



Side event

Towards an Effective High Seas Treaty: Building on and Strengthening Regional Ocean Governance

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Conference room 4

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Strong regional and sectoral governance mechanisms can underpin an ambitious and effective international treaty, which will in turn provide further support for regional initiatives. Delegations and observers to the Intergovernmental Conference have been considering the role and contributions of existing organizations and instruments within the framework of a future treaty, but are yet to converge on a consensus regarding the modalities for effectively building on and fostering existing governance mechanisms in relation to the new treaty.

This side event will present the ongoing work of the STRONG High Seas project and provide an informal space for discussion of these issues.

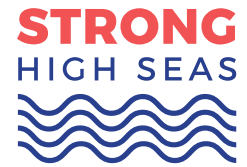
Agenda

Opening remarks by **Nicola Breier**, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

- **Kristina Gjerde**, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - Underpinning a treaty with strong regional and sectoral governance
- **Glen Wright**, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
 - Lessons Learnt from regional initiatives in ABNJ
- **Dr. Carole Durussel**, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
 - Strengthening regional ocean governance for the high seas: opportunities and challenges in the Southeast Atlantic and Southeast Pacific

Panel discussion

- **Cristóbal Hernández**, Chile
- **Mamadou Diallo**, Senegal
- **Jessica Battle**, WWF Germany
- **Vera Agostini**, FAO



The STRONG High Seas project

The STRONG High Seas project is a five-year project that aims to strengthen regional ocean governance for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ. Working with the Secretariat of the Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS; Permanent Commission for the South Pacific) and the Secretariat of the West and Central Africa Regional Seas Programme (Abidjan Convention), it brings together key science and policy actors in the Southeast Pacific and Southeast Atlantic regions to develop and propose targeted measures to support the coordinated development of integrated and ecosystem-based management approaches for ocean governance in ABNJ.

The STRONG High Seas project is coordinated by the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) and implemented together with the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), BirdLife International, the International Ocean Institute (IOI) – Southern Africa, the Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN), WWF Colombia, and WWF Germany.

For more information about the STRONG High Seas project, please visit: <https://www.prog-ocean.org/our-work/strong-high-seas/> or contact: stronghighseas@iass-potsdam.de.



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