



Deep Dive

ISA's E-Learning Platform

Call for applications *ISA Deep Dive e-learning platform*

Cohort of October-December 2023

The International Seabed Authority (ISA) is launching its self-paced e-learning platform **Deep Dive** and is inviting interested individuals to apply to participate in the first level of the programme (Dive 1) until **17 September 2023**.

Developed within the framework of the [ISA Capacity Development Strategy](#), Deep Dive is the first and the only e-learning training platform exclusively devised to address all elements of the legal regime in Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the 1994 Implementation Agreement, including both technical and scientific aspects.

Deep Dive is designed to enhance the capacity of government officials and practitioners from Member States, including developing States Members of ISA, young graduates, personnel of partner institutions or other relevant stakeholders to understand and implement the legal regime of the Area and the different elements pertaining to the conduct of activities in the Area.

The Deep Dive online curriculum consists of a modular structure with three progressive levels (Dives 1, 2 and 3), each comprising of modules that offer a mix of compulsory and elective lessons to ensure the successful transfer of foundational knowledge with a degree of flexibility to accommodate personal preferences.

Dive 1, which fits the needs of individuals with little knowledge of the legal regime of the Area, comprises a mandatory module on UNCLOS and the governance of the Area. It will guide students through the key features of the concept of the common heritage of humankind, the fundamental principles governing the Area, the role, functions and mandate of ISA as well as the objectives of sustainable development of the Area and its resources.



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Content

Dive 1 consists of 7 mandatory lessons and 4 elective lectures to be chosen by students and delivered by renowned experts. It is structured as follows:

Module 1: UNCLOS and the Governance of the Area		
Lesson 1	Introduction to Part XI of UNCLOS and the 1994 Agreement	H.E. Mr. Michael W Lodge
Lesson 2	The Area: legal and scientific perspectives	H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge and Dr. Ulrich Schwarz-Schampera
Lesson 3	ISA: role, functions, and structure	Sir Michael Wood
Lesson 4	The Mining Code	Ms. Michelle Walker
Lesson 5	Responsibilities and obligations of sponsoring States	Prof. Dr. Rudiger Wolfrum
Lesson 6	The Enterprise	Mr. Eden Charles
Lesson 7	Equitable sharing of benefits from activities in the Area	H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge
Elective (pick 4 out of the following)		
Elective 1	LDCs and, LLDCs and SIDS and UNCLOS and the sustainable development of ocean-based economies	Dr. Marie Bourrel-McKinnon
Elective 2	Deep-seabed mining and submarine cables	Dr. Tara Davenport
Elective 3	Implementation of Art.82 of UNCLOS: challenges and opportunities	Prof. Aldo Chircop
Elective 4	The Common Heritage of Mankind: a historical concept for the development of Part XI and the 1994 Agreement	Mr. Elie Jarmache
Elective 5	Process for making an application for a plan of work for exploration	Dr. Ulrich Schwarz-Schampera
Elective 6	Settlement of disputes under Part XI	Ms. Mariana Durney
Elective 7	Due regard	Prof. Warwick Gullett
Elective 8	Equity as a conceptual basis for the development of benefit sharing criteria	Prof. Dale Squires



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Application

ISA is accepting applications until 17 September 2023 from students to enrol in the e-learning course which will take place between October and December 2023. The first cohort will consist of 25 students.

Eligibility criteria

ISA will consider only those applicants who meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. A Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline (with full transcript) and/or 1-2 years of relevant work experience. No previous knowledge of ISA and law of the sea is required.
2. If English is not the applicant's mother tongue or the language of teaching and learning at undergraduate level, applicants must submit with their registration an internationally recognized English language proficiency test. Acceptable tests include International English Language Testing System (IELTS, band 6.0 or above), Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL – internet-based test score 80+ and paper-based test score 550+), Cambridge examinations (level CPE/C2).
3. Complete motivation statements outlining how the programme will further the applicant's career and/or personnel development.

Applicants from developing States, including least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked countries (LLDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) as well as women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application and selection

Interested individuals should apply through the Deep Dive [registration page](#) no later than **17 September 2023**.

Applications will be evaluated by an ISA Committee. Successful candidates will be notified by ISA by **30 September 2023**.



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Selected participants will be granted access to Deep Dive from **2 October 2023**.

Participant are required to complete the Module of Dive 1, consisting of seven (7) mandatory lessons and four (4) of the eight (8) available elective within six (6) weeks from the start of the course and not later than **31 December 2023**.

In order to successfully complete the Module of Dive 1, the participants' knowledge and understanding of each lesson and elective will be tested in multiple-choices quizzes. In order to pass the quiz, a minimum score of 80 per cent is required.

Students wishing to earn the Deep Dive certificate for Dive 1 are also required to pass a final test with an overall grade of at least 80 per cent.

Important deadlines

Deadline for application – 17 September 2023

Notification to successful candidates – 30 September 2023

Start date – 2 October 2023

Deadline for completion once enrolled – 31 December 2023

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