



# Advancing Caribbean Blue Economy through Deep Sea Research



26-28 November 2024



Antigua and Barbuda



25 October 2024

## Programme

Day 1 - 26 November 2024	
9:00 – 9.30 am	Registration
9.30 – 10.00 am	Opening of the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Anthony Smith Jr. Minister of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and The Blue Economy, Antigua and Barbuda</li> <li>H.E. Mr. Dwight Gardiner, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to ISA</li> <li>H.E. Ms. Angella Comfort, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to ISA</li> <li>H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority</li> <li>Prof. Justin Robinson, Principal, UWI</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:10 am	Group Photo
<b>Session 1 - Presentation of key findings of the survey circulated among Caribbean BOSs</b> Facilitator: Mr. Darius Joseph, Legal Officer, ADOMS Head Office, Antigua and Barbuda	
10:10 – 10:20 am	Objective of the workshop and expected outcomes <i>Dr. Marie Bourrel McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, ISA</i>
10:20 am – 10:50 am	Coffee break
10:50 – 11:20 am	Presentation of the survey circulated among Caribbean BOS and summary of key findings <i>Dr. Marie Bourrel McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, ISA</i>
11:20 – 11:50 am	Discussions on the results of the survey
<b>Session 2 - ISA and BOSs programmatic approaches to marine scientific research and capacity development</b> Facilitator: H.E. Ms. Angella Comfort, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to ISA	
11:50 am – 12:20 pm	The ABAS Agenda: marine scientific research and capacity development as driver of resilient prosperity <i>Dr. Tricia Lovell, Deputy Chief Fisheries Officer/ Vice Chair of the National Ocean Governance Committee, Antigua and Barbuda</i>
12:20 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 2:00 pm	The ISA Marine Scientific Research Action Plan: opportunities for BOSs <i>Mr. Alan Evans, Head of Marine Policy, NOC</i>
2:00 – 2:20 pm	The ISA Capacity Development Strategy: leveraging resources and partnerships to support the active participation of BOSs in deep-sea research <i>Dr. Ardito Giovanni, Associate Policy Officer, ISA</i>

2:20 – 3:00 pm	Breakout room 1: ABAS Agenda, marine scientific research and capacity development: which priorities areas for Caribbean BOSs? <i>Facilitator: Dr. Tricia Lovell, Deputy Chief Fisheries Officer/ Vice Chair of the National Ocean Governance Committee, Antigua and Barbuda</i>
3:00 – 3:40 pm	Breakout room 2: ISA Marine Scientific Research Action Plan: which priority areas for Caribbean BOSs? <i>Facilitator: Mr. Alan Evans, Head of Marine Policy, NOC</i>
3:40 – 4:20 pm	Breakout room 3: ISA Capacity Development Strategy: where to from there? <i>Facilitator: Dr. Marie Bourrel McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, ISA</i>
4:20 – 5:00 pm	Discussion on the outcomes of the breakout rooms and on their inclusion into the roadmap
6:00 pm	Reception
<b>Day 2 - 27 November 2024</b>	
<b>Session 3 – Assessment of Caribbean BOSs priority needs in marine scientific research and capacity development</b> Facilitator: Ms. Michelle Walker, LTC Member, ISA	
9:00 – 9:20 am	A methodological approach to the identification of priority needs <i>Dr. Marie Bourrel McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, ISA</i>
9:20 – 9:40 am	Overview of potential future capacity needs in deep sea research in support of ISA role in marine scientific research and for the implementation of the 2023 Agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction <i>Mr. Alan Evans, Head of Marine Policy, NOC</i>
9:40 – 10:00 am	Overview of potential future technology needs for the advancement of deep-sea research <i>Dr. Tricia Lovell, Deputy Chief Fisheries Officer/ Vice Chair of the National Ocean Governance Committee, Antigua and Barbuda</i>
10:00 – 10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:30 am – 10:50 am	Enhancing the role of women in marine scientific research <i>Dr. Noemie Wouters, Programme Manager (MSR), ISA</i>
10:50 – 11:30 am	Breakout room 4: Deepsea research: Discussion of main needs <i>Facilitator: Dr. Branson Belle, UWI</i>
11:30 am – 12:10 pm	Breakout room 5: Technology needs: Discussion of main needs <i>Facilitator: Mr. Alan Evans, Head of Marine Policy, NOC</i>
12:10 – 12:50 pm	Breakout room 6: Women’s empowerment and leadership in deep-sea research <i>Facilitator: Dr. Marie Bourrel McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, ISA</i>
12:50 – 1:50 pm	Lunch
1:50 – 2:30 pm	Discussion on the outcomes of the breakout rooms and on their inclusion into the roadmap
<b>Session 4 – Partnerships for the advancement of Marine Scientific Research in the Area</b> Facilitator: Mr. Alan Evans, Head of Marine Policy, NOC	
2:30 – 2:50pm	Meeting marine scientific research capacity development and technology needs to chart a sustainable future for Caribbean BOSs

	<i>Dr. Branson Belle, UWI</i>	
2:50 – 3:10 pm	Leveraging synergies and opportunities with ISA partners <i>Prof. Dale Webber, UWI (TBC)</i>	
3:10 – 3:30 pm	The role of science to informed decision-making in ocean matters <i>Mr. Erasmo Lara Cabrera, Chair of LTC, ISA</i>	
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Breakout room 7: ISA partners and Caribbean BOSs: which opportunities? <i>Facilitator: Ms. Michelle Walker, LTC Member, ISA</i>	
4:00– 4:30 pm	Breakout room 8: Identifying key partners to implement the Caribbean BOSs roadmap for deep-sea marine scientific research <i>Facilitator: Dr. Tricia Lovell, Deputy Chief Fisheries Officer/ Vice Chair of the National Ocean Governance Committee, Antigua and Barbuda</i>	
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Discussion on the outcomes of the breakout rooms and on their inclusion into the roadmap	
<b>Day 3 - 28 November 2024</b>		
<b>Session 5 – Developing a roadmap for capacity development needs in marine scientific research for Caribbean BOSs</b> Facilitator: Dr. Marie Bourrel McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, ISA		
9:00 – 9:45 am	Breakout room 9 Towards a Caribbean BOSs roadmap for developing capacity in deep-sea marine scientific research: which vision? <i>Facilitator: Dr. Marie Bourrel McKinnon, Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic Planning Unit, ISA</i>	Breakout room 10 Caribbean BOSs roadmap for developing capacity in deep-sea marine scientific research: which key action areas? <i>Facilitator: Dr. Branson Belle, UWI</i>
9:45 – 10:30 am	Breakout room 11: Caribbean BOS roadmap for developing capacity in deep-sea marine scientific research: which goals and targets? <i>Facilitator: Mr. Alan Evans, Head of Marine Policy, NOC</i>	Breakout room 12: Caribbean BOS roadmap for developing capacity in deep-sea marine scientific research: which partnerships? <i>Facilitator: H.E. Ms. Angella Comfort, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to ISA</i>
10:30 – 11:30 am	Discussion on the outcomes of the breakout rooms and on their inclusion into the roadmap	
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Coffee break	
<b>Session 6 – Presentation of the roadmap and closing remarks</b> Facilitator: Ms. Michelle Walker, LTC Member, ISA		
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Presentation of the roadmap	
12:15 – 12:45 pm	Closing of the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Anthony Smith Jr. Minister of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and The Blue Economy, Antigua and Barbuda</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority</li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Angella Comfort, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to ISA</li> </ul>	

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