



Marine Scientific Research Information Series for Africa

Topic 2. Data Management

Webinar (MS Teams), June 21, 2022 (6:00 - 9:00 am, Jamaican Time)

Chair: H.E Mr. Neville Melvin Gertze (Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Namibia to ISA/UN)

Provisional Programme

Time (Jamaica)	Activities
6:00 – 6:10 am	Opening of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E Mr. Michael Lodge (Secretary-General of ISA)• H.E Mr. Neville Melvin Gertze (Ambassador/Permanent Rep. of Namibia to ISA/UN)
6:10 – 7:15 am	Africa’s strategic approaches for enhancing marine scientific research for sustainable ocean development in line with the African Union Blue Economy Strategy and the Decade of African Seas and Oceans (2015-2025) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tunde Arisekola (Senior Advisor of Geological and Mineral Information, African Minerals Development Centre of the African Union) ISA’s DeepData and data management strategy of ISA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheldon Carter (ISA secretariat) Data analytics for effective management of activities in the Area <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheldon Carter (ISA secretariat) Q&A Application of data analytics for advanced environmental assessments of the Area <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samuel Popoola (Nigeria Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research; former ISA-ADSR expert) Contribution of ISA contractors’ data and samples in advancing deep-sea research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unyime Umoh (Saint Mary's University; former ISA trainee) Q&A
7:15 – 7:30 am	Health break
7:30 – 8:15 am	Collaborative approach to enhancing Africa’s deep-sea research capacity through data sharing and application <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thembile Elphus Joyini (Vice-Chair of ISA Legal and Technical Commission) ISA’s efforts to support Africa’s capacity-building on deep-sea research, and introduction to ISA’s new capacity-development strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katharina Serrano (ISA secretariat) Q&A
8:15 – 8:45 am	Open forum <p>Guiding questions:</p>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What are African countries' research priorities and needs to enhance data management, use, and access for effective exploration and future exploitation activities in the Area?2. What are the major current limitations or challenges in addressing the identified priorities and needs?3. How could any future collaboration with the ISA secretariat contribute to addressing the identified limitations and challenges?
8:45 – 9:00 am	Closure of the meeting