

SENSITISATION SEMINAR ON THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY AND CURRENT ISSUES RELATING TO DEEP SEABED MINING

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority is pleased to announce that a sensitization seminar will be convened on 16 February 2012 in the room 3NLB at the Headquarters of the United Nations.

The seminar is aimed at informing and sensitizing delegates of Members of the Authority, of the Permanent Missions and Observers to the United Nations in New York on current issues relating to deep seabed mining and on the work of the Authority. For this purpose, the agenda running from 10 am to 1 pm and from 3 to 6 pm will address issues such as:

- Prospects for extraction of rare earth elements from seabed mineral deposits,
- The resource assessment carried out by the Authority;
- Opportunities for training that are offered by the Endowment Fund for marine scientific research of the Authority;
- The structure of the Authority;
- The work of the Council and Legal and Technical Commission; and
- The outlines of the eighteenth session of the Authority that will take place at the headquarters of the Authority from 16 to 27 July 2012.

Full interpretation into all official languages will be provided and there will be opportunity for question and answer sessions. For further information about the sensitization seminar, please contact the office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority to the United Nations in New York (One U.N. Plaza, Suite DC1-1140; Tel: (212) 963-6411; Fax: (212) 963-0908) or visit the website of the Authority (www.isa.org.jm).



SENSITISATION SEMINAR AGENDA

*United Nations, New York, Room 3 NLB
Thursday, 16 February 2012*

10 am to 1 pm

1. Introduction by the Chair
H.E. Nii Allotey Odunton, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority
2. Structure of the Authority
Michael W. Lodge, Deputy to the Secretary-General and Legal Counsel
3. The work of the Legal and Technical Commission
Gwenaëlle Le Gurun, Legal Officer
4. The ISA Endowment Fund for Marine Scientific Research
Adam Cook, Scientific Affairs Officer
5. Questions and discussion session coordinated by the Chair
H.E. Nii Allotey Odunton, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority

3 pm to 6 pm

6. Overview of the mineral resources of the Area
James R. Hein, Geologist, United States Geological Survey
7. Resource assessments and the ISA's geological model of polymetallic nodule deposits
Charles Morgan, Environmental Planner, Planning Solutions, Inc.
8. Rare Earth Elements
James R. Hein, Geologist, United States Geological Survey
9. Outline of issues for consideration during the eighteenth session of the Authority
Michael W. Lodge, Deputy to the Secretary-General and Legal Counsel
10. Questions and discussion session coordinated by the Chair
H.E. Nii Allotey Odunton, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority
11. Closing remarks by the Chair
H.E. Nii Allotey Odunton, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority

