

Ocean Governance Fellowship for SIDS
Training Curriculum (provisional)

I. Substantive curriculum

Module 1: The special circumstances of SIDS in ocean affairs, including challenges, needs and opportunities across regions.

Format/activities: Moderated dialogue

Module 2: The role of the United Nations in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

Format/activities: Training sessions.

Module 3: The 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS): Maritime zones and jurisdiction.

Format/activities: Training sessions; group exercises; scenario-based discussions.

Module 4: Ocean governance and sustainable development in the context of SIDS, including SDGs and SIDS Programmes of Action and/or Strategies.

Format/activities: Training sessions; moderated dialogues/group discussions; ocean governance matrix.

Module 5: UNCLOS framework for ocean-based activities, including a SIDS perspective.

Format/activities: Training sessions; moderated dialogues/group discussions; scenario-based discussions.

Module 6: The human dimension of the law of the sea, including gender considerations, from a SIDS perspective.

Format/activities: Training sessions; scenario-based discussions.

Module 7: The protection and preservation of the marine environment, with a focus on plastic pollution and its impacts in SIDS.

Format/activities: Training sessions; moderated dialogues/group discussions; scenario-based discussions.

Module 8: Regimes interaction between UNCLOS and relevant MEAs, and other related instruments, including regional frameworks.

Format/activities: Training sessions.

Module 9: Biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction, including the special circumstances of SIDS.

Format/activities: Training sessions.

Module 10: Climate change and the ocean, including a focus on SIDS vulnerabilities.

Format/activities: Training sessions; moderated dialogues/group discussions.

Module 11: Ocean management, including ABMTs and MSP, with SIDS case studies.

Format/activities: Training sessions; moderated dialogues/group discussions; group exercises.

Module 12: Science/knowledge-policy interface, including the importance of traditional and local communities' knowledge.

Format/activities: Training sessions; moderated dialogues/group discussions.

Module 13: Dispute settlement

Format/activities: Training sessions.

II. Professional skills

Fellows will engage in professional skills development activities, such as multilateral negotiation, through theory lectures and practical exercises led by both UN staff and external professionals.

III. Intergovernmental meetings at UN

Fellows will have the opportunity to observe intergovernmental meetings and other multilateral processes at United Nations Headquarters, actively engaging in discussions and completing assignments related to these events.

IV. Fellowship outcome

- a. Research paper on the specific national/regional challenges linked to the special circumstances of SIDS, as outlined in the Fellow's applications and supported by their Nominating Authorities.
- b. Oral presentation of the findings of the research paper to the group, followed by an interactive Q&A segment.