The 11th Meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

Capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science.

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Capacity building for Ocean Affairs

- "Passing a sustainable ocean on to the next generation"
- In collaboration with universities, national governments, NGOs, and the United Nations System
- To promote connections and inter-linkages, across disciplines and organizations

Current Challenges

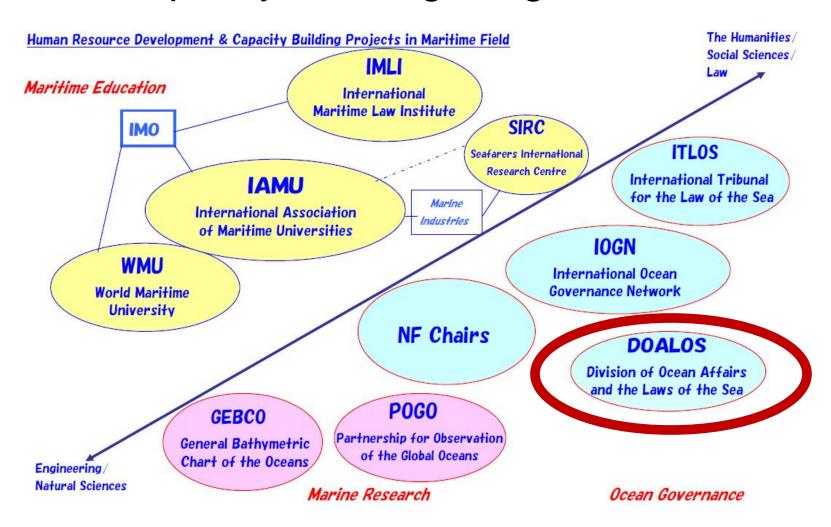
- Individual countries' or organizations' initiatives alone are unlikely to completely address all ocean problems.
- Specialized technology is having a serious impact on our complex, interconnected, global environment.
- Narrow discussion within specialized fields is no longer sufficient to solve global ocean problems.

Traditional to a New Approach

Nurture the inter-linkages and the capacity to understand problems from different perspectives

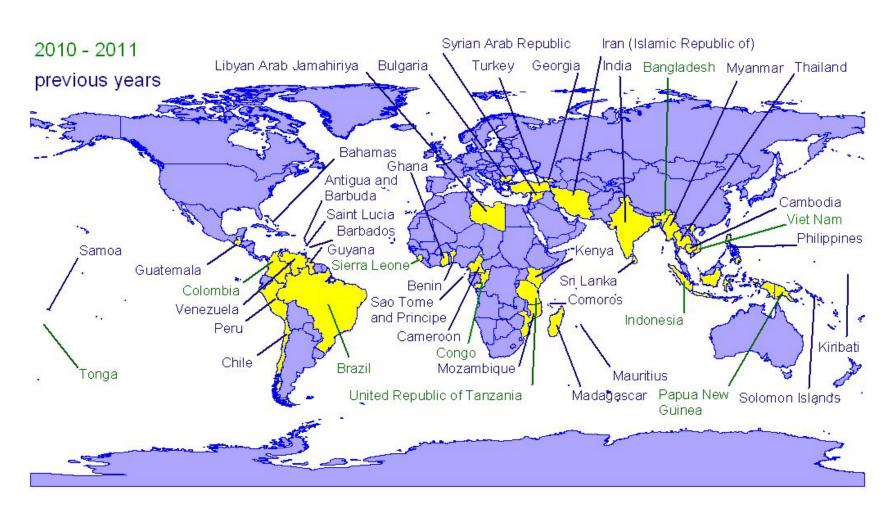
- Create forums to express a variety of opinions
- Build human inter-linkages over time and space

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