WORKSHOP ON BBNJ FOR CPLP COUNTRIES

AGREEMENT UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA ON THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION

LISBON, PORTUGAL
13-15 MAY 2024

PROGRAM

Venue: Lisbon Oceanarium
Esplanada Dom Carlos, 1990-005 Lisbon
Capacity Building Workshop on BBNJ for CPLP Countries
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Monday, May 13

9:00-9:15 Registration
9:15-10:15 Opening
● President of the Oceano Azul Foundation – José Soares dos Santos
● Presidency of CPLP – Permanent Representative of Sao Tome and Principe - Mr. Esterline Gonçaves Género
● Executive Secretary of CPLP - Mr. Zacarias da Costa
● Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation - Mr. Nuno Sampaio

10:15 -10:30 The importance of the BBNJ Agreement for CPLP countries, at the international and regional level - role in ocean governance and for the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the SDG14
● Mr. Hércules Cruz, Director of Legal Affairs and Treaties – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cape Verde
● Mr. Tiago Pitta e Cunha, CEO of the Oceano Azul Foundation

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

Session I The main provisions of the BBNJ Agreement
Moderator: Ms. Maitê Schmitz – Head of the Sea, Antarctica, and Space Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil

● Ms. Amber Maggio - Division of Oceans Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)

11:30 -12:30 Marine Genetic Resources including Access and Benefit Sharing
● Mr. Rodrigo Barenho – Mission of Brazil to the United Nations

12:30-14:00 Lunch – Oceanarium Restaurant

14:00-15:15 Area-based management tools, including marine protected areas
● Ms. Carla Grafino - Head of the Sea and Environment Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal

15:15-15:45 Traditional knowledge in the BBNJ Agreement
• Ms. Marina Caldeira - fellow do Ocean Voices Programme/ Nippon Foundation

15:45-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Environmental Impact Assessment
• Ms. Peggy Kalas – International Ocean Policy Advisor, Oceano Azul Foundation

17:00-18:00 Cross-cutting issues: objectives, general principles, institutions, funding
• Mr. Mateus Kowalski – Director of Public International Law Department, – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal

19:00 Dinner – Restaurant “Pateo”

Tuesday, May 14

9:00

Session II Procedures for ratification and entry into force
• Moderator: Mr. Vasco Becker-Weinberg - President of the Portuguese Institute for the Law of the Sea (IPDM)

9:00-10:00 The procedures for the ratification and entry into force of the BBNJ Agreement
• Mr. Vasco Becker-Weinberg - President of the Portuguese Institute for the Law of the Sea (IPDM)

10:00-11:00 Technical and legal support for the ratification of the Agreement
• Ms. Amber Maggio – DOALOS

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:45 The importance of the first COP – preparatory process and decisions to be adopted
• Mr. Sérgio Carvalho – Legal Advisor of the Portuguese Mission to the United Nations

12:45-13:45 Lunch – Oceanarium Restaurant
14:00-15:00  The legislative requirements for the ratification of the BBNJ Agreement – a practical perspective of the ratification and entry into force of the BBNJ Agreement
   • Ms. Janine Coyle-Felson - Deputy Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations – [remote participation]

15:00-15:30  The UN Signature/Ratification/Deposit Procedures
   • Mr. Arancha Hinojal Oyarbide - Head of the Depositary and Registration Units - UN - remote participation

15:30-15:45  Coffee break

Session III  Capacity building in the BBNJ Agreement – a cross-cutting vision and support for its ratification

15:45 – 17:00  Capacity building in the BBNJ Agreement - a cross-cutting view
   • Julia Veiga – Researcher - NOVA IPSI Knowledge Centre. Visiting Fellow - Ocean Voices Programme

17:00-18:00  Support for capacity building, including funding for the ratification and entry into force of the BBNJ Agreement
   • Mr. Andrew Hume – Global Environmental Facility (GEF)
   • Ms. Veronika Frank – Bloomberg Foundation

19:00  Dinner – Restaurant “La Mafia”

Wednesday, May 15

9:00  Session IV  Cooperation between CPLP countries in the context of the BBNJ

9:00-10:00  Possible areas of cooperation between CPLP countries
   • Mr. Manuel Clarote Lapão, Director of Cooperation - Executive Secretariat of CPLP

10:00-11:00  General questions and next steps

11:00-11:15  Coffee break

11:15-11:45  Closure
   • President of the BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference - Ms. Rena Lee (recorded message)
   • Former President of the CPLP- Permanent Representative of Angola - Mr. Oliveira Encoge
• Secretary of State for the Sea - Ms. Lídia Bulcão (TBC)

11:45-13:00       Visit to the Oceanarium

13:00             Lunch – Oceanarium Restaurant