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Leveraging knowledge, innovation and empowerment in deep-sea research in support of the stewardship of the Area for the benefit of humankind

This side event will provide a platform to take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the Global Deep Sea Research agenda spearheaded by ISA through its Action Plan, analyze the lessons learned in its implementation, and identify possible areas of cooperation as well as future priorities research areas.



Friday, 12 April 2024 08:30 AM - 09:45 AM



Meeting room 133-134 Southern Ocean International Barcelona Convention Centre

PROGRAMME

8:30 - 8:45am - High-Level Segment

Opening

Mr. José Dallo Morros

Director, Office of Environmental Management and Mineral Resources (OEMMR), ISA

Welcome address (video message)

H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge Secretary-General, ISA

Key note addresses

Honorable Mark Brown

Prime Minister, Cook Islands

Mr. Wan-hyun Choi

President, National Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea, MABIK

8:40 - 8:50 AM - Remarks

A global framework to advance deep-sea research supporting evidence based decision making

Dr. Noémie Wouters

Programme Coordinator Marine Scientific Research, ISA

8:50 - 9:35 AM - Panel: Advancing deep-sea research and technology development in support of the stewardship of the Area and its resources

Introductions by the moderator (5')

Mr. Alan Evans

Head of Marine Policy, National Oceanography Centre (NOC), UK

Panel discussions including Q&A

How do partnerships leverage knowledge to inform science-based ocean governance?

- Dr. Anne-Katrien Lescrauwaut

 Director International Relations, Flanders Marine Institute, World Register of
 Marine Species (WoRMS)
- Dr. Suzan El-Gharabawy
 Vice President, National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Egypt
- Rear Admiral Khurshed Alam Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

What are the enablers for unlocking data and capacity for the benefit of humankind?

- Ms. Alex Herman Seabed Minerals Commissioner, Seabed Mineral Authority, Cook Islands
- **Dr. Marjolaine Matabos**French Institute for Exploitation of the Sea, IFREMER, France
- Prof. Dr. Eduardo Silva
 Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto, Instituto Politécnico do Porto, Researcher
 Institute for Systems and Computer Engineering, Technology and Science INESC TEC,
 Portugal

What are the opportunities and hurdles to enhance the science-policy interface?

- Dr. Erasmo A. Lara Cabrera Consul, Embassy of Mexico, Chair of ISA's Legal and Technical Commission
- Dr. Marzia Rovere
 Senior researcher, National Research Council, Italy
- Real Admiral Khurshed Alam
- Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

9:35 - 9:45 AM - Closing: Global call to action for accelerating progress under the 2030 Agenda through deep-sea research, technology and innovation

Minister Rosa Delia Gomez Duran (video message)

Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affair, International Trade and Worship, Argentina