

## **BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR THE BBNJ:**

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### **A PANEL DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHING NATIONAL FRAMEWORKS AND LEVERAGING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING IN MARINE SCIENCE, FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BBNJ AGREEMENT**

Wednesday, 20 August 2025

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Conference Room 6 UNHQ

Please **register** at this link: [\*\*BBNJ PrepComCapacityBuilding\*\*](#)

The side-event will facilitate the exchange of information and views on crafting domestic frameworks in preparation for the **BBNJ Agreement's** entry into force. It will also focus on enhancing marine science collaboration and cooperation. The discussion will cover areas such as **marine genetic resources** (MGRs) and the **fair and equitable sharing** of benefits, area-based management tools including **marine protected areas**, environmental impact assessments, and **capacity-building** and the transfer of **marine technology**.



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Welcome



**H.E. Leila C. Lora-Santos**

Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UN

Opening



**Ms. Kartika Listriana**

Director General of Marine Spatial Planning Indonesia

Singapore's Perspectives on  
Preparing for  
Implementation of the BBNJ  
Agreement



**Ms. Amanda Chong**

Deputy Senior State Counsel  
Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore

Reviewing the Philippines'  
Regulatory Framework in  
Preparation for the Entry into  
Force of the BBNJ Agreement



**Ms. Jacqueline Joyce F. Espenilla**

Assistant Professor, University of the Philippines  
College of Law  
Research Fellow, U.P. Institute for Maritime  
Affairs and Law of the Sea  
Chairperson of the International and Maritime  
Law Department, Philippine Judicial Academy

Models and Best Practices  
for Marine Science  
Collaboration and  
Cooperation:  
The Case for Canada



**Dr. Paul Snelgrove**

University Research Professor, Department of  
Ocean Sciences and Biology Department,  
Associate Scientific Director, Ocean Frontier  
Institute  
Memorial University of Newfoundland

Supporting States in Building  
National Capacities for the  
BBNJ Agreement



**Ms. Snježana Žarić**

Programme Management Officer  
Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea  
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Strengthening capacity for  
conservation and  
sustainable use of marine  
biodiversity in ABNJ through  
IUCN Technical Assistance  
Facility of the EU Global  
Ocean Programme



**Mr. Clément Chazot**

Programme Officer  
Ocean Team  
IUCN (International Union for Conservation of  
Nature)

Closing



**Ms. Rose Labreche**

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