

Thank you madame president.

First, I would like to thank secretariat to prepare this valuable document.

Also I would like to congratulate recruitment of Ms. Lee to ISA.

This is an intervention from the point of view of an executive director of science of research institution, or expected supplier of experts.

It is clear that experts demanded here must have good expertise in deep-sea science. On the other hand, as you all know, the chance to carry out deep-sea science, especially biology is very limited because of availability of infrastructures such as research vessels, ship time so on. Consequently the number of scientists who have enough expertise to take the important role herewith discussed also is limited.

I herewith would like to introduce the life of scientists. Scientists are competing each other for publishing new scientific knowledge. Therefore, basically scientists want to devote all their time for their own research.

It means they do not always welcome taking the role as an external reviewer discussed here at the voluntary basis. This situation will be solved if the pool of scientists who have enough background becomes big enough and the effort for the role in ISA become small enough per person.

Based on the experience as a MEP member of IPBES, I know such situation is serious in most UN regions except for western Europe. From this point of view, I would greatly appreciate it if ISA pays keen attention for capacity building of scientists who has good expertise to take the role requested in the discussion in the global scale.