

United Nations – The Nippon Foundation Sustainable Ocean Programme

The Sustainable Ocean Programme, which is anticipated to start in 2018, aims at building capacities to reinforce ocean governance for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals, through the following three new activities:

1. The delivery of critical capacity assistance (Critical Needs Programme) to Government officials from developing States with limited background in ocean affairs and the law of the sea and filling key positions in their Administration to address identified critical needs in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 and other related SDGs;
2. The delivery of thematic capacity assistance (Thematic Needs Programme) to mid-level ocean professionals with a solid background in ocean affairs and the law of the sea and demonstrated need for in-depth training in specific thematic areas related to the implementation of SDG 14 and other related SDGs; and
3. The delivery of training activities in the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction for individuals from developing States involved in the intergovernmental conference, under the auspices of the United Nations, to consider the recommendations of the preparatory committee on the elements and to elaborate the text of an international legally binding instrument 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, with a view to developing the instrument as soon as possible.

In addition, [the United Nations – Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme](#) will be expanded with two additional awards per year, bringing the number of annual awards under that Fellowship to twelve.