

**Preparatory Commission for the entry into force of the 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 and the convening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement**

**Organizational meeting**

**New York, 24-26 June 2024**

**Registration information**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**I. Participation**

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 78/272, attendance at the meetings of the Preparatory Commission as an observer is open to:

- relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); and
- non-governmental organizations that were accredited to any of the following relevant conferences and summits:
  - the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
  - the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
  - the United Nations conferences on the sustainable development of small island developing States;
  - the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;
  - the Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks; and
  - the United Nations Conferences to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

## II. Registration

2. All eligible non-governmental organizations wishing to participate in the organizational meeting of the Preparatory Commission are invited to register through the Indico portal. Representatives may do so by creating an account at <https://indico.un.org/register/> and registering for the meeting at <https://indico.un.org/event/1011314/>. Please note that each participant is required to register individually.

3. The user guide for the Indico portal can be found at: <https://conf.unog.ch/indicohelp/guides/participants/>.

4. Representatives of non-governmental organizations must attach to their registration form in Indico a formal letter **signed by the head of their organization**. A sample letter is available at: [https://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference\\_files/BBNJ/RegistInfoPrepComOrgNGOsSampleLet.pdf](https://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/BBNJ/RegistInfoPrepComOrgNGOsSampleLet.pdf).

5. Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) must provide the name of the organization they represent, exactly as listed in the integrated Civil Society Organizations (iCSO) System database: <https://esango.un.org/>. Failure to do so may delay or result in the rejection of the requested registration.

6. Requests for registration to the organizational meeting of the Preparatory Commission must be received by **7 June 2024**. Participants will be notified once their registration request has been approved.

7. The organizational meeting of the Preparatory Commission will be held in person at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It will not be possible to follow this meeting virtually.

## III. Issuance of United Nations grounds passes and temporary passes

8. All participants must have a valid United Nations grounds pass issued by the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit to enter the United Nations Headquarters complex and attend the meeting.

9. Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC with valid annual United Nations grounds passes can use their existing passes to enter the United Nations premises and attend the meeting.

10. Temporary grounds passes will be issued by the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit for all other participants. To collect a grounds pass, participants must bring the email confirming the approval of their participation and a valid, government-issued photographic identification (e.g. passport or driver's license) to the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit, located on the ground floor of the FF Building, at 320 E. 45th Street (between First and Second Avenue).

#### **IV. List of participants**

11. The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs will publish a list of participants and make it available on the website of the Agreement. The list of participants will be based on the information provided through the registration form in Indico.