

**Workshop on
preparing for the
29th 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, co-chair of the Bertarelli Foundation

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

Input from proponents (TBC)

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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