



*The Governments of Jamaica and Norway
in collaboration with
International Union for Conservation of Nature, Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative and
International Council on Environmental Law are
pleased to sponsor a workshop on:*

Marine Genetic Resources
of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
Key considerations on access and benefit sharing

**NYU Law School
Furman Hall
245 Sullivan Street, New York
8 September 2018
10:00 to 17:00**

Lunch and coffee/pastries will be served

**All are welcome
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Description: This all-day workshop will explore how the implementing agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) may foster conservation and equitable, effective and sustainable use of marine genetic resources of ABNJ. Under Chatham House Rule, various considerations on access and benefit sharing will be explored. Legal, policy and scientific experts will discuss their thoughts on this cutting-edge area and a facilitated discussion will follow to explore options and possible pathways forward to achieve equitable access and benefit sharing of MGRs of ABNJ *via* the implementing agreement to achieve conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ.

Programme

9:45 – 10:00 **Coffee & registration**

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome and introduction** by Diedre Mills, Deputy Permanent Representative, The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations

Status of the discussions on access and benefit sharing of MGRs of ABNJ and the importance of reaching a consensus for conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ to foster scientific research and discoveries

10:15 – 10:45 **Considerations on practical building blocks for an access and benefit sharing of MGRs of ABNJ: ABS**

Facilitator: Margo Deiye, Deputy Permanent Representative, The Permanent Mission of Nauru to the United Nations

Building blocks for ABS within the BBNJ treaty

Presenter: Hiroko Muraki Gottlieb (IUCN)

Q&A

10:45 – 11:15 **Considerations on practical building blocks for an access and benefit sharing of MGRs of ABNJ: IP matters (patents, copyright, etc.)**

Facilitator: Konrad Marciniak, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Basic information on IP matters and how they relate to BBNJ

Presenter: Dr. Fran Humphries, Griffith Law School

Q&A

11:15 – 11:45 **Leading scientific research in ABNJ and the need to foster scientific research on conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ**

Facilitator: Catherine Boucher, Counsellor, The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations

Presentations on various research in ABNJ and the need to foster collaboration among scientists

Presenter: Professor Patrick Halpin, Duke University

Q&A

11:45 – 12:15 **Considerations on practical building blocks for an access and benefit sharing of MGRs of ABNJ: CBD and the Nagoya Protocol**

Facilitator: John Fintakpa Lamega Dekalega, Legal Advisor, The Permanent Mission of Togo to the United Nations

The Convention on Biological Diversity and the Nagoya Protocol: The issue of Digital Sequence Information (DSI)

Presenter: Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway)

Q&A

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch break

13:15 – 13:45 **Considerations on practical building blocks for an access and benefit sharing of MGRs of ABNJ: Capacity building and technology transfer**

Facilitator: Ismail Raushan Zahir, Second Secretary, The Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations

Capacity building and technology transfer

Presenter: Harriet Harden-Davies (ANCORS)

Q&A

13:45 – 14:45 **Open Floor Discussion: Considerations on achieving a fair and equitable access and benefit sharing regime for MGRs of ABNJ via the BBNJ implementing agreement: putting it all together**

Facilitator: Juliette Babb-Riley, Deputy Permanent Representative, The Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations

14:45 -- 15:00 Coffee break

15:00- 16:45 **Open Floor Discussion: Considerations on achieving a fair and equitable access and benefit sharing regime for MGRs of ABNJ via the BBNJ implementing agreement: putting it all together**

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16:45 -17:00 **Concluding remarks** by Kjell Kristian Egge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

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