



Center for Oceans Law & Policy  
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# International Conference on the Legal, Scientific and Economic aspects of Deep Seabed Mining

14-16 November 2019 | AC Hotel Marriott

Kingston, Jamaica

## Agenda

Thursday, 14 November 2019	
14h00 – 18h00	<b>Registration at Rocksteady room</b>
Friday, 15 November 2019	
8h45 – 10h15	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks by the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority</b> – Mr Michael W. Lodge</p> <p><b>Remarks by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica</b> – Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith</p> <p><b>Remarks by the Deputy Director of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea</b> – Mr Vladimir Jares</p> <p><b>Remarks by the Conference co-organizer</b> – Professor Myron Nordquist, Associate Director and Editor-in-Chief, Center for Oceans Law &amp; Policy, University of Virginia School of Law</p> <p><b>Keynote address by Judge Patrick Robinson</b>, International Court of Justice</p> <p><b>Video:</b> Law of the Sea</p>
10h20 – 10h40	Comfort break / Group Photo
10h40 – 12h10	<p><b>Panel 1 – The Evolution of the International Seabed Authority since 1994</b></p> <p><i>Moderator – H.E. Gina Guillen-Grillo, Permanent representative of Costa Rica to the International Seabed Authority</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The role of the Seabed Disputes Chamber in dispute settlement relating to activities in the Area</b> – Judge Albert Hoffmann, President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea</li> <li>• <b>Historical perspective</b> – Sir Michael Wood, Member, International Law Commission</li> </ul>
12h15 – 13h15	<b>Deep-Sea Live event</b>
13h15 – 14h00	Lunch
14h15 – 15h55	<p><b>Panel 2 – Future of deep sea mineral resources</b></p> <p><i>Moderator – Dr Nong Hong, Executive Director and Senior Fellow of the Institute for China-America Studies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Polymetallic nodules and cobalt rich ferromanganese crusts</b> – Dr James Hein, Pacific Coastal and Marine Science Center</li> <li>• <b>Polymetallic Sulphides and potential future minerals</b> – Dr Georgy Cherkashov, Russian Scientific Research Institute for Geology and Mineral Resources of the Ocean</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmental issues</b> – Dr Philomène Verlaan, Visiting Oceanographer, University of Hawaii and Trustee of the Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea</li> </ul>
16h00 – 16h20	Comfort break
16h20 – 18h00	<p><b>Panel 3 – Future exploitation of seabed minerals</b></p> <p><i>Moderator – Mr Chris Whomersley, Formerly Deputy Legal Adviser, Foreign &amp; Commonwealth Office, UK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The draft Mining Code</b> – Dr Kathy-Ann Brown, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the International Seabed Authority</li> <li>• <b>The common heritage of mankind principle and the equitable sharing of benefits</b> – Professor Frida Armas Pfirter, Buenos Aires University, Argentina</li> <li>• <b>Designing an Efficient Payment System for Deep Sea Mining</b> – Dr Randolph Kirchain, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, 16 November 2019</b>	
9h00 – 10h50	<p><b>Panel 4 – Sponsoring States and liability issues</b></p> <p><i>Moderator – Dr Kening Zhang, SJD, Chair Professor, Guanghua Law School, Zhejiang University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Possible Forums for Liability Claims Arising from Deep Seabed Mining: Problems and Prospects</b> – Dr Tara Davenport, Assistant Professor/Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore</li> <li>• <b>Liability funds</b> – Associate Professor Neil Craik, Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation</li> <li>• <b>Sponsoring State’s National Legislation: possible platform of the application of strict liability for the contractor</b> – Professor Guifang Xue, Director, Center for Polar and Deep Ocean Development</li> <li>• <b>Liability of sponsoring state and its implementation in Domestic law of States Parties: focusing on Korean experience and practice</b> – Dr Jee Hyun Choi, Associate Research Fellow, Korean Maritime Institute</li> </ul>
10h45 – 11h05	Comfort break
11h05 – 12h45	<p><b>Panel 5 – The Caribbean and Part XI of UNCLOS</b></p> <p><i>Moderator – Ms Michelle Walker, Head Legal Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Deep Seabed: the Debate Continues</b> – Professor Stephen Vasciannie, President, University of Technology, Jamaica</li> <li>• <b>The Enterprise and the common heritage of mankind</b> – Mr Eden Charles, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Enterprise</li> <li>• <b>CARICOM’s position on BBNJ</b> – Ms Diedre Mills, Deputy Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations</li> </ul>

12h45 – 14h00	Lunch
14h00 – 15h40	<p><b>Panel 6 – Innovative thinking in Capacity-building</b></p> <p><i>Moderator – Dr Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, President, World Maritime University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Through the looking glass: Capacity-building and a new BBNJ Agreement</b> – Professor Ronán Long, Director, World Maritime University – Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute</li> <li>• <b>ISA DeepData: Platform for enhancing capacity and knowledge for deep sea environmental management</b> – Ms Jihyun Lee, Director, Office of Environmental Management and Mineral Resources, International Seabed Authority</li> <li>• <b>The role and contribution of ISA in building capacity for developing States</b> – Dr Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, Senior Policy Officer and Special Assistant to the Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority</li> </ul>
15h40 – 16h00	Comfort break
16h10 – 18h00	<p><b>Video:</b> ISA at 25</p> <p><b>Panel 7 – The Future</b></p> <p><i>Moderator – Dr Wu Shicun, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Institute for China-America Studies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dispute Settlement and the Protection of Investments under Part XI of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea</b> – Professor James Harrison, Edinburgh Law School</li> <li>• <b>An ISA side issue: the LOS Convention, Article 82 and revenue sharing</b> – Professor Ted L. McDorman, University of Victoria, Canada</li> <li>• <b>The ISA at 25</b> – H.E. Maria Theresa Infante, Ambassador of Chile to The Netherlands</li> </ul>
18h00 – 18h30	Closing Address – Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority