

Jamaica's Comments on the first draft of the International Seabed Authority Capacity Development Strategy 2022-2030.

INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2022-2030		
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2	The Authority recognizes that capacity development can be grouped into three mutually reinforcing and interdependent levels: individual, institutional and resulting from the enabling environment at national level.	Throughout the strategy document capacity development appears to be targeted at the individual level. Strategic focus should be at the level of institutions. What mainstreaming mechanisms can be supported to ensure an effective organization?
6	Authority's Mandate: (i) managing exploration and exploitation activities in the Area, (ii) ensuring the protection of the marine environment and biodiversity, (iii) promoting and encouraging marine scientific research in the Area and, (iv) ensuring the equitable sharing of financial and other economic benefits from activities in the Area	Given the mandate of the Authority, it should be clear that capacity development should be directed at all 4 areas and not just marine scientific research as the strategy seem to be focussed on. It might be necessary to carry out routine assessments of member countries to determine areas of weakness.
		The Strategy covers the period 2022-2030. It is recommend that timelines be assigned to the key result areas.