draft sections on the following topics—*Overview of Capacity Policy Brief, Clearing-house Mechanism, Options for Financing, and Possible Modalities for Linking Global, Regional, and National Level Capacity Building Efforts* are available at <http://bit.ly/2JRIODE>. Please send any comments to Dr. Biliانا Cicin-Sain, Global Ocean Forum, bilianacicin-sain@globaloceans.org, preferably by May 1, 2018.

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