



Session 1

Designing the BBNJ Clearing-House Mechanism: Basic Functions Across the Agreement

Date: **15 October 2026**

Time: **3:00 PM CEST / 9:00 AM ET**

Register via ZOOM: <https://bit.ly/clhmreg1>

Background Information and Objectives

Information sharing is fundamental to the effective implementation of the BBNJ Agreement, with the Clearing-House Mechanism (CI-HM) playing a pivotal role. The CI-HM will primarily be an open-access information platform facilitating information exchange for and across the Agreement's four substantive areas (i.e., MGRs, ABMTs, EIAs, CB&TMT). Beyond its information-sharing role, the CI-HM is a key tool to operationalize capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology, establish accountability and transparency, including the potential to enhance transparency in financing and resource mobilization efforts while also supporting the recognition of the rights, traditional knowledge, and interests of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Operationalizing the CI-HM has undergone extensive discussions and States at PrepCom3 had agreed to the development of a [prototype](#). With the aim of keeping momentum leading up to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP1), facilitating hands-on gathering of experience with interactive demos and presentations for specific functions, and generating learnings that can help the development of the official prototype, the High Seas Alliance and partners seek to organize a series of virtual technical workshops bringing together technical experts, future users and BBNJ negotiators.

Agenda

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5 mins	Introduction to the webinar: Statement of objectives, rules of engagement Rebecca Hubbard Director, High Seas Alliance
5 mins	Introduction to the topic: Basic Functions Across the Agreement Daniel Kachelriess Cross-cutting Coordinator/COP1 Lead, High Seas Alliance
15 mins	Beyond Article 51: Designing better information-sharing platforms Francis Gassert Head of Strategy and Impact, Vizzuality

10 mins	Q&A
15 mins	Clearing-House Mechanism Webinar - Human Activity Data Charlie Kilgour, Lina Gutierrez Global Fishing Watch
10 mins	Q&A with Global Fishing Watch
15 mins	Putting it into practice: a demonstration of the BBNJ Clearing-House Mechanism Glen Wright Independent expert
10 mins	Q&A
25 mins	Open forum
5 mins	Wrap-up

IMPORTANT: The webinar will **not be recorded**. The Q&As and Open Forum will be conducted under the **Chatham House Rule**, meaning that participants may use information received during the webinar but may not identify or attribute the information to any particular participant or organization without permission.