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Agenda item 6: Informal informals on Capacity Building and Transfer of Marine Technology

Article 44 paragraphs 4 and 5

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There was discussion on paragraph 4 of Article 44, particularly capacity building and transfer of marine technology which should be country driven or based on the country needs. PSIDS and EU supported capacity building based on the needs of the country. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) would like to share our experiences to identify country needs for capacity building. Under the project “Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation of Deep Sea Living Resources in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Project (ABNJ Deep Seas Project)” supported by the Global Environment Facility and implemented by UNEP and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, a methodology to assess capacity and needs for its building was developed focussing on area-based management tools and applied to the Western Indian Ocean as a pilot. The result was included in the report “Capacity assessment for area based planning in areas beyond national jurisdiction for the Nairobi Convention” https://www.unep-wcmc.org/system/dataset_file_fields/files/000/000/542/original/Capacity_Assessment_-_Nairobi_Convention_-_final.pdf?1536767821

It was suggested by some member States that Paragraph 5 of Article 44, “detailed modalities, procedures and guidelines for capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology [may] [shall] be developed and adopted by the Conference of the Parties.” building on the existing procedures and guidelines of other mechanisms or organisation. UNEP would like to provide an example of a relevant programme. In collaboration with the UNEP DTU, UNEP has already launched technology needs assessment for the implementation of the Paris Agreement under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. The programme details can be found at: <https://tech-action.unepdtu.org/>