

United Nations – The Nippon Foundation Sustainable Ocean Programme

Thematic Fellowship

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through UNCLOS and ocean governance frameworks

Curriculum

1. *Oceans and sustainable development*

- a. What is sustainable development
- b. Global facts and figures on the environmental, social and economic aspects of oceans
- c. History of sustainable development in an ocean context
 - i. UNCLOS and other legal instruments
 - ii. From the Rio Declaration and Agenda 21 to Rio +20
- d. Blue economies – concept and case studies at national level
- e. *Activities:*
 - i. *Individual: develop a paper on national facts and figures on the environmental, social and economic aspects of ocean activities/sectors and potential for further development of a sustainable blue economy*
 - ii. *Group discussions: papers will be presented by Fellows to the group for discussion*

2. *The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

- a. History and background
- b. Sustainable Development Goals – overview
(Analysis of how the effective implementation of most SDGs is linked to oceans)
- c. SDG 14 – overview and link to UNCLOS and other SDGs
- d. Ocean activities/sectors' link to SDGs implementation
- e. *Activities:*
 - i. *Individual: develop a paper on how can identified national ocean activities/sectors support the implementation of SDG14 and other ocean-related SDGs*
 - ii. *Group discussions: papers will be presented by Fellows to the group for discussion*

3. *Ocean governance frameworks*

- a. What is ocean governance – an overview
- b. Elements of ocean governance (overview and theory)
 - i. Legal/regulatory frameworks
 - ii. Political/social frameworks

- iii. Institutional/operational frameworks
 - iv. Scales (global, regional, national, local)
 - v. Implementation approaches (sectoral, integrated)
 - vi. Role of science
- c. Analysis of existing global and regional ocean governance frameworks
 - i. Legal/policy: UNCLOS
 - Related instruments
 - ii. Institutional (UN system)
 - iii. Implementation approaches (sectoral, integrated)
 - iv. Role of science
- d. Case studies on ocean governance at the national level
- e. *Activities:*
 - i. *Individual: development of an ocean governance national matrix*
 - ii. *Group discussions: matrixes will be presented by Fellows to the group for discussion*

4. *SDG implementation through UNCLOS and ocean governance frameworks*

- a. Analysis of how relevant SDGs/targets (excluding SDG14) can be matched with ocean activities/sectors and the relevant provisions of UNCLOS and elements of ocean governance
- b. Analysis of how each target in SDG14 can be matched with relevant activities/sectors and the relevant provisions of UNCLOS and elements of ocean governance
- c. *Activities:*
 - i. *Individual: based on the template provided, develop a national matrix integrating SDGs, ocean activities/sectors, and ocean governance frameworks*
 - ii. *Group discussions: matrixes will be presented to the group by Fellows*

5. *Training in professional skills (presentation, research, negotiations skills, etc.)*

6. *Interactions organized to provide Fellows with the opportunity to meet with practitioners involved in the activities/issues presented in the various modules. For example:*

- a. Meetings with United Nations Departments/Offices/Entities with mandates relevant to the training;
- b. Meetings with relevant actors from government;
- c. Meetings with representatives of civil society and the private sector.