

WORKSHOP FOR THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA'S DEEP SEABED RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF AFRICA'S BLUE ECONOMY

5 - 7 October 2022 | Abuja, Nigeria

Agenda

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2022

Opening Ceremony

9:00 AM – 9:25 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.E Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority (ISA)</i> • <i>High Commissioner Dr. Maureen P. Tamuno, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to International Seabed Authority</i> • <i>Mrs Anita Krokan, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Abuja</i> • <i>Hon. Minister of State, Mr. Prince Ademola Adewolo Adegorye, Ministry of Transportation, Federal Republic of Nigeria</i> <p>Photo Session</p>
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Session I: The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the 1994 Agreement

Chair: *Surv. Adamu A Adaji, Director General National Boundary Commission*

9:25 AM – 9:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“ADSR Project” Video</i>
9:30 AM – 9:50 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal regime governing the exploitation of resources and preservation of the marine environment <i>Ms. Alice Hicuburundi, Director, United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) (remote)</i>
10:50 AM – 10:10 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content and achievements of UNCLOS and its significance for African States

	<i>Prof. Edwin Egede, Professor of International Law & International Relations, Cardiff University</i>
10:10 AM – 10:45 AM	Group photo & Coffee break
10:45 AM – 11:05 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outer limit of the continental shelf in Africa: present situation and prospects <i>Judge Maurice Kamga, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) (remote)</i>
11:05 AM – 11:25 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maritime delimitation of Nigeria: a case study <i>Mr. Nurudeen Mustafa Abba, Acting Director of the Maritime Boundaries Department, National Boundary Commission, Nigeria</i>
11:25 AM – 11:45 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Seabed Authority: structure and decision-making <i>Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, ISA</i>
11:45 AM – 12:05 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mechanism of ‘reserved areas’: overview and practical implications <i>Prof. Pedro Madureira, Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Portugal</i>
12:05 PM – 12:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch break
Session II: Increased regional and international cooperation in support of the sustainable development of Africa’s Blue Economy	
Chair: <i>Dr. Bashir Jamoh, Director General Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)</i>	
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of the offshore industry to support the development of national blue economy objectives <i>Dr. Felicia Mogo, Former Director, Marine Environment Management Department, NIMASA, Nigeria</i>
2:20 PM – 2:40 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importance of deep seabed exploration to support the development of national blue economy <i>Dr. Aliyu Hamza Danagalan, Assistant Director, National Boundary Commission, Nigeria</i>
2:40 PM – 2:50 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion
Session III: Prospection, exploration and exploitation on continental shelves and in the Area	
Chair: <i>Dr. Bashir Jamoh, Director General Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)</i>	
2:50 PM – 3:10 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal framework governing offshore activities and role and responsibilities of States in Nigeria: a case study <i>Mrs. Beatrice Jeddy-Agba, Solicitor-General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria</i>
3:10 PM – 3:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mineral resources of the Area and current status of marine mineral technology

3:30 PM – 3:50 PM	<p><i>Prof. Pedro Madureira, Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Portugal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Legal framework for activities in the Area: transitioning from exploration to exploitation <i>Mrs. Talatu Akindolire, Legal Officer, ISA</i>
3:50 PM – 4:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion - End of Day 1

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2022

Session III: Prospection, exploration and exploitation on continental shelves and in the Area (Continued)

Chair: *Mrs. Victoria Umoren, Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria*

9:35 AM – 9:55 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role and responsibilities of sponsoring States <i>Mrs. Talatu Akindolire, Legal Officer, ISA</i>
9:55 AM – 10:15 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution of the African Group to the development of ISA's Mining Code <i>Mrs. Khalilah Hackman, Coordinator of the African Group to ISA (remote)</i>
10:15 AM – 10:35 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of ISA in ensuring the equitable sharing of financial and other economic benefits from DSM <i>Mr. Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, ISA</i>
10:35 AM – 10:55 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent operation of the Enterprise: perspectives and challenges <i>Mr. Eden Charles, Special Envoy of the ISA Secretary-General for the Enterprise (remote)</i>
10:55 AM – 11:10 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion – End of Session III
11:10 AM – 11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee break

Session IV: Environmental Management of deep-seabed mineral resources

Chair: *Sylvester Aroboi Okonofua. Fmr DD Environmental law and natural resources management, Ministry of Environment, Nigeria*

11:30AM – 11:50 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal obligations to protect the marine environment and the precautionary approach <i>Dr. Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, ISA</i>
11:50 AM – 12:10 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental obligations in DSM context: perspective of a contractor <i>Dr. Samantha Smith, Head of Sustainability and External Relations, GSR (remote)</i>

12:10 PM – 12:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective protection of the marine environment from activities in the Area <i>Dr. Wanfei Qiu, Programme Manager (Environnement), ISA (remote)</i>
12:30 PM – 12:50 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion – End of Session III
12:50 PM – 2:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch break

Session V: Management and dissemination of geological, mineral and environmental information

Chair: *Prof. Pedro Madureira, Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Portugal*

2:15 PM – 2:35 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal regime governing the conduct of marine scientific research in the Area <i>Dr. Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, ISA</i>
2:35 PM – 2:55 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geological, mineral and environmental data as a critical tool to inform decision-making processes, investments and government of mineral activities in the Area <i>Prof. Théophile Ndougsa Mbarga, Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Cameroon (remote)</i>
2:55 PM – 3:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion – End of Day 2

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2022

Session VI: Enabling conditions for capacity-building opportunities for African States

Chair: *Rear Admiral C.E Okafor, Nigerian Navy*

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contribution of ISA in building the capacity of African States <i>Dr. Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit</i>
9:10 AM – 9:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perspective of ISA trainees <i>Mr. Godwin Dimike, Geologist, National Boundary Commission</i> & <i>Dr. Samuel Popoola Olatunde, Principal Research Officer/Marine Geochemist, Nigerian Institute for Oceanography & Marine Research</i> & <i>Ms. Olayemi Kassim, Senior Researcher, Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research</i>
9:30 AM – 9:40 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion

Group Discussion

9:40 AM – 9:45 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to group discussion and break-out of groups (A,B,C) 			
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Break-out Sessions	<i>How can exploration and exploitation activities undertaken in the Area contribute to Africa's blue economy?</i>	<i>What are the capacity building needs of African States?</i>	<i>How the participation of African States can be increased in activities undertaken in the Area?</i>
	Facilitator: <i>Dr. Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, Senior Policy Officer and Special Assistant to Secretary-General, ISA ISA</i> Rapporteur: <i>Mrs. Talatu Akindolire, Legal Officer, ISA</i>	Facilitator: <i>Commander Abdulsallam Mohammed, Nigerian Navy</i> Rapporteur: <i>Dr. Sonakshi Mishra, Programme Management Officer, ISA</i>	Facilitator: <i>Dr. Aliyu Hamza Danagalan, Assistant Director, National Boundary Commission, Nigeria</i> Rapporteur: <i>Mr. Godwin Dimike, Geologist, National Boundary Commission, Nigeria</i>
9:45 AM – 10:10 AM	Group - A	Group - B	Group - C
10:10 AM – 10:35 PM	Group - C	Group - A	Group - B
10:35 AM – 11:00 AM	Group - B	Group - C	Group – A
11:00 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee break 		
11:30 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis and Recommendations from Group discussions 		
Closing Remarks			
12:00 PM – 12:10 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>High Commissioner Dr. Maureen P. Tamuno, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to International Seabed Authority</i> • <i>H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority</i> 		
12:10 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch and End of Workshop		