

ISA Capacity Development Strategy 2022-2030
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The Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea congratulates the International Seabed Authority on its draft Capacity Development Strategy 2022-2030 and welcomes the opportunity to provide some preliminary comments.

At the onset, the Division wishes to reiterate its ongoing commitment to collaborate as appropriate with the Authority in the area of capacity development in ocean affairs and the law of the sea. Such collaboration is viewed as important given the complementarity of institutional mandates, as well as the opportunities such collaboration creates to reach a wider audience and to promote integrated approaches to the implementation of the Convention and related Agreements.

In this regard, the Division welcomes Paragraph 17 and Output 2a which calls for strategic partnerships to leverage the respective comparative advantages of the entities involved while creating synergies and avoiding duplication in mandates and programmes.

The Division remains available to discuss potential avenues for collaboration with the Authority in respect to, *inter alia*, curricula development and delivery (Paragraph 19 and Output 2c/d), regional workshops (Key result 2.3, Output 2e/h), ISA programmes (Output 3a/b, 5d), and mainstreaming gender and ocean issues (Key result 4.1, Output 4a/b), where these activities relate to the wider scope of the Convention and related Agreements.

Moreover, the Division will continue to liaise with the Authority so as to identify appropriate opportunities for its participation in the Division's capacity-building work.