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WORKSHOP FOR THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA'S DEEP SEABED RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF AFRICA'S BLUE ECONOMY

[1 to 3 June 2021, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Mauritius time]

[1 to 3 June 2021, 6:00 am to 10:00 am – Kingston time]

Agenda

Virtual workshop

DAY 1	Tuesday 1 June 2021
3:00 – 3:20 pm 6:00 – 6:20 am	<p>Opening Addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.E Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority</i> • <i>H.E Mr Jagdish D. Koonjul, G.C.S.K, G.O.S.K, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations</i> • <i>H.E Mr Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining (ETIM), African Union Commission</i> • <i>Mr Jens Frølich Holte, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</i>
Session I	Governance structure and mandate
3:20 – 3:25 pm 6:20 – 6:25 am	<p>“ADSR Project” Video</p>
3:25 – 3:45 pm 6:25 – 6:45 am	<p>Legal regime governing the exploitation of resources and preservation of the marine environment <i>Mr Vladimir Jares, Director, United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)</i></p>
3:45 – 4:05 pm 6:45 – 7:05 am	<p>The International Seabed Authority: structure and decision-making <i>Mr Yongsheng Cai, Senior Legal Officer, ISA</i></p>
4:05 – 4:25 pm 7:05 – 7:25 am	<p>The outer limit of the continental shelf in Africa: present situation and prospects <i>Judge Maurice Kamga, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)</i></p>
4:25 – 4:45 pm 7:25 – 7:45 am	<p>The mechanism of ‘reserved areas’: overview and practical implications <i>Prof. Pedro Madureira, Legal and Technical Commission (LTC), ISA, Portugal</i></p>
4:45 – 5:00 pm 7:45 – 8:00 am	<p>General discussion – Coffee break</p>

Session II	Increased regional and international cooperation in support of the sustainable development of Africa's Blue Economy
5:00 – 5:20 pm 8:00 – 8:20 am	Africa Mining Vision and contribution of deep-seabed exploration and exploitation to the development of Africa's Blue Economy <i>Dr Frank Mugenyi, Interim Coordinator, African Minerals Development Center, African Union</i>
5:20 – 5:40 pm 8:20 – 8:40 am	Importance of deep seabed exploration to support the development of national Blue Economy: the case of Mauritius <i>Dr Dass Bissessur (Director Hydrocarbon / Mineral Exploration Unit) and Dr Beenesh Motah (Director - Hydrocarbon/Mineral Production Unit) of the Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration, Prime Minister's Office, Mauritius</i>
5:40 – 5:55 pm 8:40 – 8:55 am	General discussion
Session III	Prospection, exploration and exploitation on continental shelves and in the Area
5:55 – 6:15 pm 8:55 – 9:15 am	Exploration of mineral resources in national jurisdiction: case study about Norway <i>Ms Sissel Eriksen, Senior Geologist, Norwegian Petroleum Directorate, Norway</i>
6:15 – 6:35 pm 9:15 – 9:35 am	Mineral resources of the Area and current status of marine mineral technology <i>Mr Harald Brekke, Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Norway</i>
6:35 – 6:55 pm 9:55 – 9:55 am	Role and responsibilities of sponsoring States <i>Mr Thembile Joyini, Vice-Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission (LTC), ISA, South Africa</i>
6:55 – 7:10 pm 9:55 – 10:10 am	General discussion – End of Day 1
DAY 2	Wednesday, 2 June 2021
Session III	Prospection, exploration and exploitation on continental shelves and in the Area (continued)
3:00 – 3:05 pm 6:00 – 6:05 am	"ISA at 25" Video
3:05 – 3:25 pm 6:05 – 6:25 am	The legal framework for activities in the Area: transitioning from exploration to exploitation <i>Mr Nathan Eastwood, Legal Officer, ISA</i>
3:25 – 3:45 pm 6:25 – 6:45 am	Role of ISA in ensuring the equitable sharing of financial and other economic benefits from DSM <i>Mr Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, ISA</i>
3:45 – 4:05 pm 6:45 – 7:05 am	Independent operation of the Enterprise: perspectives and challenges <i>Mr Eden Charles, Special Envoy of the ISA Secretary-General for the Enterprise</i>
4:05 – 4:15 pm 7:05 – 7:15 am	General discussion – Coffee break
Session IV	Environmental Management of deep-seabed mineral resources
4:15 – 4:35 pm 7:15 – 7:35 am	Effective protection of the marine environment from activities in the Area <i>Mrs Wanfei Qiu, Programme Manager (Environnent), ISA</i>
4:35 – 4:55 pm 7:35 – 7:55 am	Environmental obligations in DSM context: perspective of a contractor. <i>Dr Thomas Kuhn, Marine Resource Exploration, BGR</i>
Session V	Management and dissemination of geological, mineral and environmental information
4:55 – 5:15 pm 7:45 – 8:15 am	Legal regime governing the conduct of marine scientific research in the Area <i>Mr Elie Jarmache, Legal and Technical Commission (LTC), ISA, France</i>

5:15 – 5:25 pm 8:15 – 8:25 am	General discussion – Coffee break		
5:25 – 5:45 pm 8:25 – 8:45 am	Geological, mineral and environmental data as a critical tool to inform decision-making processes, investments and governance of mineral activities in the Area <i>Prof. Theophile Ndougsa Mbarga, Legal and Technical Commission (LTC), ISA, Cameroon</i>		
5:45 – 6:05 pm 8:45 – 9:05 am	Available data and role of ISA in sharing environmental information <i>Mr Sheldon Carter, Database Manager, ISA</i>		
6:05 – 6:15 pm 9:05 – 9:15 am	General discussion – end of Day 2		
DAY 3	Thursday, 3 June 2021		
Session VI	Enabling conditions for capacity-building opportunities for African States		
3:00 – 3:20 pm 6:00 – 6:20 am	The contribution of ISA in building the capacity of African States <i>Dr Marie Bourrel-McKinnon & Dr Sonakshi Mishra, Programme Manager, ISA</i>		
3:20 – 3:40 pm 6:20 – 6:40 am	Perspective of an ISA trainee <i>Dr Girish Beedessee (Mauritius)</i> <i>Mrs Judith A Owusu (Ghana)</i> <i>Mr Abdulqadir Omar Ziyad (Somalia)</i>		
3:40 – 3:50 pm 6:40 – 6:50 am	General discussion		
Break-out sessions	Group Discussion 1: How can exploration and exploitation activities undertaken in the Area contribute to Africa's Blue Economy?	Group Discussion 2: What are the capacity-building needs of African States?	Group Discussion 3: How the participation of African States can be increased in activities undertaken in the Area?
	Facilitator: <i>Dr Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, ISA</i> Rapporteur: <i>Mrs Talatu Akindolire, ISA</i>	Facilitator: <i>Mr Joshua T. Tuhumwire, LTC, ISA</i> Rapporteur: <i>Dr Sonakshi Mishra, ISA</i>	Facilitator: <i>Mr John Youhanes Magok, AU</i> Rapporteur: <i>Mrs Kayon Wray, ISA</i>
3:50 – 4:20 pm 6:50 – 7:20 am	Group A	Group B	Group C
4:20 – 5:00 pm 7:20 – 8:00 am	Group C	Group A	Group B
5:00 – 5:40 pm 8:00 – 8:40 am	Group B	Group C	Group A
5:40 – 6:50 pm 8:40 – 9:50 am	Coffee Break		
5:50 – 6:05 pm 8:50 – 9:05 am	Synthesis and Recommendations		
	Closing remarks		
6:05 – 6:20 pm 9:05 – 9:20 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dr Rezah Badal, Director General, Prime Minister's Office, Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration, Mauritius</i> <i>H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority</i> <i>Group photo</i> 		