



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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SIDE EVENT

Ensuring the sustainable management and stewardship of the deep seabed and its resources for the benefit of all humanity

 13 July 2021

 1pm-2:30pm NY time



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Background

The HLPF is the core UN platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2021 session of the HLPF is taking place on 6-15 July 2021, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

ISA is committed to the 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 UNCLOS and the 1994 Agreement. Such mandates include: (i) ensuring that activities in the Area are carried out for the benefit of humankind as a whole; (ii) ensuring effective protection for the marine environment and of human life with respect to activities in the Area; (iii) promoting and encouraging the conduct of marine scientific research in the Area; and (iv) promoting the effective participation of developing States in activities in the Area.



All 17 SDGs are relevant to the work of ISA, although it currently contributes more particularly to advance 11 of them.

The Secretary-General of ISA has commissioned an independent report on the current and potential future contribution of ISA to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

The report is expected to be released at the end of July 2021. This side event organized on the margins of the HLPF aims to present the early findings of the report and highlight the key contributions of ISA towards the goals and targets set out by the 2030 Agenda.

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Agenda

Welcome address

13:00 - 13:05 H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, ISA

Opening addresses

13:05 - 13:10 Hon. Mark Brown, Prime Minister, Cook Islands

13:10 - 13:15 Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, UN Legal Counsel

Panel I Importance of the Rule of Law in Ocean Governance to ensure the sustainable management of the Area and its resources for the benefit of humankind

13:15 - 13:20 H.E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the UN

13:20 - 13:25 H.E. Mrs. Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to ISA and to the UN

Panel II The critical importance of ongoing deep-sea research and science in ensuring the sustainable management of the Area and its resources

13:30 - 13:35 Hon. Mr. Song Sang Keun, Deputy Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea

13:35 - 13:40 H.E. Mrs. Alison Stone Roofe, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to ISA

13:40 - 13:45 Mr. François Houillier, President, Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (Ifremer)

13:45 - 13:50 H.E. Mrs. Mathu Joyini, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the UN

Panel III Avenues to ensure that all financial and Other economic benefits can be shared equitably for the benefit of humanity

13:50 - 13:55 Mr. Jens Frølich Holte, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

13:55 - 14:00 H.E. Mr. Harold Adlai Agyeman, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN

14:00 - 14:05 Mr. Siosiuā 'Utoikamanu, Member of the Legal and Technical Commission of ISA, Tonga

14:05 - 14:10 Dr. Gillian Davidson, Resolve

Interactive sessions

14:10 - 14:25 All participants

Summary and conclusions

14:25 - 14:30 H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, ISA