

CONCEPT NOTE

Building Capacities for the BBNJ: A Panel Discussion on Establishing National Frameworks and Leveraging International Cooperation, including in Marine Science, for the Effective Implementation of the BBNJ Agreement

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Project Type	Panel Discussion
Event title	Building Capacities for the BBNJ: A Panel Discussion on Establishing National Frameworks and Leveraging International Cooperation, including in Marine Science, for the Effective Implementation of the BBNJ Agreement
Rationale	<p>As of 6 August 2025, 52 states have already ratified the BBNJ Agreement. While achieving the threshold of <u>60 ratifications</u> by countries is almost within reach, global efforts to encourage states to fast track their respective domestic ratification processes as well as strengthen capacities to establish national frameworks and enhance international cooperation, including on marine science, are critical for the early operationalization and effective implementation of the BBNJ Agreement.</p> <p>This side-event aims to facilitate exchange of information and views on experiences in crafting domestic frameworks in preparation for the entry into force of the BBNJ Agreement as well as in enhancing marine science collaboration and cooperation.</p> <p>In anticipation of the entry into force of the BBNJ Agreement and the lead-up to the first Conference of State Parties (COP) to the BBNJ Agreement, states build national capacities and kick off preparations, including through the strengthening and/or establishment of domestic frameworks, as well explore and enhance cooperation, including on marine science, to ensure effective implementation of the BBNJ Agreement in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine genetic resources (MGRs), including the fair and equitable sharing of benefits;• Measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas;• Environmental impact assessments; and• Capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology