



Updated on 15 September 2021

Marine Scientific Research Information Series for Africa

Topic 1. Deep-sea Mineral Resources and Technologies

Webinar (MS Teams), September 16, 2021 (6:00 - 8:15 am, Jamaican Time)

Chair: H.E Mr. Harold Adlai Agyeman (Ambassador of Ghana)

Provisional Programme

Time	Activities
6:00 – 6:10 am	<p>Opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Michael Lodge (Secretary-General of ISA)</i>
6:10 – 7:30 am	<p>Africa's strategic approaches for enhancing marine scientific research knowledgebase for sustainable ocean development in line with the African Union Blue Economy Strategy and the Decade of African Seas and Oceans (2015-2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Frank Mugenyi (African Minerals Development Centre - African Union)</i> <p>Africa's contributions to global mineral supply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Deshenthree Chetty (Mintek, South Africa)</i> <p>The occurrence of seabed minerals in the Area: an overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Georgy Cherkashov (LTC member)</i> <p>Exploration of mineral resources in the Area by ISA contractors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ulrich Schwarz-Schampera (ISA secretariat)</i> <p>Technological approaches towards future seabed mining and mineral processing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Piotr Nowak (LTC member)</i> <p>Q&A (25min.)</p>
7:30 – 8:15 am	<p>Panel discussion and Open forum (moderated by the Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Judith Owusu (Ghana National Petroleum Corporation, ADSR expert)</i> • <i>Rezah Badal (Government of Mauritius)</i> <p><i>Indicative questions for the panel discussion:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the research priorities and needs for Africa to advance deep-sea mineral resources assessments and technologies for exploration and future exploitation activities in the deep sea? 2. What are the major current limitations or challenges in addressing the identified priorities and needs? 3. How could any future collaboration with the ISA secretariat contribute to addressing the identified limitations and challenges?
8:15 am	<p>Closure of the meeting</p>