

WORKSHOP AGENDA

‘Enhancing the Knowledge Base for Cross-Sectoral Management and Ocean Governance in ABNJ of the Southeast Atlantic’

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Day 1 – 16 February 2021	
13:45 – 14:00	Online platform open for participants to login Day 1 Facilitated by Ms. Carolina Hazin (BirdLife International)
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome on behalf of the Abidjan Convention Secretariat and the STRONG High Seas Project Mr. Abou Bamba (Abidjan Convention Secretariat) & Mr. Ben Boteler (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies)
14:15 – 14:20	<i>Mini tour de table in break-out rooms</i>
14:20 – 14:50	Session 1: BBNJ Negotiations Importance of the marine environment and the ongoing BBNJ Negotiations <i>Presentation on the importance of conserving and sustainably using marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) for the Southeast Atlantic region and the ongoing BBNJ negotiations at the United Nations, including the revised draft BBNJ negotiations text and intersessionals, its implications for the upcoming 4th round of BBNJ negotiations, and the role of regional organisations in supporting the implementation of the BBNJ Agreement</i> Ms. Klaudija Cremers (IDDRI) & Mr. Ben Boteler
14:50- 15:55	Discussion with States and Stakeholders on ongoing and upcoming activities <i>States and stakeholders will be asked to share their views and discuss the following questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What new activities have you or your organisation/ministry/department/etc. undertaken in the last year related to the conservation and sustainable use of the marine environment, including in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction? • Have you or your organisation/ministry/department/etc. participated in the BBNJ negotiations to date, including the recent intersessionals? What key take away messages or lessons have you drawn from this participation, particularly with regard to considerations for States and stakeholders of the Abidjan Convention region? • Looking forward, what important steps and/or activities do you identify as essential to conclude the BBNJ negotiations and successfully implement the instrument in the Abidjan Convention region? Facilitated by Ms. Carolina Hazin, with Mr. Ben Boteler, Ms. Klaudija Cremers, and Ms. Carole Durussel (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies)

15:55 – 16:05	10 minute comfort break
16:05 – 16:30	<p>Session 2: Update on STRONG High Seas work activities</p> <p>Study on the socio-economic importance of areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ) in Southeast Atlantic region</p> <p><i>Presentation on the STRONG High Seas assessment and importance to regional stakeholders.</i></p> <p>Ms. Claudette Spiteri (MCL Environmental Consulting) Followed by Q&A</p>
16:30 – 16:55	<p>Options for Strengthening Monitoring, Control and Surveillance of Human Activities in the Southeast Atlantic Region</p> <p><i>Presentation on the upcoming work and report for the region, including identifying engagement from regional stakeholders.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of recent initiatives are you aware of that aim to strengthen monitoring, control and surveillance of human activities, especially in areas beyond national jurisdiction, in your country or region? <p>Ms. Klaudija Cremers Followed by Q&A</p>
16:55 – 17:00	<p>Wrap up of workshop and outlook for day 2</p> <p>Mr. Ben Boteler</p>
17:00	Close of workshop

Day 2 – 17 February 2021	
13:45 – 14:00	<p>Online platform open for participants to login</p> <p>Day 2 Facilitated by Ms. Paule Myriam Bane (Abidjan Convention Secretariat)</p>
14:00 – 14:05	<p>Welcome to Day 2</p> <p>Mr. Ben Boteler</p>
14:05 – 14:30	<p>Session 3: Interactive session on conservation and sustainable use and integrated management of BBNJ</p> <p>Introduction to session</p> <p><i>The session will be used to discuss with participants the importance of ocean governance for BBNJ and gather views in regard to available options for its conservation and sustainable use. The session will be instrumental for informing future assessments and outputs of the STRONG High Seas project.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What management measures are you aware of that deal with conservation, natural resources and/or biodiversity in the ABNJ, and what successes or challenges have you encountered regarding these conservation measures? <p>Ms. Shannon Hampton (IOI-SA), Ms. Letcia Greyling (IOI-SA) and Ms. Carolina Hazin (BirdLife International) Followed by Q&A</p>
14:30 – 16:35	<p>Interactive session</p> <p><i>Break-out groups</i></p>

	Participants to take 10 minute comfort break during session
16:35 – 16:50	Plenary discussion <i>Reporting back from break-out groups</i>
16:55	Wrap up of workshop and outlook Mr. Ben Boteler
17:00	Close of workshop Mr. Abou Bamba