

**Preparatory Commission for the Entry into Force of 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 and the Convening of the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement**

**Second Session, 18-29 August 2025**

LUNCH TIME SIDE EVENTS - 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Date	Conference Room 1	Conference Room 2
Monday 18 August 2025	Interactions between ISA and the BBNJ Agreement and its institutional arrangements <i>International Seabed Authority, Sierra Leone, Argentina</i>	Delivering the promise of article 52 <i>Alliance of Small Island States, Sierra Leone, Brazil</i>
Tuesday 19 August 2025	Atlantic 30x30: Building the case for high seas protection <i>Greenpeace International, High Seas Alliance</i>	Unlocking the Clearing-House Mechanism of the BBNJ Agreement <i>Austria, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Natural Resources Defense Council, High Seas Alliance, OceanCare</i>
Wednesday 20 August 2025	Leveraging collaboration and cooperation in marine science for effective implementation of the BBNJ Agreement <i>The Philippines, Canada</i>  [Note: event will take place in Conference Room 6]	North-East Atlantic experiences: BBNJ opportunities and challenges  <i>OSPAR Commission, North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission, Belgium, BirdLife International</i>

Thursday 21 August 2025	<p>Ratifying and implementing the BBNJ Agreement: Efforts and challenges</p> <p><i>International Coastal and Ocean Organization, International Maritime Organization (World Maritime University)</i></p>	<p>Unlocking capacity for biodiversity conservation in ABNJ</p> <p><i>International Union for Conservation of Nature</i></p>
Friday 22 August 2025	<p>Taking a wider view: From sites to networks for BBNJ</p> <p><i>Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology); German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety; International Union for Conservation of Nature</i></p>	
Monday, 25 August 2025	<p>Fisheries and the BBNJ Agreement</p> <p><i>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</i></p>	<p>The CBTMT Key: Maintaining and delivering the BBNJ package</p> <p><i>Alliance of Small Island States, International Union for Conservation of Nature</i></p>
Tuesday 26 August 2025	<p>Cooperation with RFMOs: getting “BBNJ-ready”</p> <p><i>Maldives, the Pew Environment Group, University of Wollongong (Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security), High Seas Alliance, Oceans North, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, Greenpeace International</i></p>	<p>The ICJ Advisory Opinion on climate change and the BBNJ Agreement</p> <p><i>Kenya, Singapore, International Union for Conservation of Nature</i></p>
Wednesday 27 August 2025	<p>Advancing BBNJ implementation: Seamount protection in ABNJ</p> <p><i>Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, Oceans North</i></p>	<p>BBNJ in practice: enforcing and managing MPAs in ABNJ</p> <p><i>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence, High Seas Alliance</i></p>

<p>Thursday, 28 August 2025</p>	<p>The case for protecting the Sargasso Sea</p> <p><i>The Bahamas, Bermuda, Monaco, United Kingdom</i></p>	<p>Connecting IPLC knowledge to the BBNJ Agreement through stories, meanings and practices</p> <p><i>Fiji, Ocean Voices Programme (University of Edinburgh), GRID-Arendal, High Seas Alliance, Oceans North, Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative</i></p>
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