

**Workshop on  
preparing for the  
29<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
International Seabed Authority**

**Provisional Agenda**

Sunday 28 July 28 2024, 11:00 – 16:30 (TBC)  
Courtyard Marriot (Frangipani Room)

*From 10AM: Coffee and registration*

11:00-11:30

**Welcome and Introductions**

Facilitated by IUCN

Keynote by Hon. Ralph Regenvanu, Minister of Climate Change  
Adaptation, Environment, Energy, Meteorology, Geo-Hazards & National  
Disaster Management Office of Vanuatu

Video message: Dona Bertarelli, Executive-Chair of Dona Bertarelli  
Philanthropy

11:30-13:00

**Session I: *Overview and State of Play***

**Overview of current state of scientific knowledge**

Dr. Diva Amon, Chief Scientist, Benioff Ocean Science Lab, University of California, Santa  
Barbara

*10-15 minute presentation and 20-minute Q&A*

- What do we know about the deep sea?
- Predicted impacts of deep-sea mining on the environment
- The unknowns: scientific gaps and uncertainties

**Developments at the ISA - challenges of governing mining in the Area**

Ms Hannah Lily, Legal Consultant – Oceans and Natural Resources

*10-15 minute presentation and 20-minute Q&A*

- Review of the ISA structure and key players
- Current status of the mining regulations
- Governance challenges
- Incorporating the Precautionary Principle

### **Economic Aspects for Consideration**

Torsten Thiele, Global Ocean Trust Founder

*10-15 minute presentation and 20-minute Q&A*

- Benefit-sharing mechanism
- Implications of becoming a sponsoring State
- Valuation of ecosystem services – video message from Rashid Sumaila
- Repercussions on land-based mining economies
- Energy Transition without DSM

13:00-14:30

**Lunch**

14:30-16:00

**Session II: *Council Debrief and Assembly Meeting Preparation***

### **Debrief of key issues and outcomes of ISA Council meeting**

Pradeep Singh, Research fellow at the RIFS-Potsdam and Deputy Chair of the Ocean Law Specialist Group of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)

*10-minute presentation and 35 minutes for reflections from states and Q&A*

- What to expect during the Assembly

### **Discussion of key issues that will be raised in July Assembly meeting**

Chile and Germany

*10-minute presentation and 35-minute Q&A*

- Agenda Item 16: General Policy of the Authority for the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment
- Agenda Item 11: Article 154 Review

16:00-16:30

Closing session

*All participants are invited for a cocktail reception at the Courtyard by Marriott Jamaica from 7 to 10PM*

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