



High-level Event

Launch of Report on the Contribution of the International Seabed Authority to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

30 November 2021

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (GMT-5)

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The International Seabed Authority (ISA) is committed to timely and effective achievement of the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda through implementing the economic, social and environmental mandates assigned to it by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the 1994 Agreement. Such mandates include ensuring that activities in the Area are carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole; ensuring effective protection for the marine environment and of human life with respect to activities in the Area; promoting and encouraging the conduct of marine scientific research in the Area; and promoting the effective participation of developing States in activities in the Area.

In order to further the understanding of the current and potentially future contribution of ISA to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, an independent report has been commissioned by the Secretary-General of ISA. It appears from the analysis undertaken that although all Sustainable Development Goals are of relevance to the work of ISA, it currently contributes particularly to advance 11 of the 17 SDGs.

The ISA Secretariat will organize a high-level event on **30 November 2021** which will provide the opportunity for States representatives, Members of ISA, as well as experts and former trainees of ISA to discuss the key findings of the report.

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Opening Remarks	
9:00 am – 9:03 am	Video – <i>ISA and the 2030 Agenda</i>
9:03 am – 9:10 am	H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority
Panel I – Strengthening the Rule of Law to ensure the sustainable development of deep-sea minerals of the Area for the benefit of all humanity	
9:10 am – 9:11 am	Video – <i>Panel 1 teaser</i>
9:11 am – 9:16 am	H.E. Mr. Holger Martinsen, Argentina, Chair of the Meeting of the States Parties to UNCLOS
9:16 am – 9:21 am	H.E. Mr. Olivier Guyonvarch, Permanent Representative of France to ISA
9:21 am – 9:26 am	Mr. Bebeb A.K.N Djundjunan, Director of Legal Affairs and Territorial Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
9:26 am – 9:41 am	<i>Expert respondent</i>
	H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the UN
	<i>Discussion</i>
Panel II – Promoting marine scientific research and the equitable sharing of benefits for the benefit of all humanity	
9:41 am – 9:42 am	Video – <i>Panel 2 teaser</i>
9:42 am – 9:47 am	H.E. Mr. T. S. Tirumurti, Permanent Representative of India to the UN
9:47 am – 9:52 am	H.E. Mr. Neville Melvin Gertze, Permanent Representative of Namibia to ISA and to the UN
9:52 am – 9:57 am	H.E. Mr. Dang Dinh Quy, Permanent Representative of Vietnam to the UN
9:57 am – 10:12 am	<i>Expert respondent</i>
	Prof Saleem Ali, Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, GEF, UNEP
	<i>Discussion</i>
Panel III – Fostering strategic partnerships to support common goals & enabling stewardship of the deep-seabed and its resources for the benefit of all humanity	
10:12 am – 10:13 am	Video – <i>Panel 2 teaser</i>
10:13 am – 10:18 am	H.E. Mr. Michel Tommo Monthe, Permanent Representative of Cameroon to ISA and to the UN
10:18 am – 10:23 am	H.E. Mr. Viliami Va'inga Tone, Permanent Representative of Tonga to the UN
10:23 am – 10:28 am	Mr. Sturla Henriksen, Special Advisor, Ocean, UN Global Compact
10:28 am – 10:43 am	<i>Expert respondent</i>
	Pr. Pedro Madureira, Deputy Head, Portuguese Task Group for the Extension of the Continental Shelf
	<i>Discussion</i>
Keynote closing address	
10:43 am – 10:50 am	Hon. Minister Retno L.P.Marsudi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
Summary and Conclusion	
10:50 am – 11:00 am	H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority