



**DOALOS IN RELATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT
AND THE OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS (OLA)**



DIVISION FOR OCEAN AFFAIRS
AND THE LAW OF THE SEA


UNITED Nations Secretariat

- One of 6 principal UN organs (article 7 of the UN Charter)
- Progressive development and codification of international law
- Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea, 1973-1982



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    OLA[OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS] --- OLC[OFFICE OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL]
    OLA --- DOALOS[DIVISION FOR OCEAN AFFAIRS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA]
    OLC --- GLD[GENERAL LEGAL DIVISION]
    OLC --- ITLD[INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW DIVISION]
    GLD --- CD[CODIFICATION DIVISION]
    ITLD --- TS[TREATY SECTION]
            
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The United Nations Legal Counsel/DOALOS: focal point for UN-Oceans;
 DOALOS discharges certain functions of Secretary-General as stated in UNCLOS
 and General Assembly resolutions; secretariat functions for UNCLOS
 and implementing Agreements

DOALOS' Mandate



- **UNCLOS: entrusts numerous responsibilities to the Secretary-General (SG)**

1982

- **GA res. 37/66 approved SG's assumption of such responsibilities**

DOALOS' Mandate



1994-97

- **GA res. 49/28 (1994) and 52/26 (1997) requested SG to continue carrying out responsibilities entrusted to him in the Convention and related GA resolutions**

DOALOS' Mandate



- **Mandate confirmed in subsequent GA resolutions, including**
- **Resolution 69/245 - Oceans and the law of the sea adopted by 153 votes to 1 with 3 abstentions on 29 December 2014**
- **Resolution 69/109 - Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments, adopted on 9 December 2014**

DOALOS Core Functions/ Activities



- **Promote universal participation in UNCLOS**
- **Assist in implementation of UNCLOS:**
 - **advice and assistance**
 - **servicing of meetings**
 - **cooperation and coordination**
 - **discharging SG's responsibilities**
 - **monitoring and information dissemination**

DOALOS' work - UNCLOS



- Wide range of services to States;
- Advice and assistance with a view to promoting better understanding of UNCLOS and the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement;
- Contributes to the effective functioning of system of institutions and bodies established under the Convention;
- Depositary functions – maritime limits
- Servicing the Meetings of States Parties to UNCLOS; substantive and technical services to the CLCS;

DOALOS' work – General Assembly



- Substantive servicing to the General Assembly in its annual review and evaluation of the implementation of UNCLOS and other developments relating to ocean affairs and the law of the sea;
- Reports of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea and on sustainable fisheries;

DOALOS' work – General Assembly



- Services the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly >>>>>>>>

DOALOS' work – General Assembly



- United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (the "Informal Consultative Process")
- **Sixteenth meeting: "Oceans and sustainable development: integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, namely, environmental, social and economic"**
6 to 10 April 2015

DOALOS' work – General Assembly



- Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction
- Outcome of the meeting held at United Nations Headquarters from 20 to 23 January 2015:
- Recommended to GA to decide to develop an international legally-binding instrument under the Convention on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

DOALOS' work – General Assembly



- Regular Process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socioeconomic aspects and its Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, Group of Experts, the Bureau and the Pool of Experts;
- Preparation of the first global integrated marine assessment.

DOALOS' work – General Assembly and other bodies



- Servicing the Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement, preparing and servicing the resumed Review Conference.
- Servicing an increasing number of other intergovernmental meetings, including the informal consultations on draft General Assembly resolutions on oceans and the law of the sea and on sustainable fisheries;
- Organizing the World Oceans Day activities;

DOALOS' work –UN Oceans



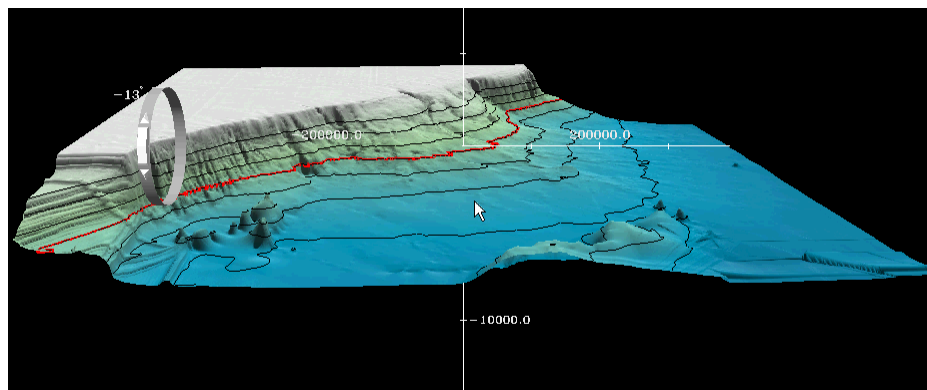
- *United Nations Legal Counsel /DOALOS - Focal point UN-Oceans - inter-agency cooperation and coordination*
- development of an inventory of mandates and activities of the members of UN-Oceans to facilitate the identification of possible areas for collaboration and synergy

DOALOS' work – capacity building



- Building-up the capacities of States, in particular developing States, including the development of human resources, institutional infrastructures, as well as legal and technical capacities

Geographic Information System services





DOALOS' Staff and Facilities

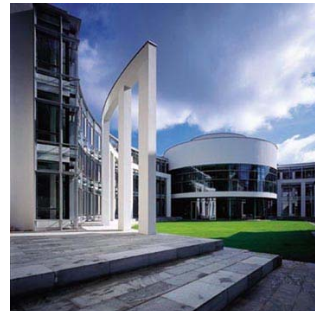
- Division composed of 32 professional and support staff, including lawyers, Geographic Information System (GIS) Officers
 - from more than 20 different countries; representing all continents
 - multidisciplinary, multi-cultural and multi-racial team
- Facilities include 3 state-of-the-art GIS labs and large conference room with audio-visualization equipment; office space; plotters and printers.



LIAISON FUNCTIONS WITH ITLOS and ISA

ITLOS:

- Based in Hamburg, opened in 1996;
- Forum for the settlement of disputes under UNCLOS;
- United Nations / ITLOS based on the Agreement on Cooperation and Relationship - concluded on 18 December 1997




ISA:

- UN / ISA relationship agreement - concluded on 14 July 1997.
- Provides for cooperation and coordination on matters of mutual interest.



DOALOS Technical Cooperation, Trust Funds and Capacity-Building



Fellowship Programmes

- UN-Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme
- UN-Nippon Foundation Special Strategic Award
- Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship Programme


Technical Assistance and Training Programmes

- Somalia Capacity Building Project
- Course on Marine Scientific Research
- Course on Delineation of the Continental Shelf

Trust Funds

- ICP TF
- CLCS TF
- ITLOS TF
- CLCS Submissions TF
- Regular Process TF
- Fish Stocks TF

DOALOS Technical Cooperation, Trust Funds and Capacity-Building



Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship Programme

Fully-funded customized research fellowship programme in ocean affairs and law of the sea, funded by Member States' voluntary contributions.

Structure:

- A 3-month (phase 1) hosted by DOALOS for research and first-hand exposure followed by
- A 6-month (phase 2) hosted by participating academic host institutions for research and study



UN-Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme

Fully-funded 9-month customized advanced research and practicum fellowship in ocean affairs and the law of the sea and related disciplines

110 fellowships to individuals from 67 States since 2004

Structure:

- A 3-month (phase 1) hosted by DOALOS for **research and first-hand exposure** to the UN System and ocean multilateral processes followed by a
- A 6-month (phase 2) hosted by one of the over 50 prestigious participating academic host institutions for a **research**

UN-Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme Alumni Network



Evolving capacity and networking needs of the Alumni as they progress through their careers and in recognition of the **continuing and rapid developments** in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

- Annual Meetings
(5 regional, 1 global)
- Website, News Letters



- Fosters **greater understanding** between individuals and facilitates lasting global interpersonal relationships both at the personal and professional level
- Reinforces a **broader and more consistent application** of ocean governance frameworks.

UN-Nippon Foundation Special Strategic Award



Assist States, particularly least developing States and Small Island Developing States, to **strategically develop and implement** at national level legal and governance **frameworks for ocean affairs** and the law of the sea.

Reduce critical capacity barriers so as to enable the most vulnerable of States to **better address strategically important** and time-sensitive ocean affairs and the law of the sea issues they are faced with.

Specific consideration will be given to the profile of the candidate(s) with respect to their ability and position to address the needs of the State once trained.

Structure:

- 3-6 months hosted by DOALOS, highly customized to the strategic needs of the State

DOALOS Technical Cooperation, Trust Funds and Capacity-Building



Technical Assistance and Training Programmes

- DOALOS provides **advice and assistance to States** in the implementation of UNCLOS pursuant to its mandate (resolution 52/26 and 67/78).
- Training courses include:
 - Training Manual for Delineation of the Outer Limits of the Continental Shelf Beyond 200 nm.
 - Course on Marine Scientific Research.
 - Developing and Implementing an Ecosystem Approach to the Management of Ocean-related Activities.
 - Development, Implementation and Management of Marine Protected Areas.
 - Course in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (in development)



DOALOS training courses

- The Division (DOALOS) has, in cooperation with CLCS members and external partners, organized and conducted ten training courses on the application of article 76 of the Convention on a regional, sub-regional and national level.
- Four of these courses were given in **African States** (Ghana – 2005, South Africa – 2007, Namibia – 2008, Angola – 2011), and included more than 200 participants from 24 African coastal States.



Somalia Capacity Building Project example of technical assistance

- To build the knowledge and capacity of Somali legislators and technical officials regarding the rights and duties in the maritime zones set out in UNCLOS, including in relation to the repression of piracy
- Assist Somalia in developing an overarching legal framework for the effective governance of its maritime domain
- Promote the sustainable development of its resources in conformity with the Convention.
- Funded by the Trust Fund to support States in combatting piracy off the coast of Somalia

DOALOS Technical Cooperation, Trust Funds and Capacity-Building



Voluntary trust fund for the purpose of assisting developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing States, in attending meetings of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (Fund Code: KEA)

Objective:

The Trust Fund assists developing States, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing States, to attend the meetings of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, which are held annually in New York.

DOALOS Technical Cooperation, Trust Funds and Capacity-Building



Voluntary trust fund for the purpose of defraying the cost of participation of the members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from developing States in the meetings of the Commission (Fund Code: KJA)

Objective:

The Trust Fund was set up in order to defray the cost of participation of the members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) from developing States in the CLCS meetings by providing travel and daily subsistence allowance



Voluntary trust fund to assist States in the settlement of disputes through the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Fund Code: KFA)

Objective:

The Trust Fund assists States to settle disputes through the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea by providing **financial assistance for expenses incurred in respect of cases** which are submitted to the Tribunal.



Voluntary trust fund for the purpose of facilitating the preparation of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf for developing States, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and compliance with article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Fund Code: KUA)

Objective:

To provide developing States, in particular the least developed countries and Small Island developing States, with financial assistance for the **training** of technical and administrative staff, the **acquisition of hardware, software** and **consultancy services**, and **certain activities necessary** to make a submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.



Voluntary trust fund for the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects (Fund Code: TME)

Objective:

- (a) support the **operations of the regular process**;
- (b) to provide **assistance to the experts** from developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing States, to attend the meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group of the Whole; and
- (c) for the **special scholarship** fund to support training programmes for developing countries.



UN-FAO Assistance Fund under Part VII of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement

Objective:

To assist developing States Parties in the implementation of the Agreement, in particular, through, *inter alia*:

- (a) **Participation in relevant meetings** and activities of relevant regional and sub-regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
- (b) **Human resources development**, technical training, and technical assistance in relation to conservation and management of straddling and highly migratory fish stocks and development of fisheries for such stocks.

The Fund is administered jointly by the Division and FAO.

Contributions welcome...



- Pursuant to resolution 69/245 of 29 December 2014, the General Assembly Further recognizes the importance of assisting developing States, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as coastal African States, in implementing the Convention, urges States, intergovernmental organizations and agencies, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and international financial institutions, as well as natural and juridical persons, **to make voluntary financial or other contributions to the trust funds**, as referred to in resolutions 55/7, 57/141 and 64/71 of 4 December 2009.

DOALOS Technical Cooperation, Trust Funds and Capacity-Building
Q&A



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