

# DRAFT BBNJ AGREEMENT: FINANCE FOR CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

Co-hosted by Guyana, Norway, Sierra Leone and the United Kingdom in collaboration with the Pew Charitable Trusts

Date: Thursday 29 October 2020

Time: 0800-1000 & 1300-1500 EDT

Registration: [bbnj.cbfinworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:bbnj.cbfinworkshop@gmail.com)

## PROGRAMME

### Objectives

Ahead of the final scheduled round of BBNJ negotiations, the challenge of ensuring that all countries are able to implement the new Agreement is coming into focus. Effective financial and direct support for Capacity Building and the Transfer of Marine Technology (CBTMT) will be key to enable the widest possible participation in the new Agreement, in particular through addressing the needs of developing countries.

This workshop sets out to examine the experiences of operationalizing similar international agreements and the expectations and requirements of those seeking both to contribute to and draw upon CBTMT under in the BBNJ Agreement. It will also seek to better understand the roles and, potentially constraints, of existing funding bodies and mechanisms.

While important, the workshop will not address the funding of BBNJ institutional arrangements, which merits a separate discussion in its own right.

The workshop is open to participants from all BBNJ delegations at official level, together with a number of IGOs and NGOs. It will take the format of 2 x 2-hour virtual sessions at 0800-1000 and 1300-1500 EDT/New York time. Moderated discussions will be held with expert speakers introducing specific themes.

**Please register your participation at: [bbnj.cbfinworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:bbnj.cbfinworkshop@gmail.com).**

Please also indicate if you would like to comment or ask a question during any of the four discussion sessions and we will make the best effort to include all participants.

A link to Microsoft Teams will be sent shortly beforehand.



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## First Session (08:00 EDT) Moderated by Angelique Pouponneau

### Discussion I: Priorities for Capacity Building and the Transfer of Marine Technology

Introductory remarks	<b>Donnette Streete</b>	Senior Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Guyana
Setting the Scene	<b>Angelique Pouponneau</b>	CEO Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust (SeyCCAT)
Domestic needs for implementation (ratification and development of implementing legislation) – including before Agreement entry into force.	<b>Andrew Hudson</b>	Head, Water and Ocean Governance Program, UNDP
The capacity-building imperative in oceans and the law of the sea	<b>Francois Bailet</b>	Head, Capacity Building and Trust Funds, DOALOS

### Questions, comments, and discussion

### Discussion II: Identifying, Assessing and Monitoring Needs

Building on the Experience of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)	<b>Peter Pissierssens</b>	Capacity Development Coordinator, IOC
Identifying the Priorities and role of the Conference of the Parties, lessons learned from the CBD	<b>Gaute Voigt-Hanssen</b>	Senior Adviser, Head of Delegation to the CBD, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Norway

### Questions, comments, and discussion

<b>Concluding Remarks</b>	<b>Kjell Kristian Egge</b>	International Law Adviser, MFA, and Head of Delegation to the BBNJ negotiations Norway
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## Second Session (13:00 EDT) Moderated by Torsten Thiele

### Discussion III: Sources of Support

Introductory remarks	<b>Ambassador Michael Imran Kanu</b>	Deputy Permanent Representative for Legal Affairs, Republic of Sierra Leone Permanent Mission to the UN
Setting the Scene	<b>Torsten Thiele</b>	Founder, Global Ocean Trust
Lessons from the Global Environment Facility International Waters Program	<b>Gustavo Fonseca</b>	Director of Programs, GEF
Lessons from Bilateral Support – UK	<b>Alan Evans</b>	Head of Marine Policy, National Oceanography Centre (NOC)

### Questions, comments, and discussion

### Discussion IV: What would work for the BBNJ Agreement?

Lessons from the Minamata Convention on Mercury.	<b>Reginald Hernaus</b>	Lead Negotiator Chemicals and Wastes, International Affairs, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Netherlands
Bringing together monetary and non-monetary, voluntary and mandatory support.	<b>Dr. Ussif Rashid Sumaila</b>	Director, Fisheries Economics Research Unit, University of British Columbia
Domestic perspective on working with multilateral financial institutions	<b>Ms. Denise De Souza</b>	Head of the Multilateral Financial Institutions Division, Ministry of Finance, Guyana

**Questions, comments, and discussion**

<b>Concluding Remarks</b>	<b>Lowri Griffiths</b>	Head of Ocean Policy Unit and UK BBNJ Delegation, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
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