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## **The role & contribution of ISA in building capacity for developing States**

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The concept of capacity-building in the  
context of  
Part XI of UNCLOS & 1994 Agreement  
- Preliminary remarks-





**UN Conf on the Human Environment, Global Action Plan and Stockholm Declaration**



World Commission on Environment & Development (Commission Brundtland) Agenda 21



2017 UN Ocean Conference



2020 UN Ocean Conference

UNGA Res. 200(III) "Technical assistance for economic development"

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UN, Cocoyoc Declaration

1948

1972

1974

1982

1992

1994

2000

2001

2010

2012

2017

2018

2019

2020

**Adoption UNCLOS**



**1994 Agreement**  
Entry into force of UNCLOS  
Establishment of ISA

Exploration Regs PN

Exploration Regs PS

Exploration Regs CC

ISA Strategic Plan 2019-2023

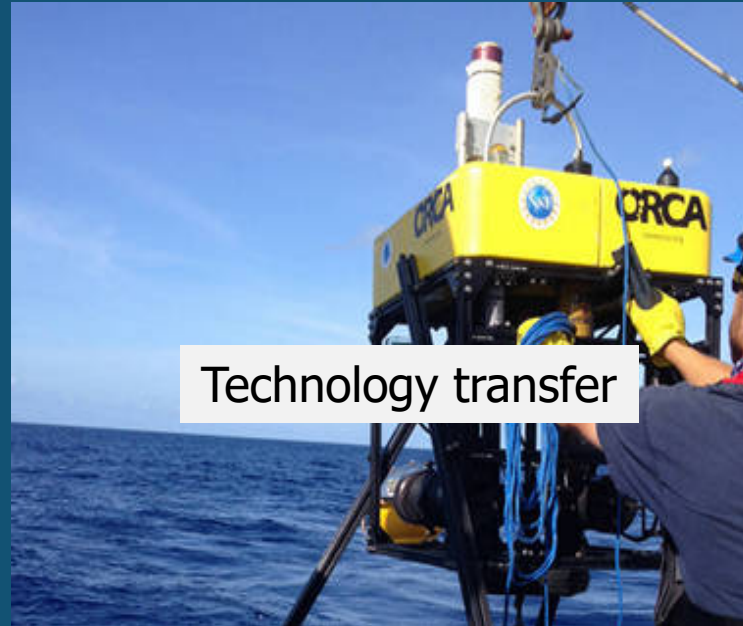
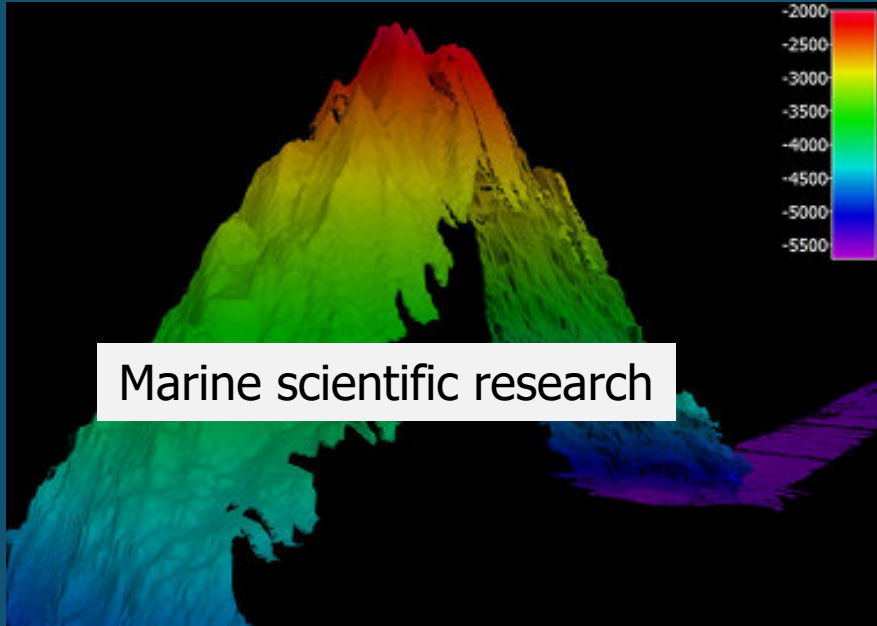


ISA HLP 2019-2023



15-year exploration contracts signed with former registered pioneer investors





# ROLE & MANDATE OF ISA WITH RESPECT TO CB

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# CURRENT ISA INITIATIVES

### Contractors Training Programme



### Endowment Fund for MSR



### Internships



### Informational workshops



### Voluntary Commitments



### Joint training Center





# ISA Strategic framework





Twenty-fourth session  
Kingston, 2-27 July 2018

**Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority  
relating to the strategic plan of the Authority for the period  
2019-2023**

*The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,*

*Recalling its decision of 18 August 2017, at the twenty-third session of the International Seabed Authority,<sup>1</sup> to request, inter alia, the Secretary-General, in view of the importance of a long-term plan defining the strategic direction and aims of the Authority, to submit a draft strategic plan to the Assembly for consideration at its twenty-fourth session, in 2018, and to regularly inform member States on progress with respect to the plan,*

*Recalling also that all twenty-nine exploration contracts currently signed by the Authority will be in force during the period of the plan,*

*Acknowledging the challenges for the Authority raised by the transition from exploration to exploitation,*

*Emphasizing the importance of ensuring that the strategic plan is kept under regular review and the results monitored for effectiveness,*

1. *Adopts the strategic plan of the International Seabed Authority for the period 2019-2023, as contained in the annex, which provides a uniform basis for the strengthening of existing working practices of the Authority;*

2. *Invites members of the Authority and observers, as well as the organs of the Authority, to support the implementation of the strategic plan;*

3. *Requests the Secretary-General, as a matter of priority, to prepare a high-level action plan and to include key performance indicators and a list of outputs for the next five years, taking into account available financial and human resources, for consideration by the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;*

4. *Also requests the Secretary-General to provide the Assembly with a detailed overview of the implementation mechanisms to be established, including for monitoring, evaluation and learning;*

<sup>1</sup> ISBA/23/A/13.

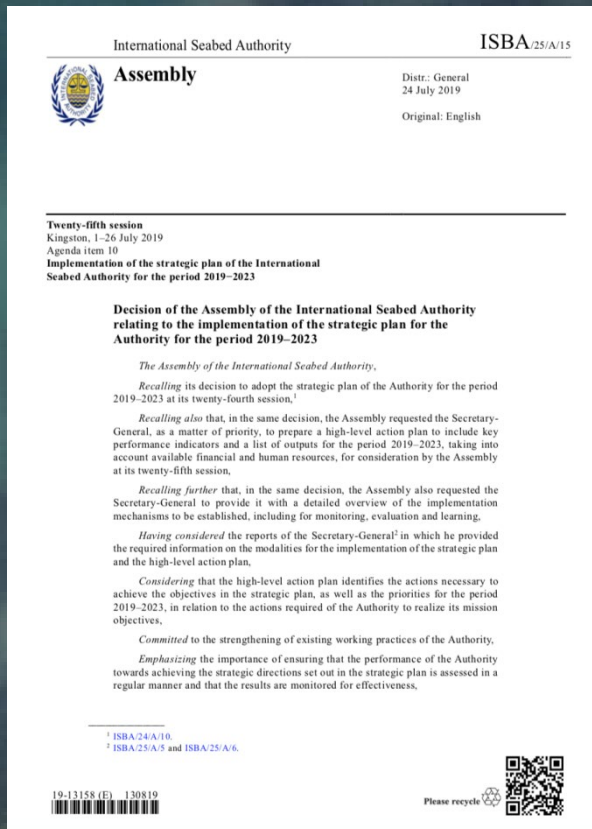


5 Build capacity  
for developing  
States

6 Ensure fully  
integrated  
participation by  
developing States

STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2023

ISBA/24/A/10



## 5 Build capacity for developing States

5.1 CB programmes & measures and their delivery targeted at the needs of developing States, as identified by developing States

5.2 Seek and maximize funding opportunities for the Endowment Fund for MSR

5.3 CB measures to be mainstreamed into relevant initiatives

5.4 Build on the achievements of contractor training programmes and assess their long-term impact on capacity-building

## 6 Ensure fully integrated participation by developing States

6.3 In cooperation with States parties, initiate and promote measures providing opportunities to personnel from developing States for training in marine science and technology and for their full participation in activities in the Area

6.4 Identify possible approaches to the independent operation of the Enterprise

**HLAP 2019-2023**

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Where to from here?



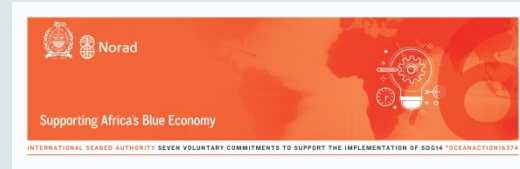
# DEVELOPING THE CAPACITIES OF DEVELOPING STATES IN SUPPORT OF THE 2030 AGENDA & IMPLEMENTATION OF UNCLOS



## International workshop

*Capacity development, resources & needs assessment*

10-12 February 2020  
Kingston, Jamaica



ISA VCs  
ADSR Project  
Abyssal Initiative

**ISA**  
**Coordinated approach towards capacity development**  
**For all regions**



**2021-2030** United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development





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