

Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument 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

Programme of intersessional work

Dates	Work stream	Topics	Facilitator	Modalities
14 September 2020	Introduction		H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Online Meeting
16 – 23 September 2020 28 September – 2 October 2020	EIA	(1) Triggering the conduct of an EIA (2) Internationalisation of the EIA process (3) Objectives (4) Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs)	Mr. René Lefeber	Online discussion forum
12 – 16 October 2020 21 – 27 October 2020	MGR	(1) Modalities for access and benefit-sharing (2) The role of traditional knowledge	H.E. Ms. Janine Elizabeth Coye-Felson	Online discussion forum
26 October – 6 November 2020	Bilateral consultations		H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Online meetings
11-17 November 2020 24 November – 3 December 2020	ABMT	(1) Relationship with relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies (2) International cooperation and coordination in relation to measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas	Ms. Alice Revell	Online discussion forum

		(3) Process relating to the establishment/designation of measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas, under articles 15 and 19		
January 2021 (specific dates to be notified subsequently)	CB/TOMT	TBC	H.E. Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong	TBC
TBC (specific dates to be notified subsequently)	Cross-cutting issues	Understanding linkages across work streams	H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Discussion paper, webinar