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HOTEL OLISSIPO ORIENTE, ROOM PEQUIM B

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Fostering international and regional cooperation in support of the sustainable development of the blue economy of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

CONTEXT

The International Seabed Authority (ISA) is the organization through which States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) organize and control all mineral-resources-related activities in the international seabed area (the Area) for the benefit of humankind as a whole. In so doing, ISA has the duty to (i) ensure effective protection for the marine environment and of human life with respect to deep-seabed related activities; (iii) promote and encourage the conduct of marine scientific research in the Area; and (iv) promote the effective participation of developing States in activities in the Area, in particular the least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS).

In accordance with its mandate under UNCLOS, a key responsibility of ISA is to design and implement mechanisms for building and developing the capacity of its members in line with the priority needs identified by them, in particular the geographically disadvantaged States, LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS. It is in this context that ISA has been implementing its programmatic approach to capacity development which is delivered through a range of different initiatives. These include, inter alia, the Contractors' Training Programme, the Internship Programme, the Endowment Fund for Marine Scientific Research, National and Regional Workshops, the Joint Training Research Centre as well as several Voluntary Commitments registered at the 2017 UN Ocean.

OBJECTIVES

This side event will provide a unique opportunity to demonstrate concrete actions towards fostering international and regional cooperation in support of sustainable development of ocean-based economies for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS through dedicated and tailored capacity development initiatives that is responsive to the needs identified by these countries. In this context, the side event will also offer a great opportunity to demonstrate actions towards achievement of SDG 14, in particular Target 14.a (Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries); Target 14.c (Enhance

the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want); and Target 14.7 (By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism).

It is anticipated that the side event will assist effectively in underlining the existing interlinkages between SDG 14 and other SDGs such as SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for Goals).



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The side event is aligned with:

- Interactive Dialogue 5 (Promoting and strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies, in particular for small island developing States and least developed countries)
- Interactive Dialogue 6 (Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology)

- Interactive Dialogue 7 (Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea)
- Interactive Dialogue 8 (Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda).

PROGRAMME	
8:00 – 8:25 AM	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority <p>Keynote addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Philip Isdor Mpango, Vice President, Tanzania • Hon. Fekita 'Utoikamanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism, Tonga • Hon. Anne Beathe Tvinnereim, Minister of International Development, Norway • Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under Secretary-General, UN DESA
8:25 – 8:40 AM	<p>Improved regional and international cooperation</p> <p>This panel will look at how improved regional and international cooperation can enhance marine scientific research capacity to leverage fully the benefits offered by the blue economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rear Admiral Md. Khurshed Alam, Secretary and Head of Maritime Affairs Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh • Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg, Chief, UN-OHRLLS • Ms. Alex Herman, Seabed Minerals Commissioner, Cook Islands
8:40 – 8:55 AM	<p>Transfer of technology</p> <p>This panel will look at how transfer of technology can create the enabling conditions for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS to participate effectively in existing and emerging ocean sectors of the blue economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the UN, Chair of AOSIS • H.E. Ms. Josefa Leonel Correia, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission • Prof. Pedro Madureira, ISA Legal and Technical Commission
8:55 – 9:10 AM	<p>Strategic partnerships</p> <p>This panel will look at how strategic partnerships can significantly contribute to build and develop the capacities necessary for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS to harness the benefits of the blue economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Mangaliso N. Ndhlovu, Minister of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry, Zimbabwe • H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to the UN and to ISA • Dr. Jerome Aucan, Head, Pacific Community Center for Ocean Science, Secretariat of the Pacific Community
9:10 – 9:25 AM	<p>Interactive discussion</p>
9:25 – 9:30 AM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority