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Events

2023

July

28 Jun – 7 Jul 28th session, Part II, ISA LTC Kingston, Jamaica	■
5 – 7 Jul 28th session, Part II, ISA FC Kingston, Jamaica	■
10 – 21 Jul 28th session, Part II, ISA Council Kingston, Jamaica	■
14 Jul Side event at ISA's 28th session: Fisheries Kingston, Jamaica	■
19 Jul Side event at ISA's 28th session: SSKI Kingston, Jamaica	■
24 – 28 Jul 28th session, Part II, ISA Assembly Kingston, Jamaica	■

September

18 Sep Meeting with Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, UN Legal Counsel New York, USA	■
18 – 19 Sep Call for action: Ensuring the stewardship of the Area and its resources for the benefit of all humanity through science, technology and innovation New York, USA	●
18 – 22 Sep 50th GESAMP meeting Kingston, Jamaica	●
19 Sep Side event at GESAMP 50: SSKI Kingston, Jamaica	■
20 Sep Meeting with Mr. Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy New York, USA	■

October

1 – 6 Oct The Underwater Minerals Conference Rotterdam, The Netherlands	●
3 – 6 Oct Workshop: Enhancing Biological Data Sharing Viet Nam	■
9 – 11 Oct Workshop: ISA-Philippines national capacity development on deep-sea-related matters Manila, Philippines	■
16 – 27 Oct Workshop: ISA-China JTRC training Qingdao, China	■



October

20 Oct European Mining Conference The Hague, The Netherlands	●
22 – 24 Oct Sixth Annual Contractor's Meeting Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	■
25 – 26 Oct Tanzania Mining and Investment Forum Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	●
30 Oct – 8 Nov 28th session, Part III, ISA Council Kingston, Jamaica	■

November

13 – 17 Nov Meeting with the UN DOALOS on the publication of marine geospatial information management New York, USA	●
14 Nov Third annual meeting of the National Focal Points in charge of liaising with the ISA Secretariat on matters relating to capacity development (part II) Virtual	■
16 Nov Deep DiplomaSea Virtual	■
29 Nov Lecture at the Wilson Center: The regulation of seabed mining Washington, D.C., USA	●



December

4 Dec FC Webinar Virtual	■
4 Dec Meeting with the Hon. Bandar Alkhorayef, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Dubai	●
4 Dec Secretary-General's participation in the panel "The race to deep-sea mining: solution or threat?" organized during COP26 by the Saudi Green Initiative Dubai	●
5 – 7 Dec Deep Sea Minerals Conference Bergen, Norway	●

ISA organized or co-organized

- 2 conferences
- 19 meetings
- 6 workshops
- 6 side events

ISA participated in

- 14 conferences
- 1 lecture
- 24 meetings
- 1 workshop

2024

January

9 – 11 JanFuture Minerals Forum
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**17 Jan**Signing of MoU for ISA-Egypt JTRC
Alexandria, Egypt**29 Jan – 1 Feb**European Food Safety Authority
workshop
Online

February

5 FebLaunch of the iCAN
Virtual**7 Feb**ISA Contractors' Training
Programme: end-of-training
certificate presentation ceremony
Virtual**19 Feb**Meeting with Ms. Kamikawa Yōko,
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
Tokyo, Japan**19 Feb**Meeting with Mr. Yamato Hiroyuki,
Executive Vice-President, JOGMEC
Tokyo, Japan**19 – 23 Feb**Workshop on the Development
of a REMP for the Area of the
Northwest Pacific
Tokyo, Japan**20 Feb**Meeting with Mr. Hosaka Shin,
Vice-Minister for International Affairs,
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Tokyo, Japan

February

20 FebMeeting with Mr. Takahara Ichiro,
President, JOGMEC
Tokyo, Japan**20 Feb**Ocean Mining Industry Promotion
Round-table Conference
Tokyo, Japan**20 Feb**BBNJ Seminar organized by the
University of Kobe
Kobe, Japan**20 Feb**Signature of the letter of
cooperation with KOBEC
Kobe, Japan**21 Feb**Meeting with Mr. Bou Yasunaga,
President of Kobe Assembly
Kobe, Japan**21 Feb**Visit to the Co₂ Free Hydrogen
Technology Association
Kobe, Japan

March

4 – 15 Mar29th session, Part I, ISA LTC
Kingston, Jamaica**7 Mar**FC webinar
Virtual**12 – 13 Mar**SAFE Summit: panel with Prime
Minister, the Hon. Mark Brown,
Cook Islands on "Responsible
management of ocean mineral
resources"
Washington, D.C., USA**13 Mar**Lecture at the Wilson Center
"Update and progress in the
development deep-seabed mining
regulation"
Washington, D.C., USA**18 – 29 Mar**29th session, Part I, ISA Council
Kingston, Jamaica29TH SESSION

April

3 – 5 AprExpert scoping workshop
"Advancing technologies to support
the sustainable development of
mineral resources of the Area"
Porto, Portugal**10 – 12 Apr**Ocean Decade Conference
Barcelona, Spain**11 April**Side event at the UN Ocean Decade
Conference, "How to harness private
sector data to boost ocean science
and drive a sustainable ocean
economy – guidelines and benefits"
Barcelona, Spain**12 April**Side event at the UN Ocean Decade
Conference, "Leveraging knowledge,
innovation and empowerment in
deep-sea research in support of
the stewardship of the Area for
the benefit of humankind"
Barcelona, Spain**12 April**Side event at the UN Ocean Decade
Conference, "Empowering Women
for the Ocean Decade: Achieving
Gender Equality in Ocean Sciences
and Policy Making"
Barcelona, Spain**18 Apr**ISA FC webinar
Virtual

Events

May

13 – 18 May

26th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Nairobi, Kenya

16 May

Meeting with H.E. Mr. Lejeune Mbella Mbella, Minister of External Relations of Cameroon
Yaounde, Cameroon

16 May

Meeting with Prime Minister of the Government of Cameroon, H.E. Chief Dr. Joseph Dion Ngute ; H.E. Mr. Pierre Hélé, Minister of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development, H.E. Dr Taiga, Minister of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries, H.E. Mr. Jean Ernest Masséna Ngallé Bibéhé, Minister of Transport and H.E. Mr. Fuh Calistus Gentry, Acting Minister of Mines, Industry and Technological Development
Yaounde, Cameroon



17 May

Signing the MoU for the establishment of the ADSEA
Yaounde, Cameroon

20 May

The ISA was a special guest of H.E. Mr. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon, during the festivities for the 52nd National Unity Day
Yaounde, Cameroon

24 May

Meeting with H.E. Mr. Gaston Browne, the Honourable Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda
Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda

24 May

Meeting with H.E Ms. Samantha Marshall, the Senator and the Honourable Minister of State in the Ministry of Health, Wellness, the Environment and Social Transformation, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda
Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda

24 May

Signing the Letter of Cooperation with the University of West Indies, Five Islands Campus Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda

27-29 May

4th SIDS Conference,
Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda

27 May

Side event at 4th SIDS Conference, "Leveraging SIDS knowledge, technology, innovation, and capacity to advance deep-sea research for the benefit of humanity"
Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda

29 May

Side event at 4th SIDS Conference, "Leveraging partnerships and transformative actions to advance women empowerment and leadership in deep-sea research to support inclusive and sustainable ocean governance"
Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda

June

2 – 8 Jun

Visit to China and participation in the Symposium on continental shelf and the Area
Beijing, China

3 – 6 Jun

Workshop "Developing a scientific approach to identifying key or representative deep-sea taxa for effective protection of the marine environment in the Area"
Seoul, Republic of Korea

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4 – 7 June

7th International symposium on scientific and legal aspects of the regimes of the continental shelf and the Area
Qingdao, China

10 – 14 June

34th Meeting of the State Parties to UNCLOS
New York, USA

11 June

Side event "Contribution of ISA to the objectives of the 2023 Agreement for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction"
New York, USA

11 – 14 Jun

Fourth meeting of the CBD Sustainable Ocean Initiative: "Global dialogue with regional seas organizations and regional fishery bodies"
Seoul, Korea

12 June

Side event "Reflections on thirty years of ocean governance under the UNCLOS building on the past for the present and future"
New York, USA

14 June

Symposium organized by the Government of Italy and ISA, "Blue economy and the role of critical raw materials in the development of sustainable ocean economies: challenges, opportunities and innovations"
Rome, Italy



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 MSR and capacity development.

During the reporting period, the Secretariat has strengthened its collaboration with seven entities, including through the signing of one memorandum of understanding with the National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (NIOF) of Alexandria (Egypt) and one with the International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC),

and three letters of cooperation respectively with the Kobe Ocean-Bottom Exploration Center (KOBEC), the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the Ocean Mining Industry Promotion Roundtable of Japan, the Centre of Excellence in Oceanography and the Blue Economy of Antigua and Barbuda and the Second Institute of Oceanography of China (SIO).

Leveraging the comparative advantages of the entities involved while creating synergies and avoiding duplication in mandates and programmes is of critical importance.



ISA-Egypt JTRC



Five Islands Campus, University of the West Indies, Antigua and Barbuda



KOBEC



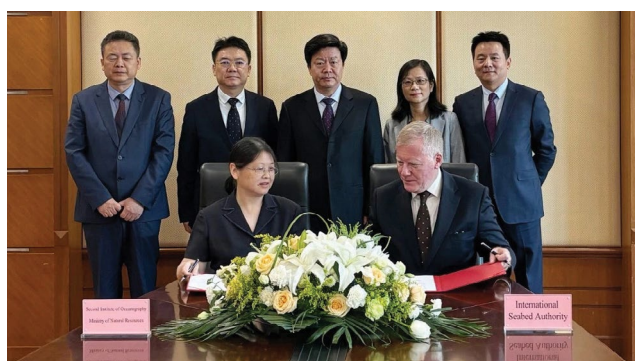
ADSEA



FICCI



Ocean Mining Roundtable



China SIO

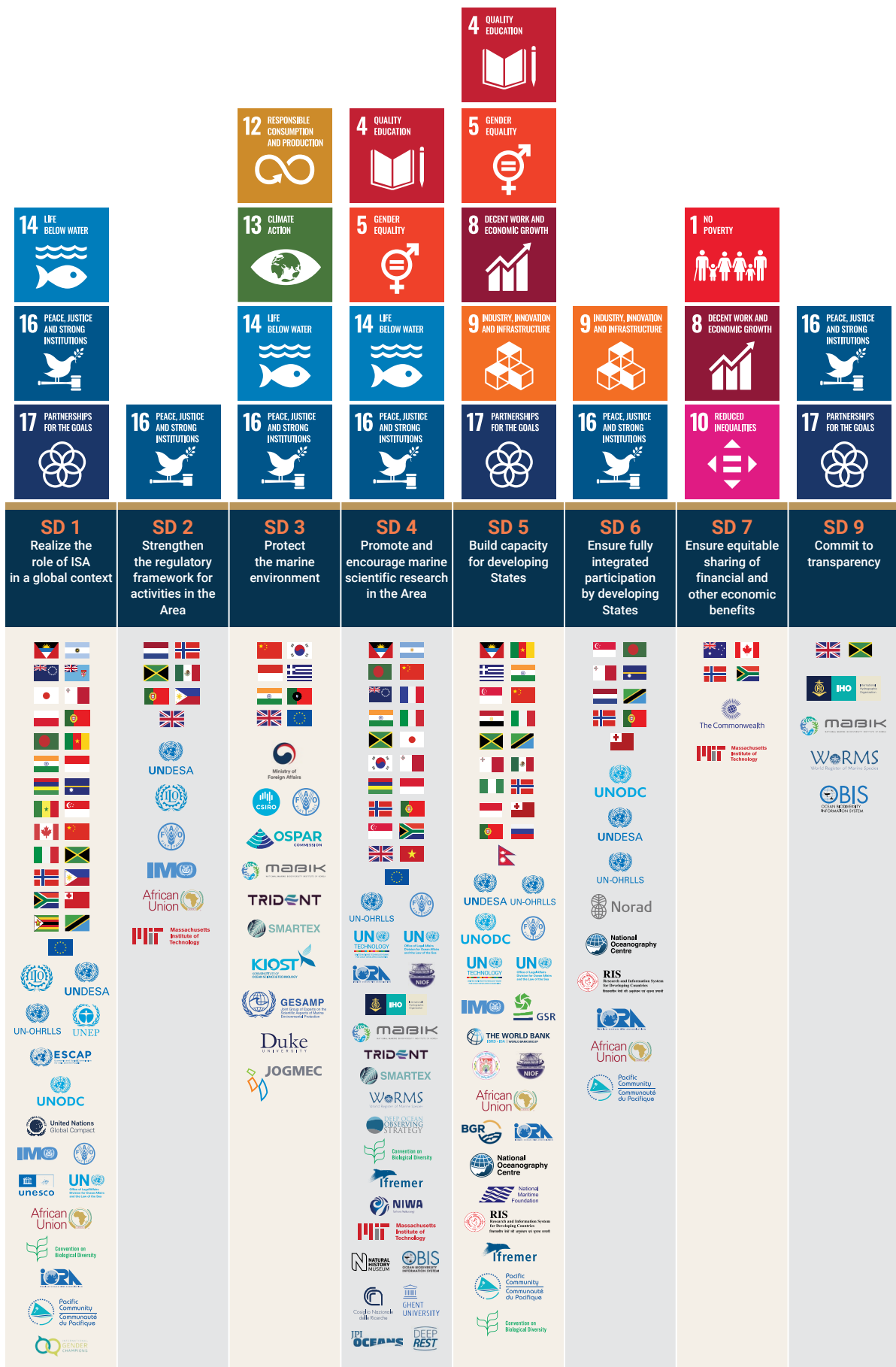


Figure 4. ISA strategic partnerships and their contribution to ISA strategic directions