

WORKSHOP AGENDA

‘The Role of Regional Cooperation Efforts for the High Seas of the Southeast Atlantic’

Objectives of the workshop:

- Provide a setting for States and stakeholders to exchange about lessons learnt and best practices in regional ocean, particularly with regard to the conservation of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction and including an update on the ongoing activities surrounding the BBNJ negotiations and links to other global processes such as deep-sea mining;
- Present and discuss the scientific work of the STRONG High Seas project, particularly on: a) conservation and management measures for marine biodiversity in ABNJ for the Southeast Atlantic; and b) opportunities and challenges for collaborative management approaches; and
- Present and discuss the upcoming scientific work of the STRONG High Seas project on cross-sectoral management of ABNJ, with a particular focus on the Southeast Atlantic, and identify opportunities for collaboration with stakeholders in the region on this work.

Workshop agenda:

All times displayed in this agenda are in Abidjan time.

	Abidjan	Cape Town	Nairobi	Berlin, Paris	London	New York
Workshop Start Time	12:30	14:30	15:30	13:30	12:30	07:30
Workshop End Time	15:30	17:30	18:30	16:30	15:30	10:30

Day 1 – 16 November 2021	
12:15 – 12:30 Abidjan Time	Online platform open for participants to login Day 1 facilitated by Paule Myriam Bana (Junior Project Officer, Abidjan Convention Secretariat)
12:30 – 12:40	Opening of the Workshop and Housekeeping rules Paule Myriam Bana (Abidjan Convention Secretariat)
12:40 – 12:50	Welcome on behalf of the Abidjan Convention Secretariat & the STRONG High Seas project Abou Bamba (General Secretary, Abidjan Convention Secretariat) Ben Boteler (Co-lead Strong High Seas, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, IASS)
12:50 – 13:00	Workshop objectives <i>Short introduction to the objectives of the two days of workshop</i> Paule Myriam Bana (Abidjan Convention Secretariat)
13:00 – 13:15	Short introduction round in small groups <i>Poll followed by tour de table in small break-out groups</i> Facilitated by Paule Myriam Bana (Abidjan Convention Secretariat)
13:15 – 13:30	Session 1: Update from ongoing activities and BBNJ Negotiations Update on the STRONG High Seas project <i>This presentation will introduce the STRONG High Seas project, the project work to date and plan for the last year of project implementation.</i> Ben Boteler (IASS) Followed by Q&A
13:30 – 13:50	Update from the Abidjan Convention Secretariat <i>This presentation will provide an overview of the Abidjan Convention Secretariat work since the last Dialogue Workshop in February 2021</i> Abou Bamba (Abidjan Convention Secretariat) Followed by Q&A
13:50 – 13:55	Group Picture
13:55 – 14:05	Break (10 minutes)
14:05 – 14:30	Update on the BBNJ Negotiations & other global policy processes <i>This presentation will provide an overview of the negotiations for a legally binding international instrument under the United Nations for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ Negotiations) as well as other relevant global policy processes.</i> Jean Kenfack (Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Cameroon) Followed by Q&A

14:30 – 15:25	<p>Session 2: Update from the Southeast Atlantic region Discussion with States and stakeholders on ongoing and upcoming activities in the Southeast Atlantic region <i>Workshop participants will be asked to share their views and discuss the following questions:</i></p> <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 ABNJ? • If you or your organisation, ministry, department, etc. have been engaged with the BBNJ process to date (including the recent Intersessionals), what key take away messages or lessons have you drawn from this participation, particularly regarding considerations for States and stakeholders of the Southeast Atlantic region? • Looking forward, what important steps and/or activities do you identify as essential to conclude the BBNJ negotiations and successfully implement the BBNJ instrument in the Southeast Atlantic region? <p>Facilitated by Paule Myriam Bana (Abidjan Convention Secretariat)</p>
15:25 – 15:30	<p>Close of day 1 Paule Myriam Bana (Abidjan Convention Secretariat)</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Social event <i>Optional social event for workshop participants</i></p>

Day 2 – 17 November 2021	
12:15 – 12:30	<p>Online platform open for participants to login Day 2 facilitated by Leticia Greyling (International Ocean Institute)</p>
12:30 – 12:40	<p>Welcome and summary of day 1 Leticia Greyling (International Ocean Institute)</p>
12:40 – 13:00	<p>Session 3: STRONG High Seas project work and other ongoing research Presentation on the conservation measures report <i>This presentation will provide an overview of the work of STRONG High Seas on the conservation measures report.</i></p> <p>Shannon Hampton (Program Manager, International Ocean Institute – South Africa) Followed by Q&A</p>
13:00 – 13:30	<p>Presentation on deep-sea mining in ABNJ and links to BBNJ negotiations <i>This presentation will provide an overview of deep-sea mining in ABNJ and the ongoing discussions within the International Seabed Authority, including links to the BBNJ negotiations.</i></p> <p>Pradeep Singh (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies and University of Bremen)</p>

	Followed by Q&A
13:30 – 13:40	Break (10 minutes)
13:40 – 13:55	<p>Session 4: Interactive session on the role of regional cooperation for ABNJ</p> <p>Introduction to the session <i>This session will introduce the interactive session</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Carolina Hazin (Global Marine Policy Coordinator, BirdLife International)</p> <p>Followed by Q&A</p>
13:55 – 14:55	<p>Interactive session <i>Facilitated discussions will be used to allow workshop participants to share their views and discuss prepared questions.</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Carolina Hazin (BirdLife International)</p>
14:55 – 15:25	<p>Plenary discussion <i>Discussion in plenary</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Carolina Hazin (BirdLife International)</p>
15:25 – 15:30	<p>Closing of the workshop by the Abidjan Convention Secretariat & the STRONG High Seas project Abou Bamba (Abidjan Convention Secretariat) Ben Boteler (IASS)</p>