

# Notification of Regional Workshop for Latin America on the BBNJ Agreement

 **Santiago, Chile**

 **14-18 October 2024**

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*The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations (the Division) is offering a Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Agreement 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 (BBNJ Agreement).*

*The Workshop will be hosted at the headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile, from 14 to 18 October 2024, with the support of the Government of Chile.*

## **Purpose and Objective of the Workshop**

The Workshop is being offered by the Division as part of its programme of activities pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/321 to promote a better understanding of the BBNJ Agreement and to prepare for its entry into force.

The objective of the Workshop is to increase knowledge and understanding of the BBNJ Agreement, including the rights and obligations set out therein, among States and other stakeholders, with a view to supporting the efforts of States towards becoming parties to the BBNJ Agreement and preparing for its implementation. It will include a number of modules, including on:

- the background to the BBNJ Agreement;
- an overview of the Agreement and its importance and the implications of becoming parties;
- the substantive and cross-cutting elements of the Agreement, including the related rights and obligations set out therein;
- relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies; and
- procedural steps towards becoming party to the Agreement.

A particular focus in discussions and breakout groups will be placed on the technical needs and requirements in preparation for implementation, including needs identification and gap analysis for legal and policy frameworks.

The Workshop will be delivered by the Division, with the support of regional and subject matter specialists, alongside contributors from across the United Nations system and other global, regional and subregional organizations. The Workshop will include presentations, breakout group discussions and plenary discussions.

## **Participation, Funding and Nominations**

Participation in the Workshop is open to States in Latin America, relevant intergovernmental organizations and other relevant entities.

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Eligible participants include those who are playing or expected to play a leading role in the national process towards becoming a party to the BBNJ Agreement, which may include governmental officials and/or parliamentarians.

Nominations are invited for up to two nominees per State of Latin America, preferably from different agencies of government and/or the legislature. Additional nominees may be accepted, if self-funded, depending on the venue capacity.

The Division will cover the costs of travel and daily subsistence allowance for up to two nominees from each developing State of the Latin America region. A limited number of participants from other developing States of adjacent regions may be accepted and benefit from financial support, depending on available resources and venue capacity.

Intergovernmental organizations and other entities may nominate one participant at their own cost.

In line with international commitments to ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life, nominations should pay due consideration to the importance of gender balance.

The Workshop will be delivered in Spanish with the possibility of simultaneous translation to/from English. Hybrid participation in certain elements of the Workshop may be possible for additional participants, to be notified in due course.

**Nominations from States of the Latin America region and other States of adjacent regions:** Nominees for the in-person workshop must register online at <https://indico.un.org/event/1012725/> by **23 August 2024**. Please note that each nominee is required to register individually. In addition, they must be nominated by their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, in order for their registration to be considered. Selected participants will be notified in due course.

**Nominations from intergovernmental organizations and other relevant entities:** Nominees must register online at <https://indico.un.org/event/1012725/> by **23 August 2024**, and must upload a formal letter of nomination issued by the intergovernmental organization or other relevant entity, during the registration process. Selected participants will be notified in due course.

Any questions with respect to the workshop may be sent to **Fernando Cabrera Diaz** ([fernando.cabrera@un.org](mailto:fernando.cabrera@un.org)) and **Snježana Žarić** ([zaric@un.org](mailto:zaric@un.org)), with a copy to the Division ([doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org)).