

**Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: 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.**  
**Fourth session, 10 to 21 July 2017, UNHQ, New York**

## **SIDE EVENT ON**

### **Capacity Development in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ): Experiences, Lessons, Possible Ways Forward**

**July 17, 2017, 1:15 PM to 2:45, Conference Room 2**

**T**his Side Event focuses on modalities, experiences, and lessons learned in existing efforts at capacity development in ABNJ, and explores possible ways of moving forward on this central issue in the BBNJ process. The Side Event reviews the discussions on capacity development to date in the BBNJ process and lays out options for issues needing further study and consideration. Major emphasis is placed on capacity development regarding area-based management in ABNJ, although related topics are referenced as well. Lessons are drawn, in particular, from the capacity building experiences in the GEF/FAO Common Oceans Program.

**Side Event Organizers:** Global Ocean Forum, UN Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, UNEP World Conservation and Monitoring Centre, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

#### **Speakers**

Co-Chairs: **Blaise Kuemlangan**, FAO, and **Biliana Cicin-Sain**, Global Ocean Forum

*Overview of Capacity Development Issues and Possibilities*, **Marjo Vierros**, **Biliana Cicin-Sain**, **Miriam Balgos**, **Meredith Kurz**, Global Ocean Forum, **Miko Maekawa**, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

*Lessons Learned Regarding Capacity Building in ABNJ: Emphasis on RFMOs and Tuna Management*, **Alejandro Anganuzzi**, FAO, and IOTC

*Lessons Learned Regarding Capacity Building in ABNJ: Regional Experiences on Area-Based Planning and Management in ABNJ*, **Merete Tandstad**, FAO, and **Hannah Thomas**, UNEP World Conservation and Monitoring Centre

*Relevant Experiences on Capacity Development from Related Conventions*, **Leah Karrer**, Global Environment Facility

*Perspectives on Capacity Development and Technology Transfer*, **Harriet Harden-Davies**, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Expert and University of Wollongong

#### **Discussion**

**Alice Revell**, New Zealand, Facilitator of the Informal Working Group on Area-Based Management Tools, including Marine Protected Areas

**Rena Lee**, Singapore, Facilitator of the Informal Working Group on Capacity Building and Transfer of Marine Technology

**T. Suka Mangisi**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Kingdom of Tonga

**Marc Richir**, European Union

#### **Final Comments**

**Sunami Atsushi**, President, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

