



**Intersessional workshop of the
Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI)
Global Dialogue with
Regional Seas Organizations and
Regional Fishery Bodies**

*1–3 August 2023,
7–10 am (EDT), Online (Zoom)*

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Programme

1 August

Co-Chairs:

- Stefan Ásmundsson, Government of Iceland/former Executive Secretary, North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission
- Christopher Corbin, Coordinator, Cartagena Convention Secretariat

Time	Meeting programme
6.45–7 a.m.	<i>Participants log on to the meeting</i>
7–7.15 a.m.	Item 1. Opening of the meeting • Welcome from the Co-Chairs • Opening statements: ○ Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea ○ Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity ○ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) ○ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
7.15–7.30 a.m.	Item 2. Workshop background, objectives, and expected outputs/outcomes • Presentation on workshop background and objectives (10 min) ○ Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
7.30–8.45 a.m.	Item 3. Progress on the regional roadmaps since the third meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies • In-session polls to assess how the regional roadmaps, or elements of them, have been taken up/implemented • Presentations on the progress on the regional roadmaps, challenges, opportunities, and upcoming plans/activities (10 min each): ○ Western Indian Ocean and Adjacent Areas ○ North Atlantic, Baltic and Mediterranean: Darius Campbell (NEAFC) ○ Wider Caribbean: Patrick Debels (CLME+) ○ Pacific Ocean Basin: Peter Davies (SPREP) ○ East Atlantic African Region: Aomar Bourhim (COMHAFAT-ATLAFCO) ○ South & Southeast Asia: Krishnan Paulpandian (BOBP-IGO) and Mahesh Pradhan (COBSEA) • Q&A
8.45–9 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
9–9.30 a.m.	Item 3. Continued • Moderated discussion on advancing the regional roadmaps
9.30–10 a.m.	Item 4. Developments in key thematic issue-areas of relevance to regional coordination and cooperation • Presentation providing updates on plastics negotiations (6 min)

	○ Nancy Soi (UNEP) • Presentation providing updates on International Seabed Authority (ISA) developments (6 min) ○ Jose Dallo (ISA) • Presentation providing updates on the UN Ocean Conference and High-Level Political Forum (6 min) ○ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) • Q&A
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2 August

Time	Meeting programme
6.45–7 a.m.	<i>Participants log on to the meeting</i>
7–7.05 a.m.	Co-Chairs' review of previous day's discussion and introduction to day 2
7.05–7.45 a.m.	Item 5. International legally binding instrument under UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) • Overview of the newly adopted BBNJ instrument (15 min) ○ Bingzhuo Li, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea (DOALOS) • Presentation on the potential respective roles of Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies in the instrument, and implications for regional collaboration (10 min) ○ David Johnson, Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI) • Q&A
7.45–8.45 a.m.	Item 5. Continued (breakout groups) • Regional breakout group discussions on: ○ Identifying concrete entry points and ways for regional collaboration in implementing/monitoring the BBNJ instrument ○ How the regional organizations can support their respective member States in implementing/monitoring the instrument ○ Challenges, constraints and gaps
8.45–9 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
9–9.20 a.m.	Item 5. Continued • Report back to plenary
9.20–10 a.m.	Item 6. Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework • In-session polls on the uptake of the Framework in different regions • Presentation on the Framework as a whole, overview of the targets and introduction of the quick guides (15 min) ○ By Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity • Q&A

3 August

Time	Meeting programme
6.45–7 a.m.	<i>Participants log on to the meeting</i>
7–7.05 a.m.	Co-Chairs' review of previous day's discussion and introduction to day 3
7.05–7.30 a.m.	Item 6. <i>Continued</i> • Presentation on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and how regional organizations could contribute (15 min) ◦ Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity • Q&A / discussion
7.30–8.45 a.m.	Item 6. <i>Continued</i> • Breakout group discussions on: ◦ Identifying concrete entry points and ways for regional collaboration in implementing/monitoring the Framework ◦ How the regional organizations can support their respective member States in implementing/monitoring the Framework (e.g., in terms of setting national targets) ◦ Challenges, constraints and gaps
8.45–9 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
9–9.20 a.m.	Reporting back to plenary
9.20–9.45 a.m.	Item 7. Issues to be addressed at the fourth meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies • Plenary discussion on the next SOI Global Dialogue ◦ Potential issues to be addressed ◦ Approaches to the organization / modalities of the meeting ◦ Key entities to engage
9.45–10 a.m.	Item 8. Conclusions and next steps • Co-Chairs Item 9. Closing of the meeting