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MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING PARTNERSHIP EVENT

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24-25 January 2019

Two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event: Information for participants

Background

A two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event (the “Event”), will be held at the United Nations Headquarters from 24 to 25 January 2019.

The Event is being held in accordance with the programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/257 of 23 December 2016 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”.

Purpose and objectives

The Event aims to increase awareness of the importance of the Regular Process and more generally the science-policy interface at all levels. It also seeks to highlight the importance of capacity-building in support of the Regular Process, including regarding the preparation of integrated assessments which are important to inform decision-making by policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders. It will allow for in-depth multi-stakeholder dialogues on current opportunities, gaps and needs in capacity, and will seek to foster cooperation and coordination amongst stakeholders to address these.

Agenda and Concept Note

The agenda and concept note for the Event are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS):
<https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/multi-stakeholders>.

Location

The Event will be held in Conference Room 3 in the Conference Building at United Nations Headquarters, located at 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017. Visitors must enter and exit through the gate on East 46th Street and 1st Avenue.

UN Grounds Passes

Participants in possession of valid grounds passes for the United Nations Headquarters complex may use their existing passes to access the Event.

Temporary grounds passes will be provided to all participants that registered by 17 January 2019. The pass will be valid for both days of the Event. Temporary passes may be picked up on either 24 or 25 January, from 09:00 a.m. to 09:30 a.m., in the lobby of 2 UN Plaza, located on East 44th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue. You must present an official photo ID (e.g. passport) to collect your temporary grounds pass. The temporary grounds passes will be valid from 09:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. each day.

Side Events

A side event will be organized by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) on 25 January 2019 in Conference Room B. The side event, entitled "IPBES – Capacity-development for strengthening the science-policy interface", will discuss the capacity-building work of IPBES and present IPBES' perspective on the science-policy interface and marine issues. There will also be time allocated for questions.

Information Fair

An information fair will be organized as part of the Event, where States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations will present their capacity-building activities and partnerships as well as other materials relevant to the Event. The information fair will take place in the corridor between the visitors' lobby and the Vienna Café. The following stakeholders will have stands at the information fair:

- People's Republic of China
- Republic of Korea
- ATLAS Project (A Trans-Atlantic Assessment and deep-water ecosystem-based Spatial management plan for Europe)
- Coastal Resources Center, Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island
- Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies
- Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
- International Coastal and Ocean Organization
- International Council for the Exploration of the Seas
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution