

## 2020 United Nations – Nippon Foundation Alumni Network

### First online session on COVID-19 and its implications for ocean affairs



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### **Objectives of the session**

The first in a series of virtual trainings focused on COVID-19 and its implications for ocean affairs, and based on inputs received during two pilot sessions held on 7 and 8 May, this inaugural open session will provide Alumni of the United Nations – Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programmes with an overview of:

- The *impacts* of COVID-19 on ocean governance, sectors and the implementation of the law of the sea, as well as some measures that have been implemented to address these impacts in the short term;
- The longer-term *solutions* that the ocean can offer, including how nature-based solutions, sustainable blue economies and innovative financing can be reimagined to address the new and interconnected challenges posed by COVID-19.

The session will then focus on some of the key identified impacts and solutions, including disruptions in supply chains; impacts on the small-scale fisheries sector, with a case study from South Africa; and innovative ocean finance, including from a COVID-19 perspective.

### **Programme**

<b>Opening</b> ( <a href="#">video</a> )	10:00-10:10am
Mr. Vladimir Jares, Deputy-Director and Officer in Charge, DOALOS	
Mr. Takashi Arikawa, Senior Programme Director, Nippon Foundation	
<b>Overview of impacts and solutions</b> ( <a href="#">slides</a> ; <a href="#">video</a> )	10:10-10:20am
Ms. Valentina Germani, Senior Legal Officer (Programme Advisor), DOALOS*	
<b>Impacts on Ocean Governance, including blue economies and value chains</b>	10:20-10:35am
Mr. Francois Bailet, Senior Legal Officer, DOALOS* ( <a href="#">slides</a> ; <a href="#">video</a> )	
<b>COVID-19 impacts on the South African small-scale fisheries sector</b>	10:35-10:50am
Dr. Bernadette Snow, Institute for Coastal and Marine Research, Nelson Mandela University* ( <a href="#">slides</a> ; <a href="#">video</a> )	
<b>Innovative ocean finance, including a COVID-19 perspective</b> ( <a href="#">slides</a> ; <a href="#">video</a> )	10:50-11:05am
Ms. Angélique Pouponneau, Chief Executive Officer of SeyCCAT*	
<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	11:05-11:25am
Moderated by Ms. Valentina Germani and Ms. Jessica Howley (UN-NF Team)	
<b>Closing remarks</b>	11:25-11:30am
Mr. Dmitry Gonchar, Principal Legal Officer, DOALOS	



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