

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 Week 1	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	Building capacities for the BBNJ: A panel discussion on establishing national frameworks and leveraging international cooperation, including in marine science, for the 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>Global Ocean Forum (International Coastal and Ocean Organization), World Maritime University - Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute (International Maritime Organization), Ireland, Grenada, Barbados, Alliance of Small Island States, United Nations Environment Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense, GRID-Arendal</i></p>	<p>Unlocking capacity for biodiversity conservation in ABNJ</p> <p><i>International Union for Conservation of Nature, Global Environment Facility</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>	
Date Week 2	Conference Room 1	Conference Room 2
Monday, 25 August 2025	<p>Fisheries and the BBNJ Agreement</p> <p><i>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, New Zealand, North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission</i></p>	<p>Capacity Building and Marine Technology Transfer: The Engine of BBNJ Implementation</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>

<p>Wednesday 27 August 2025</p>	<p>Advancing BBNJ implementation: Seamount protection in ABNJ <i>Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, Oceans North</i></p>	<p>BBNJ in practice: enforcing and managing MPAs in ABNJ <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>Navigating the BBNJ Agreement: the Sargasso Sea experience <i>Sargasso Sea Commission, The Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Monaco, United Kingdom</i></p>	<p>Connecting IPLC knowledge to the BBNJ Agreement through stories, meanings and practices <i>Fiji, Ocean Voices Programme (University of Edinburgh), GRID-Arendal, High Seas Alliance, Oceans North, Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative</i></p>