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16 – 20 June 2025

Panel
“Capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology: new developments, approaches and challenges”

Segment 1

The role of capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology in underpinning sustainable development: new developments, approaches and challenges

Monday, 16 June

3 – 6 pm EDT

Panellist	Affiliation	Presentation
Miriam Balgos	Executive Director, Global Ocean Forum	<i>Facing old and new challenges in capacity development: Enhancing cross-sectoral collaboration for inclusive and equitable ocean management and governance</i>
Andrei Polejack	Director of Research and Innovation; National Institute for Ocean Research (Brazil)	<i>Leaving no one behind only by providing equitable access to marine technology and capacity sharing</i>
Legena Henry	CEO-Founder, Rum and Sargassum Inc.	<i>Rum and Sargassum</i>
Nguyen Lan Anh	Associate Professor, Vice President of Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam, Vice President of the Asian Society of International Law and UNCLOS Arbitrator	<i>Advancing BBNJ Agenda: Capacity Building and Transfer of Marine Technology</i>
Masanori Kobayashi	Senior Research Fellow at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation	<i>Interdisciplinary approach to leadership and human resource development for sustainable blue economies</i>

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Mathias Jonas	Secretary-General IHO	<i><u>Towards the digital twin of the navigable waters</u></i> <i><u>Investing in data standards to support the sustainable use of the oceans</u></i>
Johanna Diwa-Acallar	Deputy Global Coordinator for Capacity Development, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC/UNESCO)	<i><u>Delivering equitable and accessible capacity development through coherence, coordination and cooperation in Capacity Development Building and Transfer of Marine Technology (CBTMT)</u></i>
Adel Heenan and Michele Kuruc	Head of Applied Research and Capacity Development / Senior Advisor, Policy and Initiatives, Global Fishing Watch	<i><u>Capacity development for sustainable fisheries: reflections on bridging technology and practice</u></i>
Tricia Lovell	Deputy Chief Fisheries Officer, Fisheries Division, Antigua and Barbuda	<i><u>Charting the course to resilient prosperity for Caribbean SIDS: through capacity building and marine technology transfer</u></i>
Alan Evans	Head of Marine Policy, National Oceanography Centre, UK	<i><u>Enabling frameworks for Capacity-Building and the Transfer of Marine Technology: Challenges and Opportunities</u></i>
Randi Rotjan	Associate Professor of Biology, Tufts University; and Chief Scientist, Blue Nature Alliance	<i><u>The role of equitable partnerships to enable wild discoveries in wild places</u></i>

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Nayeon Kim	Coordinator, Ocean Decade Capacity Development Facility- IOC	<u><i>The Ocean Decade Innovating Capacity Development: Leveraging Digital Tools to facilitate Transfer of Marine Technology</i></u>
Frida Armas Pfirter	Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea	<u><i>Bridging the Divide: International Efforts in Ocean Capacity-Building and Technology Transfer for Developing States</i></u>
Sunday Daniel Atakpa	Director Operations, Naval Headquarters, Nigeria	<u><i>Blue Economy and Capacity and Technology Transfer</i></u>
Maila Guilhon	Research Fellow with the Nippon Foundation-University of Edinburgh Ocean Voices Programme	<u><i>Lessons on co-designed collaborations, gender and measurement of success as catalysers towards an effective implementation of CBTMT under the BBNJ Agreement</i></u>
Widad Natify	Ministry of Fisheries in Morocco, also serve as an expert with the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)	<u><i>Advancing Ocean Governance Through Capacity Building and Marine Technology Transfer</i></u>
Fernanda de Oliveira Lana	Director President of PROSHARK Institute (Brazil)	<u><i>Oceans in Our Hands: Bridging Science, Marine Technology and Sustainable Development</i></u>

Segment 2

Enabling and enhancing capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology through international cooperation and coordination: challenges and opportunities

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Panellist	Affiliation	Presentation
Everett Sioa	Legal and Governing Bodies Officer	<i>Navigating Challenges and Harnessing Opportunities for Sustainable Ocean Development in the Pacific: SPREP's Capacity Building Pathways</i>
Kristen Johannes	Project Scientist, Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory, University of California Santa Barbara	<i>No-cost data services to support MPA proposals under the BBNJ Agreement</i>
Eduardo Alexandre Pereira da Silva	INESCTEC.OCEAN Research Coordinator and Professor of Electrical Engineering at ISEP, Portugal	<i>Empowering Ocean Innovation: Capacity Building and Marine Technology Transfer through International Cooperation</i>
Letitia Greyling	Management Committee member: IOI-SA Rhodes University Business School, South Africa	<i>Capacity-Building for Ocean Governance</i>
Claudette Spiteri	GEF IW:LEARN Project Manager, UNESCO-IOC	<i>Strengthening Capacities Across Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs) through regional and global collaboration</i>
Hiroko Muraki Gottlieb	Representative for the Ocean, International Council of Environmental Law	<i>Fulfilling the Ambition of the BBNJ Agreement: Capacity Building and the Transfer of Marine Technology</i>

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Kriangsak Kittichaisaree	Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea	<i>Practical Challenges in Implementing Part XIV (Development & Transfer of Marine Technology) UNCLOS</i>
Jacqueline Espenilla	Senior Fellow, University of the Philippines Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea	<i>Domestic Considerations in the Implementation of the CBTMT Provisions of the BBNJ Agreement</i>
Pablo Presa	Marine biologist, University of Vigo, Spain	<i>Synergistic Effects of Sequential Multi-Actor Engagement, Sustained Action Intensity, and Job Prospects on CBTMT Initiatives</i>
Dmitry Lajus	Visiting researcher at University of Tartu, Estonia. Marine Stewardship Council expert. IUCN regional chair on freshwater fish	<i>Wild fisheries: safeguarding sustainability in turbulent times</i>
Fabien Cousteau	Founder of Proteus Ocean Group	<i>A New Era for Ocean Capacity-Building and Innovation</i>
Thomas Ramopoulos	Counsellor-Legal Adviser at the European Union Delegation to the United Nations	<i>Enhancing Marine Safety and Security through the Transfer of Galileo and EGNOS Technology</i>