



CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR SIDS IN BBNJ NEGOTIATIONS  
DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

29 May – 1 June 2018  
New York

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29 May - Tuesday

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| 10:00 – 10:30 | <b>Opening</b> – Welcome by AOSIS Chair, Remarks by representative of Norway, General Introductions  |
| 10:30 – 13:00 | <b>Session I</b> – <i>Introduction to the BBNJ Instrument</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exploring the need for a new legally binding instrument; what are the gaps in the current governance landscape?</li><li>• History of the background of the BBNJ negotiations, including the work of the Ad-hoc open-ended working group and the preparatory committees.</li><li>• What is the geographical/material/personal scope of the instrument?</li><li>• Possible implications of the new instruments for SIDS</li></ul>  |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | <i>Lunch Break</i>   |
| 15:00 – 18:00 | <b>Session II</b> - <i>Marine Genetic Resources</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General introduction to MGRs – ideological difference, scope (fish), balance between access and exploration</li><li>• Issues of Intellectual Property Rights</li><li>• Access and benefit sharing - lessons from Nagoya Protocol/Antarctic Treaty (clearing house mechanism) and how they can be translated into this context.</li><li>• 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)</li></ul> |

- 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

➤ 19:00 Reception hosted by the Permanent Representative of Norway

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### 30 May - Wednesday

10:00 – 13:00 Session III - *Environmental Impact Assessments*

- 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*

- 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
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### 31 May - Thursday

10:00 – 13:00 Session V – *Capacity Building and the transfer of marine technology*

- 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***

- 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.
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**1 June - Friday**

10:00 – 13:00      **Session VII – *SIDS interests in the BBNJ Instrument***

- 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 – 16:30      **Session VIII – *Wrap up and way forward***

- 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

16:30 - 17:30      **Closing Remarks: Speakers TBD**