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OVERVIEW OF ISA ACTIVITIES

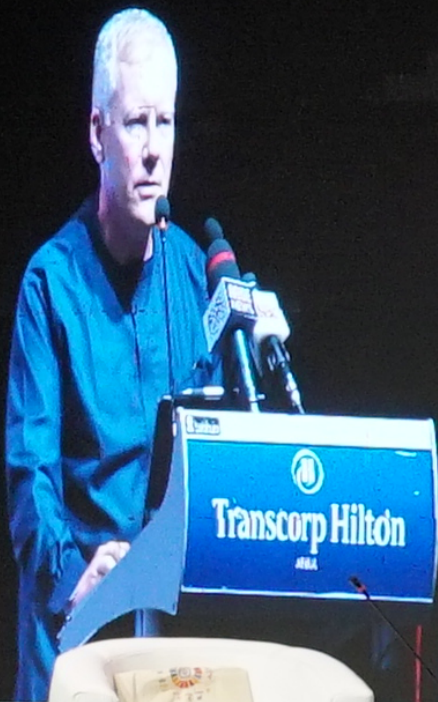


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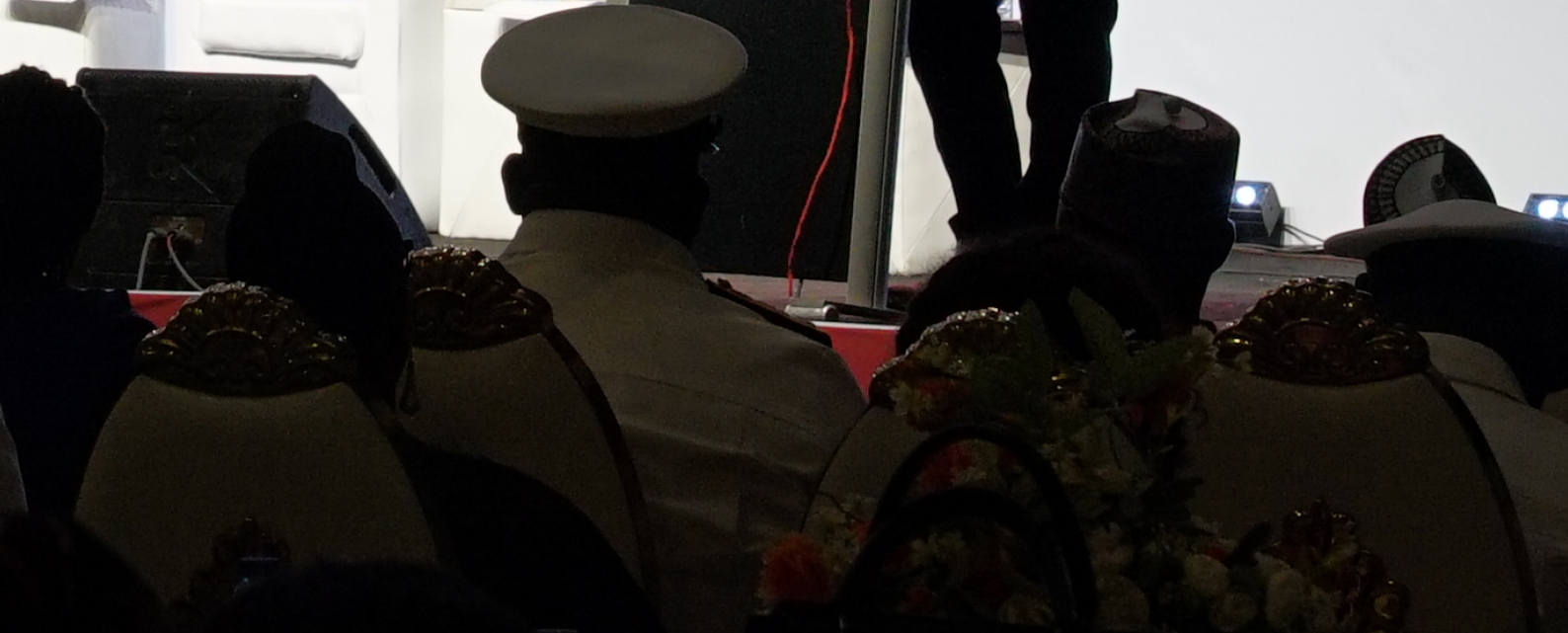
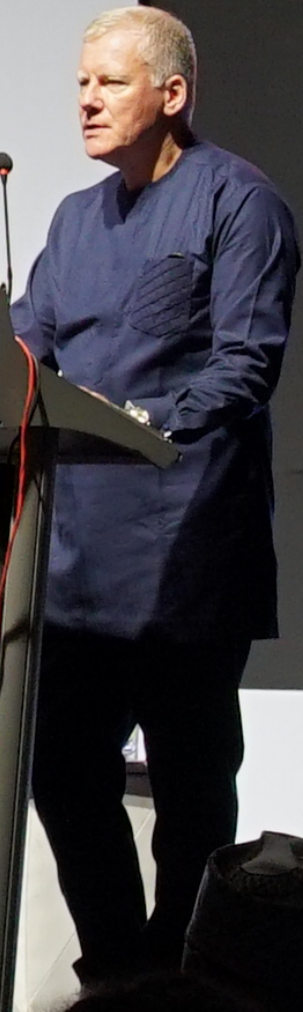
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Overview of ISA activities

July 2022 - June 2023

2022 July

1 Jul

Statement by the Secretary-General, 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference, Interactive dialogue on leveraging interlinkages between SDG 14 and other goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

-LISBON, PORTUGAL

4 - 15 Jul

27th session, Part II, ISA Legal and Technical Commission

-KINGSTON, JAMAICA

13 - 15 Jul

27th session, Part II, Finance Committee

- KINGSTON, JAMAICA

15 Jul

Statement by the Secretary-General, side event at the high-level political forum on sustainable development sponsored by the Permanent Missions of China and Fiji to the United Nations - "Promoting sustainable development: a perspective from the modern law of the sea"

-NEW YORK CITY, USA (VIRTUAL)

18 - 29 Jul

27th session, Part II, ISA Council

-KINGSTON, JAMAICA

August

1 Aug

Commemoration of the passing of the former ISA Secretary-General, Mr. Nii Allotey Odunton
Commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the adoption and opening for signature of UNCLOS

-KINGSTON, JAMAICA

1 - 5 Aug

27th session, Part II, ISA Assembly

-KINGSTON, JAMAICA



15 - 26 Aug

BBNJ, 5th session of the Intergovernmental Conference

-NEW YORK, USA

29 - 30 Aug

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and ISA, Expert group meeting on enforcement-related issues in deep-seabed mining

-BALI, INDONESIA

September

5 - 9 Sep

49th session of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection

-LONDON, UK

6 Sep

Statement by the Secretary-General, participation in and sponsorship of the Challenger Conference 2022 "Challenger 150"

-LONDON, UK

26 - 28 Sep

Conference on Women in the Law of the Sea, organized by ISA and sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Singapore and Malta

-NEW YORK, USA (VIRTUAL)



2023 January

13 Jan

Meeting with the Hon. Sayyid Badr Hamad Albusaidi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Oman

-OMAN



17 - 20 Jan

Meeting with H.E. Mr. Vincent Van Quickenborne, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Justice and the North Sea of Belgium, and H.E. Ms. Hadja Lahbib, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions of Belgium

-BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

February



27 Feb

Signing ceremony, Ifremer contract extension for the exploration for polymetallic nodules in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone

KINGSTON, JAMAICA

March

4 Mar

Meeting with H.E. Mr. António Guterres, the United Nations Secretary-General, and other principals

-DOHA, QATAR

5 Mar

Statement by the Secretary-General, LDC5 High-level Thematic Round Table 1: Investing in people in the least developed countries to leave no one behind

-DOHA, QATAR

5 Mar

Meeting with Mr. Qu Dongyu, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Meeting with the Hon. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism of the Kingdom of Tonga

Meeting with Mr. Henry Puna, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

6 Mar

Statement by the Secretary-General, LDC5 High-level Thematic Round Table 2: Structural transformation as a driver of prosperity in least developed countries

-DOHA, QATAR

6 Mar

Meeting with Mr. Bharat Raj Paudyal, Foreign Secretary of Nepal

6 Mar

Launch of partnership with the United Nations Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries

-DOHA, QATAR

6 Mar

Meeting with Mr. Teuea Toatu, Vice President of Kiribati

16 - 31 Mar

28th session, Part I, ISA Council

-KINGSTON, JAMAICA

ISA organized or co-organized

- 5 workshops
- 28 meetings
- 1 conference

ISA participated in

- 2 workshops
- 1 lecture
- 11 meetings
- 8 conferences

October

5 - 7 Oct

The fourth workshop of Africa's Deep Seabed Resources project
-ABUJA, NIGERIA

7 Oct

Meeting with Mr. Muhammadu Buhari, President of Nigeria
-ABUJA, NIGERIA

24 - 28 Oct

Lectures, 2022 Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea
-YEOSU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

25 - 27 Oct

Conference on Deep Sea Minerals 2022
-BERGEN, NORWAY

31 Oct - 11 Nov

27th session, Part III, ISA Council
-KINGSTON, JAMAICA

25 - 28 Oct

Third meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with regional seas organizations and regional fishery bodies
-BUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

November

3 Nov

Statement by the Secretary-General, Symposium, Global Maritime Cooperation and Ocean Governance 2022
-HAINAN PROVINCE, CHINA (VIRTUAL)

10 Nov

Statement by the Secretary-General, The World Ocean Week 2022
-XIAMEN, CHINA (VIRTUAL)

14 Nov

ISA and National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries of Egypt side event at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP27: Technological and scientific knowledge in support of prospecting marine mineral resources in the deep waters, including of the African countries
-SHARM EL SHEIKH, EGYPT



17 Nov

Workshop, Into The Black – A New Era of Ocean Exploration
-BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

23 - 25 Nov

Workshop, Enhancing Genetic Approaches to Advance Deep-Sea Taxonomy
-SEOCHON, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

29 Nov

Statement by the Secretary-General, Philippines' national workshop on seabed mining
-THE PHILIPPINES (VIRTUAL)

29 Nov

Statement by the Secretary-General, The ASEAN Regional Conference on the 40th Anniversary of the 1982 UNCLOS: Promoting Legal Order for the Seas and Oceans
-JAKARTA, INDONESIA (VIRTUAL)

29 Nov - 1 Dec

Workshop, Inception of the Sustainable Seabed Knowledge Initiative
-SEOCHON, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

December



5 - 7 Dec

Fifth Annual Contractors' Meeting
-DELFT, THE NETHERLANDS

8 Dec

Statement by the Secretary-General, United Nations General Assembly commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the adoption and opening for signature of UNCLOS
-NEW YORK, USA

9 Dec

Statement by the Secretary-General, 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
-NEW YORK, USA

12 Dec

Meeting with H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi, President, 77th United Nations General Assembly
-NEW YORK, USA

13 Dec

Meeting with Ms. Rabab Fatima, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Meeting with Mr. Guy Ryder, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Policy, Executive Office of the Secretary-General
-NEW YORK, USA

15 Dec

Side event at the Convention on Biological Diversity COP15, Sustainable Seabed Knowledge Initiative Innovating global scientific collaboration to advance our understanding of deep-sea biodiversity
-MONTREAL, CANADA



15 Dec

Statement by the Secretary-General, 2022 United Nations Biodiversity Conference High-Level Segment, Ecological Civilization - Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth
-MONTREAL, CANADA

16 Dec

Statement by the Secretary-General, Convention on Biological Diversity, COP15
-MONTREAL, CANADA

May

1 - 5 May

Workshop on the development of a regional environmental management plan for the Area of the Indian Ocean
-CHENNAI, INDIA

4 May

Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs, ISA and United Nations Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries side event, "Leveraging the power of ocean science, technology and innovation to support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"
-NEW YORK, USA (VIRTUAL)

12 - 13 May

Conference, Indemer, Celebrating 40 years of UNCLOS
-MONACO



June

5 - 9 Jun

23rd meeting, United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea, "New maritime technologies: challenges and opportunities"
-NEW YORK, USA

8 Jun

Celebrations of the World Oceans Day
-KINGSTON, JAMAICA (VIRTUAL)

12 - 16 Jun

Statement by the Secretary-General, 33rd Meeting of States Parties
-NEW YORK, USA

20 - 22 Jun

Fifth workshop of the Abyssal Initiative for Blue Growth
-KINGDOM OF TONGA

28 Jun - 7 Jul

28th session, Part II, ISA Legal and Technical Commission
-KINGSTON, JAMAICA

Strategic partnerships

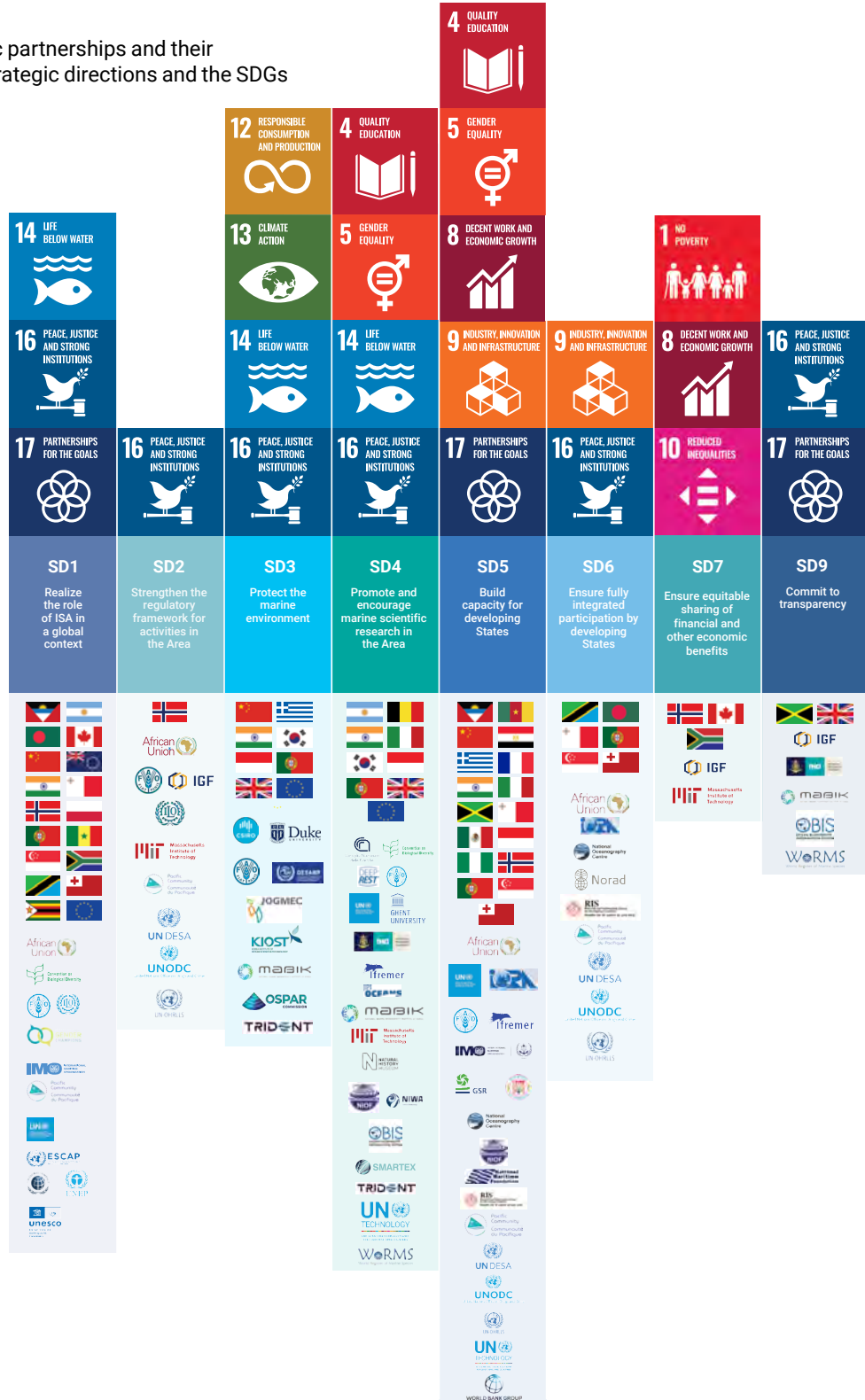
ISA places a strong emphasis on establishing strategic partnerships to deliver on the mandate assigned to it by UNCLOS and the 1994 Agreement. All partnerships are designed to support the delivery of ISA's programmatic activities, particularly as they relate to marine scientific research and capacity development.

During the reporting period, the Secretariat has strengthened its collaboration with eight entities, including through the signing of letters of cooperation with the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic

of Korea, the Gujarat National Law University of India, the Research and Information System of Developing Countries of India, the National Maritime Foundation of India, the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche of Italy, the International Maritime Law Institute of Malta, the United Nations Technology Bank for LDCs and the Polynesian Sub-Regional Office of the Pacific Community in Tonga.

A key objective is to leverage the comparative advantages of the entities involved while creating synergies and avoiding duplication in mandates and programmes.

Figure 4. ISA strategic partnerships and their contribution to ISA strategic directions and the SDGs





Signature of a letter of cooperation with the Research and Information System for Developing Countries - 31 January 2023, New Delhi.



Signature of a letter of cooperation with the National Maritime Foundation of India – 30 January 2023, New Delhi.



Signature of a letter of cooperation with the Italian National Research Council – 5 May 2023, Venice.



Signature of a letter of cooperation with the Gujarat National Law University – 14 February 2023, Ahmedabad.



Signature of a letter of cooperation with the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) – 10 May 2023, La Valette.