

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Directory of Informal Working Groups and Friends of the President

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INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS

<i>Focus</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>	<i>Contact details</i>
1. Effective control	Chile	TBC	
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4. Rights and interests of coastal States	Portugal	Maria Mendes	maria.mendes@mne.pt
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5. Underwater cultural heritage	Brazil	Amb. Antonio Ricarte	antonio.ricarte@itamaraty.gov.br
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6. Environmental management and monitoring	Norway	Anja Morris	Anja.Morris@kld.dep.no
7. Test mining	Belgium	Steven Vandenborre	steven.vandenborre@health.fgov.be
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	Germany	Tim Packeiser	Tim.Packeiser@bmukn.bund.de
8. Closure plans	Fiji	Paula. N. B. Cirikiyasawa	paula.cirikiyasawa@lands.gov.fj ; council@isa.org.jm

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9. Reference to regional environmental management plans (REMPS)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	council@isa.org.jm

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1. Submarine cable protection	Singapore	Beatrice Chen	beatrice_chen@mti.gov.sg
2. Review of payment mechanism	Canada	Jose Benchetrit	jose.benchetrit@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca
3. Modification of a Plan of Work by a Contractor	United Kingdom	Fraser Janeczko	fraser.janeczko@fcdo.gov.uk
4. Environmental Compensation Fund	Mexico	Edgar Noriega	enoriega@sre.gob.mx
5. Seabed Mining Register	India	Sandip Mukhopadhyay	sandip.m@gov.in
6. Prevention of corruption	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	council@isa.org.jm
7. Environmental Goals and Objectives	Germany	Tim Packeiser	Tim.Packeiser@bmukn.bund.de
8. Non-Compliance Notice, Suspension, and Termination of Exploitation Contract	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	council@isa.org.jm
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10. Review of these regulations, DR 107.	Belgium	Thomas Voets	thomas.voets@diplobel.fed.be
