

## United Nations – The Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme

### Foundation Curriculum

#### Module 1: The Maritime Domain

- a. Oceanic context: humans and the sea
- b. Ocean spaces, activities and resources
- c. What do you do?

##### Activities

- i. Individual: Development of ocean governance national matrix*
- ii. Group discussion*

#### Module 2: International Law and UNCLOS

- a. Introduction to the United Nations and international law
- b. History of the law of the sea, including UNCLOS and related instruments

##### Activities

- i. Individual: Assignment on the development of UNCLOS and its relationship to treaty law*
- ii. Group discussion*

#### Module 3: Maritime Zones, Jurisdiction and Maritime Boundary Delimitation

- a. Introduction to UNCLOS and maritime zones
- b. In-depth seminar on maritime zones and jurisdiction
- c. Introduction to maritime boundary delimitation

##### Activities

- i. Individual: Scenario-based assignments exploring maritime zones and the exercise of jurisdiction*
- ii. Group seminar discussion*
- iii. Group baselines exercise*
- iv. Group maritime boundary delimitation exercise*

#### Module 4: The Continental Shelf

- a. The continental shelf regime under UNCLOS
- b. The CLCS and delineation of the continental shelf
- c. GIS aspects

##### Activities

- i. Group delineation exercise*

## Module 5: Conservation and Sustainable Uses of Marine Resources and Other Sustainable Uses of the Ocean

- a. Non-living resources
- b. Fisheries and IUU fishing
- c. International shipping
- d. The human dimension
- e. Submarine cables
- f. Marine scientific research

### Activities

- i. Individual: Scenario-based assignments concerning access to and management regimes for marine resources, for example, fisheries and enforcement measures to counter IUU fishing, and the human dimension*
- ii. Group seminar discussion*

## Module 6: The Marine Environment

- a. The protection and preservation of the marine environment, including marine pollution and marine biodiversity
- b. Climate change and oceans

### Activities

- i. Individual: Scenario-based assignments concerning protection of the marine environment*
- ii. Group seminar discussion*

## Module 7: Maritime Security

- a. Introduction to maritime security
- b. Seminar on current issues in maritime security

### Activities

- i. Individual: Scenario-based assignments concerning maritime security*
- ii. Group seminar discussion*

## Module 8: Dispute Settlement Mechanisms

- a. Dispute settlement under UNCLOS
- b. The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the International Court of Justice and Arbitral Tribunals: institutions and jurisprudence

## Module 9: United Nations Intergovernmental Processes

- a. Intergovernmental conference on an internationally legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
- b. The UN Open-ended informal consultative process on oceans and law of the sea
- c. The Meeting of States Parties to UNCLOS
- d. Informal Consultation of States Parties to the UN Fish Stocks Agreement
- e. General Assembly item on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
- f. The Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

### Activities (dependent on meeting dates)

- i. *Observation at the BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference and at side events and group discussions*
- ii. *Individual: Preparation of a report on the BBNJ IGC*
- iii. *Observation at the ICP and group discussions*
- iv. *Observation at the MSP and group discussions*
- v. *Observation at the Informal Consultation of States Parties to the UN Fish Stocks Agreement*
- vi. *Observation at World Oceans Day Events*

## Module 10: Oceans and Sustainable Development

- a. History of sustainable development in relation to oceans and the law of the sea
- b. The role of oceans and ocean governance in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

### Activities

- i. *Individual: Assignment on the relationship between SDG 14 and other SDGs*
- ii. *Group seminar discussion*

## Module 11: Ocean Governance and Implementation Tools

- a. Introduction to ocean governance
- b. Role of civil society in governance
- c. The science-policy interface
- d. Ocean policies
- e. Implementation approaches and tools (ecosystem-based approaches; ABMTs/MPAs; MSP)
- f. Sustainable ocean-based economies (blue economies)
- g. SDGs and Ocean Governance
- h. Ocean finance

### Activities

- i. Individual: Further development of the ocean governance national matrix*
- ii. Group discussions/simulation*

### Module 12: Professional skills

- a. Research skills
- b. Presentation and communication skills: introduction
- c. Negotiation skills: introduction
- d. Project management (TBC)
- e. Grant proposals (TBC)

### Activities

- i. Presentation skills: practice and feedback*
- ii. Negotiation exercise*

In addition to the above, a number of in-depth seminars and discussions will be developed on highly customized topics based on the needs identified by the Fellows and their nominating States.

### Teaching methodology

The training materials will be delivered through lectures and presentations, seminars and group exercises and discussions over the course of 12-16 weeks. The training will be delivered by DOALOS experts, together with external experts and practitioners. In addition, individual feedback will be provided on various assignments and exercises. Field trips to interact with the various maritime sectors will be arranged on an *ad hoc* basis.