

---

# Advance and unedited version (English only)

---

## 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

Third session

New York, 19–30 August 2019

### Programme of work\*

#### Monday, 19 August 2019

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Opening of the session (item 1)
	Adoption of the agenda (item 2)
	Programme of work (item 3)
	General exchange of views (item 5)
3–6 p.m.	Consideration of the subject matter referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">72/249</a> (item 6)
	Informal working group on cross-cutting issues (arts. 2–6)
	Objectives
	Application
	Relationship between the agreement and the Convention and other instruments and frameworks and bodies
	Principles and approaches
	International cooperation

---

\* Unless otherwise stated, issues for discussion in the second week will be determined in the light of discussions in the first week.

**Tuesday, 20 August 2019**

- 10 a.m.–noon                      Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal informals on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology (arts. 44 (1) and 45)
- Modalities for capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology, including additional modalities for the transfer of marine technology
- 2–4 p.m.                              Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas (arts. 15 and 19)
- Cooperation and coordination
- Decision-making
- 3–6 p.m.                              Informal working group on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology (arts. 42–44)
- Objectives
- Cooperation in capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology
- Modalities for capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology

**Wednesday, 21 August 2019**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.                      Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal working group on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas (arts. 16–18)
- Identification of areas
- Proposals
- Consultation and assessment
- 2–4 p.m.                              Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal informals on environmental impact assessments (arts. 23 and 38)
- Relationship between the agreement and other instruments and frameworks and bodies
- Decision-making
- 4–6 p.m.                              Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (art. 10)
- Access

**Thursday, 22 August 2019**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.                      Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal working group on environmental impact assessments (arts. 30–34)
- Screening
- Scoping
- Impact assessment and evaluation
- Mitigation, prevention and management of potential adverse effects
- Public notification and consultation
- 2–4 p.m.                                Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (art. 11)
- Benefit sharing
- 4–6 p.m.                                Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas (art. 21)
- Monitoring and review

**Friday, 23 August 2019**

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.                      Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal working group on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (arts. 7–9)
- Objectives
- Application
- Activities with respect to marine genetic resources
- 2–4 p.m.                                Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (art. 13)
- Monitoring
- 4–6 p.m.                                Informal informals on environmental impact assessments (art. 24)
- Thresholds and criteria

**Monday, 26 August 2019**

- 10 a.m.–noon                      Item 6 (*continued*)  
Informal informals on environmental impact assessments  
(arts. 39-41)  
Monitoring  
Reporting  
Review
- 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.                    Item 6 (*continued*)  
Informal working group on capacity-building and the  
transfer of marine technology (arts. 46-47)  
Types  
Monitoring and review
- 2–4 p.m.                            Item 6 (*continued*)  
Informal informals on measures such as area-based  
management tools, including marine protected areas (arts. 21  
and 14)  
Monitoring and review  
Objectives
- 3–6 p.m.                            Item 6 (*continued*)  
Informal working group on capacity-building and the  
transfer of marine technology (art. 51, paragraphs 3 and 4)  
Clearing-house mechanism

**Tuesday, 27 August 2019**

- 10 a.m.–noon                      Item 6 (*continued*)  
Informal informals on environmental impact assessments  
(arts. 25-27)  
Cumulative impacts  
Transboundary impacts  
Ecologically or biologically significant or vulnerable areas
- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.                    Item 6 (*continued*)  
Informal working group on measures such as area-based  
management tools, including marine protected areas (arts.  
17, 18 and 20)  
Proposals  
Consultation and assessment  
Implementation

2–4 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)  
 Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (art. 12)  
 Intellectual property rights

4–6 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)  
 Informal informals on cross-cutting issues (art. 52)  
 Financial resources

### **Wednesday, 28 August 2019**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)  
 Informal working group on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (art. 1)  
 Use of terms

2–4 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)  
 Informal informals on environmental impact assessments (arts. 22, 28 and 29)  
 Obligation to conduct  
 Strategic environmental assessments  
 List of activities that do or not require an environmental impact assessment

3–6 p.m. Informal working group on cross-cutting issues (arts. 4-6, and 53)  
 Relationship between the agreement and the Convention and other instruments and frameworks and bodies  
 Principles and approaches  
 International cooperation  
 Implementation and compliance

### **Thursday, 29 August 2019**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)  
 Informal working group on environmental impact assessments (arts. 35-37)  
 Environmental impact assessment reports  
 Publication of reports  
 Consideration and review

3–6 p.m.

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal working group on cross-cutting issues (arts. 48-51)

Clearing-house mechanism

Conference of the Parties

Scientific and Technical Body

Secretariat

**Friday, 30 August 2019**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 6 (*continued*)

Credentials of representatives (item 4)

3–6 p.m.

Other matters (item 7)

Closure of the session (item 8)

---