



*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 lunch time side-event on*

Marine Genetic Resources of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

Key considerations on access and benefit sharing

**United Nations Headquarters
Conference Room 3
6 September 2018
13:15 to 14:30**

Description: This lunch time side event 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

Facilitator: *Arianne Etuk, First Secretary, The Permanent Mission of Bahamas to the United Nations*

13:15 – 13:25 **Welcome and introduction** by *Kjell Kristian Egge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway*

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

13:25 – 13:35 **Consideration on practical building blocks for an access and benefit sharing of MGRs of ABNJ: ABS**

Building blocks for ABS within the BBNJ treaty

Presenter: Hiroko Muraki Gottlieb (IUCN)

13:35 – 13:50 Considerations on practical building blocks for an access and benefit sharing of MGRs of ABNJ: CBD and the Nagoya Protocol

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

Presenter: Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway)

13:50- 14:05 Considerations on practical building blocks for an access and benefit sharing of MGRs of ABNJ: Capacity building and technology transfer

Capacity building and technology transfer

Presenter: Harriet Harden-Davies (ANCORS)

14:05 – 14:25 Open Floor Discussion: Considerations on achieving a fair and equitable access and benefit sharing regime for MGRs of ABNJ via the BBNJ implementing agreement

14:25 -14:30 **Concluding remarks** by *Diedre Mills, Deputy Permanent Representative, The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations*

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

**Access and Benefit Sharing of Marine Genetic Resources of ABNJ Workshop
September 8, 2018
NYU LAW SCHOOL
10:00 to 17:00
*Lunch and coffee/tea will be served***

The Governments of Jamaica and Norway, in collaboration with IUCN, ICEL and DOSI will host an all-day workshop on the ABS of MGRs of ABNJ.

The concept note for the workshop is attached for your information.

Venue: NYU Law School, Furman Hall, 245 Sullivan Street, New York, NY

All are welcome to attend.

Please bring your badge to show security at the entrance.

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