

**Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to
study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological
diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction**

Intersessional Workshops

Pursuant to paragraph 182 of resolution 67/78 of 11 December 2012, the Secretary-General will convene two two-day intersessional workshops in May 2013, in New York, with a view to improving understanding of the issues and clarifying key questions as an input to the work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group.

The first workshop will be held on 2 and 3 May 2013 on the topic “Marine Genetic Resources”. The second workshop will be held on 6 and 7 May 2013 on the topic “Conservation and management tools, including area-based management and environmental impact assessments”.

Invitations

It is expected that invitations to the intersessional workshops will be sent by the Secretary-General, no later than March 2013.

Working documents

Following their appointments by the President of the General Assembly, the Co-Chairs will prepare a concept paper and propose an organization of work for the workshops. This document will be based on the informal paper circulated by the Co-Chairs of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group, as discussed by Member States in November 2012. Relevant working documents will be posted on the DOALOS website in due course.

Side events

Requests for bookings of lunch time side events (1:15 to 2:45pm) may be addressed to the Secretary of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group, at doalos@un.org, between **1 to 29 March 2013**, with an indication of the title, organizing institution(s) and preferred date for the event. The subject of the message should specify the following: **“Request for side event: intersessional workshop on [marine genetic resources] [conservation and management tools”]**. The Division will confirm and inform the requesting institutions of the schedule of their events in the course of April 2013.

Owing to the limited number of slots available, the Division may not be able to accommodate all requests for side events and, therefore, reserves the right to suggest the organization of joint side events should competing requests be received for the same day. Should the number of requests exceed the number of available days, the Division may also exercise its discretion in selecting side events with the view to ensuring variety in the topics covered by the side events.

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group

The sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will take place from 19 to 23 August 2013, in New York, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/78 of 11 December 2012, paragraph 184.

Invitations

It is expected that invitations to the meeting will be sent by June 2013.

Working documents

The draft agenda, draft format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work, as well as information for participants will be posted on this website in due course.

Side events

Requests for bookings of lunch time side events (1:15 to 2:45pm) may be addressed to the Secretary of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group, at doalos@un.org, between **15 May and 1 July 2013**, with an indication of the title, organizing institution(s) and preferred date for the event. . The subject of the message should specify the following: **“Request for side event: Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group on biodiversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction”**. The Division will confirm and inform the requesting institutions of the schedule of their events in the course of July 2013.

Owing to the limited number of slots available, the Division may not be able to accommodate all requests for side events and, therefore, reserves the right to suggest the organization of joint side events should competing requests be received for the same day. Should the number of requests exceed the number of available days, the Division may also exercise its discretion in selecting side events with the view to ensuring variety in the topics covered by the side events.