

UNEP's Intervention – 28th ISA Council

- Thank you madame facilitator. As this is the first time UNEP takes the floor, I'd like to congratulate you for the leadership and work done so far.
- I take this opportunity to flag that I am pleased to attend this meeting in representation of UNEP as a demonstration of our intention to increase engagement and willing to join hands with member states, stakeholders and ISA Secretariat on the interface of science and policy, regarding deep sea mining exploration and its potential. This includes the several ISA instances and technical working groups where the debate is carried on and UN agencies are invited.
- As the leading global authority on the environment, UNEP's aim is to support that strategic decisions that contribute to transformational change by drilling down on the root causes of the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss and pollution - on land and at sea.
- Complementary, UNEP could also support deploying our convening and normative capacities through UNEA and our programme of work.
- In this regard UNEP stands ready to assist the working groups with competency that falls within our mandate (either from within UNEP or linking with other experts).
- UNEP watches with in-depth interest the further development and implementation of the Regional Environmental Management Plans, considering our expertise in ecosystem-based-management and environmental impact assessments.
- We can also support providing material assistance – as for example, in knowledge management, data analytics, monitoring and reporting.
- These are areas where UNEP has expertise and in addition to our role to mobilize the UN System to support member states actions to protect biodiversity.
- UNEP will look forward to continuing to follow ISA discussions and work with its members.
- I thank you.