

High Seas Alliance PrepCom 1 Interventions



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Intervention on Agenda Items 1 and 2 on Location and frequency of meetings

On the location and frequency of COP meetings:

1 Location of COP meetings (same place or rotate?)

We support flexibility in the location of COP meetings.

2 On the frequency of COP meetings

On the need to be fast and flexible, we support the many States which said that initially annual frequency for meetings of the CoP would be important to address the many initial establishment tasks and to achieve the 30x30 timeline and we support flexibility.

Intervention on Agenda Item 3 on adding virtual or hybrid participation capability/ in exceptional circumstances?

Thank you, co-chairs,

We will be very brief

3 Virtual or hybrid participation

Given the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, we suggest that provision should be made for hybrid meetings under special circumstances bearing in mind equity and time zone issues and retaining flexibility such as in the case of emergency meetings.