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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 72/249 (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)