CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS/TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS LEGAL COUNSEL OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVISION FOR OCEAN AFFAIRS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA (DOALOS) TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE LEGAL REGIME IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA AND RELATED AGREEMENTS, AS WELL AS POLICY DEVELOPMENTS IN OCEAN AFFAIRS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA AT THE UNITED NATIONS

From 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

I. Workshops/briefings/training courses organized by DOALOS (1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025)

Title of Meeting	Location	Dates
73 Training sessions for United Nations – Nippon Foundation SIDS Fellows	New York, USA	4 Sep – 4 Dec 2024
76 Training sessions for United Nations – Nippon Foundation Strategic Needs Fellows	New York, USA	4 Sep – 20 Dec 2024
Workshop for North-East and South-East Asia on the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction	Bangkok, Thailand	16-20 September 2024
Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea for Francophone Countries in the Western Indian Ocean Region under the UN-Norad Project	Antananarivo, Madagascar	23-27 September 2024
Training Programme to build capacity in ocean affairs and the law of the sea for the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	6-24 October 2024
Regional Workshop for Caribbean SIDS on the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction	Placencia, Belize	7-10 October 2024

Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction	Santiago, Chile	14-18 October 2024
Side event co-organized by DOALOS and the CBD Secretariat entitled Towards living in harmony with the ocean from coasts to areas beyond national jurisdiction: Synergies between the BBNJ Agreement and the work under the CBD	Cali, Colombia	23 October 2024
UN-Oceans side event at CBD COP16 organized in collaboration with members "Implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework: How UN-Oceans can support States in meeting their obligations under the GBF with a focus on the ocean-biodiversity-climate nexus, including development and implementation of NBSAP's"	Cali, Colombia	24 October 2024
One session of the Ocean Day at CBD COP16 on the theme "Ocean as the Great Connector"	Cali, Colombia	27 October 2024
Group of Experts of the United Nations Regular Process Meeting	Tokyo, Japan	13- 19 November 2024
UN-Oceans side event at UNFCCC COP29 organized in collaboration with members, "Striving for Ambitious Ocean-Based Action: How UN-Oceans can support States in scaling up ocean-related actions, including in the context of the next round of NDCs",	Baku, Azerbaijan	16 November, 2024
Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea for the South American region	Salvador Bahia, Brazil	9-13 December 2024
Regional Workshop for States of the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts of Africa on the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond Nations Jurisdiction	Rabat, Morocco	16-19 December 2024
Briefing for Delegates on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, in collaboration with UNITAR	New York	24 March 2025

62 Training sessions for United Nations – Nippon Foundation Fellows on Oceans and the Law of the Sea	New York, USA	26 March-27 June 2025
Training session on the BBNJ Agreement organized by DOALOS in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Abidjan Convention in conjunction with the fourteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties to that Convention	Virtual	20 May 2025
Meeting of the Alumni of the United Nations-Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programmes in conjunction with the Third United Nations Ocean Conference	Nice, France	9-13 June 2025
Side event entitled "DOALOS Capacity-building and UNNF Programmes - Capacity Imperative for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"	Nice, France	10 June 2025
Side event entitled "The role of the UNFSA in supporting trade in sustainable seafood through regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs)"	Nice, France	10 June 2025
Side event entitled "The BBNJ Agreement as a catalyst for action to achieve SDG14: Looking ahead to opportunities and challenges for effective implementation"	Nice, France	11 June 2025
UN-Oceans side event entitled "UN-Oceans as a mechanism to mobilize multilateral ocean action and amplify collective impacts toward the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14" organized in collaboration with members	Nice, France	12 June 2025
Side event entitled "Bridging Law and Practice: Advancing Ocean Governance through Legal Capacity, Regulatory Framework, and Institutional Partnerships," organized by the World Bank and DOALOS	Nice, France	12 June 2025
Side event entitled "Ocean Science and its Policy Interface: from Knowledge to Sustainable Ocean Solutions"	Nice, France	12 June 2025
World Bank PROBLUE Ocean Governance Global Workshop and Project Partners Meeting, organized by the World Bank, FAO and DOALOS	Rome, Italy	16-20 June 2025
Group of Experts meeting of the Regular Process	Malmo, Sweden	28 July- 6 August 2025

Side event entitled "From land-locked to areas beyond national jurisdiction: Opportunities for LLDCs from the BBNJ Agreement" at the margins of the UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries	Awaza, Turkmenistan	7 August 2025
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II. Contributions to intergovernmental meetings on the legal regime in UNCLOS and related Agreements, as well as policy developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea by DOALOS (1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025)

Title of Meeting	Location	Dates
43 rd Meeting on the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR43) and delivery of Side Event on the UN Fish Stocks Agreement	Hobart, Australia	16-22 October 2024
Second Meeting of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) Working Group on marine and Coastal Ecosystems	Virtual	21-22 October 2024
Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 16), 11 th Conference of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP MOP 11) and Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (COP-MOP 5)	Cali, Colombia	21 October – 1 November 2024
Forty-six Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter ("London Convention") and the nineteenth meeting of Contracting Parties to the 1966 London Protocol	Virtual	28 October – 1 November 2024
UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP29)	Baku, Azerbaijan	11 – 22 November 2024
21st Annual Meeting of the Commission of the South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)	Swakopmund, Namibia	25-28 November 2024

Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries under the theme "Driving Progress through Partnerships	Gaborone, Botswana	10-13 December 2024
Eleventh session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	Windhock, Namibia	10-16 December 2024
Committee of Permanent Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme on the status of the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction.	Virtual	18 February 2025
Meeting of the Global Environment Facility Technical Advisory Groups in preparation for the negotiations of the ninth replenishment cycle of the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-9 TAGs)	Washington D.C.	18-20 February 2025
5th UN Ocean Forum on Trade-Related Aspects of SDG 14 (UNOF 5)	Geneva, Switzerland	3-5 March 2025
First meeting of the ninth replenishment cycle of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)	Paris, France	20-21 May 2025
Expert Group Meeting on Effective Maritime Law Enforcement in Marine Protected Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, organized by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Global Maritime Crime Programme	Virtual	2-3 June 2025
Third United Nations Ocean Conference	Nice, France	9-13 June 2025
2025 UNFCCC ocean climate change dialogue during the sixty second sessions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	Bonn, Germany	17-18 June 2025
Fifty-eight session of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Executive Council	Paris, France	24 June 2025
Thirty-third session of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Assembly	Paris, France	25 June to 3 July 2025
Global Coordination Steering Committee Meeting of the Common Oceans Program	Virtual	17-18 July 2025
Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries	Awaza, Turkmenistan	5-8 August 2025
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III. Information provided by DOALOS on the legal regime in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and related Agreements, as well as policy developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea at the United Nations, at meetings/workshops/training courses organized by States, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia and others (1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025)

Title of Meeting	Location	Dates
51st annual session of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental protection (GESAMP and the associated sessions of the Executive Committee of GESAMP	Monaco	2-6 September 2024
2024 IUCN High Seas Workshop on Area-Based Management Tools in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction	Gland, Switzerland	3-4 September 2024
8 th Meeting of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) Ministers Responsible for Oceans, Inland Waters and Fisheries, hosted by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania	Virtual	9 September 2024
Saint Lucia's National BBNJ Workshop on the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction	Virtual	10-12 September 2024
Side Event on the BBNJ Agreement during the 62 nd Annual Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)	Bangkok, Thailand	11 September 2024
Side Event entitled "Governing marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction: Accelerating Ratification and Exploring Opportunities for stakeholders involvement" organized by the Governments of Chile and Palau in collaboration with the World Economic Forum	New York	24 September 2024

47 th Annual Conference on Oceans Law and Policy (COLP47) entitled "Ocean Governance in the South Pacific and Latin America" co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute and the United States Naval War College – Stockton Center for International Law	Lima, Peru	17-20 September 2024
Session on the work of DOALOS and ocean-related processes at the United Nations for the Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea (NCLOS)	Virtual	19 September 2024
Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) Leaders Meeting	New York	23 September 2024
Commonwealth Secretariat's introductory webinar to the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction	Virtual	2 October 2024
XIV edition of the Trans-Regional Seapower Symposium under the theme "Spotlight on the Depth: The Underwater as New Frontier for Mankind"	Venice, Italy	8 – 10 October 2024
Webinar on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement in the Caribbean in collaboration with the Caribbean Regional fisheries Mechanism (CRFM and Institution of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)	Virtual	28 October 2024
Presentation on the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University	Massachusetts	31 October 2024
9 th International Conference on the Law of the Sea hosted by the MoFA, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the Korean Society of International Law (V.Jares)	Seoul, Korea	19-20 November 2024
High Level Event on Taking the leap into "Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction": Navigating the BBNJ Agreement together in the context of climate change, during the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 29)	Virtual	21 November 2024
Lecture on the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction at Queen Mary University of London	Virtual	2 December 2024

Presentation on the Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction at the Conference Commemorating the 30 th Anniversary of the Entry into Force of UNCLOS organized by the MoFA of Viet Nam	Virtual	10 December 2024
First version of the Programme on "Ocean Governance in South America: Development and Opportunities" organized by the International Ocean Institute and the Autonomous University of Chile	Virtual	9 January 2025
Tuvalu National Workshop on the Implementation of the BBNJ Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction	Virtual	20 January 2025
Presentation(s) at the Training Programme of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for Nippon Foundation fellows	Virtual	21 January 2025
Remarks at the side event "A Knowledge Dialogue on Accelerating the Implementation of Area-Based Conservation Commitments Across Our Ocean Environment: Ratification of the BBNJ Treaty: the race is on" organized by the Permanent Mission of France to the UN.	New York	30 January 2025
Briefing on the BBNJ Agreement for recently arrived delegates of Member States organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand and the High Seas Alliance	New York	11 February 2025
Second Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Symposium and its satellite events, organized by the MoFA of Singappore and the National University of Singapore Centre for International law, in collaboration with Mara Consultants	Singapore	18 – 20 February 2025
Honiara Summit (Solomon Islands) discussion panel on "Supporting fisheries sustainability through implementation of international instruments"	Honiara, Solomon Islands	24-27 February 2025
Regional Workshop on the BBNJ Agreement for the Western Indian Ocean, Eastern and Southern Africa Region	Mombasa, Kenya	3-6 March 2025
Samoa National Workshop on the implementation of the BBNJ Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction	Virtual	17-18 March 2025

Introductory lecture on the law of the sea for undergraduate students at Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador	Virtual	18 March 2025
Workshop "Strengthening the Science and Policy Dialogue: BBNJ Agreement and the UN Ocean Conference" organized by the Tara Ocean Foundation and the Girguis Lab at Harvard University	Paris, France	28-29 March 2025
Regional Preparation Meeting, co-hosted by the Chair for the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) and the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, to prepare delegates of the Pacific Island Countries for BBNJ PrepCom I	Virtual (pre-recorded)	31 March-4 April 2025
Regional Workshop on the BBNJ Agreement: Towards the First Meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the Core Latin American Group	Virtual	1-2 April 2025
2 nd edition of the Training Seminar on the Implementation of the BBNJ Agreement for the Community of Portuguese Language Countries	Mindelo, Cape Verde	2-4 April 2025
Blue Talk Series hosted by the French Embassy in Washington D.C. and the Government of Costa Rica and the World Bank	Washington D.C.	8 April 2025
High-Level Roundtable and Training Workshop "From Agreement to Action: Strengthening Eastern Caribbean SIDS Leadership in the BBNJ Ratification Process" organized by the World Maritime University (WMU) and the Government of Ireland, co-hosted by the government of Grenada, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Commission and WMU.	Virtual	8 April 2025
Webinar "Deep-sea knowledge for effective Ocean Management" organized by the European Marine Board	Virtual	11 April 2025
Side Event organized by the PM of Belgium at the margins of the Preparatory Commission for BBNJ	New York	15 April 2025
Side event organized by the PM of the Philippines, together with Indonesia, Sierra Leone and the High Seas Alliance, on the margins of the first session of the Preparatory Commission for BBNJ	New York	16 April 2025

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Planning Mission on preparations for the United Nations Oceans Conference including for World Ocean Day 2025, coordinated by DESA and the Government of France and Costa Rica	Nice, France	28-29 April 2025
10 th Our Ocean Conference organized by the Government of the Republic of Korea	Busan, Rep of Korea	28 to 30 April 2025
Lecture on the Marine Environment Protection and Ocean Governance at the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI)	Malta	6 May 2025
40 th Anniversary Conference of l'Institut du droit économique de la mer (INDEMER)	Monaco	8-9 May 2025
Briefing on the BBNJ Agreement for the Dominican Republic organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Virtual	29 May 2025
Blue Generation Workshop on ocean governance, the blue economy, organized by the Explorers Club in partnership with the Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society	New York	1 June 2025
Presentation at the One Ocean Science Congress	Nice, France	3-5 June 2025
The Blue Economy and Finance Forum	Monte Carlo, Monaco	7 June 2025
CBD Sustainable Ocean Initiative workshop	Nice, France	7-8 June 2025
Presentation on Ocean Affairs at the side event entitled "Championing fair and inclusive blue economy"	Nice, France	9 June 2025
Remarks at luncheon event on Women Leading Ocean Action	Nice, France	9 June 2025
Remarks at side event on the BBNJ Agreement organized by the High Seas Alliance	Nice, France	9 June 2025

Informal session organized by the OSPAR Commission and NEAFC on ABMTs under the BBNJ		
Agreement	ce, France	9 June 2025
Presentation at the annual meeting of NGO Sustainability Inc.	lew York	10 June 2025
Presentation on the BBNJ Agreement at side event organized by the OSPAR Commission on the margins of UNOC3	ce, France	10 June 2025
Presentation on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea in the side event entitled "From science to policy: Creating pathways for ocean action" organized by IOC/UNESCO	ce, France	10 June 2025
Remarks at side event organized by Belgium and IOC/UNESCO on the clearing-house mechanism under the BBNJ Agreement	ce, France	11 June 2025
Twenty-fourth Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (GM-RSCAPs) Nice	ce, France	11 June 2025
Presentation on the BBNJ Agreement at side event organized by the CBD Secretariat Nice	ce, France	11 June 2025
Presentation at the side event entitled "Ocean Storytelling in Action (Film screening and Panel discussion)" organized by Rhodes Films, Plastic Odyssey, Institut Océanographique Paul Ricard	ce, France	11 June 2025
Presentation on the BBNJ Agreement at side event organized by the CMS Secretariat Nice	ce, France	12 June 2025
Remarks at side event organized by AOSIS on Securing our Future: Small Island Developing States and Sea Level Rise	ce, France	12 June 2025
Participation in a side event on the BBNJ Agreement organized by Schmidt Ocean Institute Nice	ce, France	13 June 2025

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