

Deep-Sea Dialogues

Saturday July 25th 2026, 13:30 – 18:00 (followed by a reception)

Institute of Jamaica, 10 -16 East St, Kingston, Jamaica

Open invitation

Shuttles to be provided

Agenda

From 13.30: Coffee / Arrival of delegates

14:00-14:10 Welcome and Introduction

- Jonathan Greenland (Director, National Museum Jamaica)
- Minna Epps (Director Global Ocean Policy, IUCN)

14:10-15:05 Session I (Science): Science-for-science and science-for-policy

- Noemie Wouters (Programme Coordinator, Marine Scientific Research, ISA)
- Diva Amon (Scientific advisor, Benioff Ocean Science Lab, University of California, USA) – *livestream from R/V FALKOR (TOO) Expedition*
- Anna Metaxas (Professor, Dalhousie University, Canada) – *livestream from R/V FALKOR (TOO) Expedition*

Q&A

15:05-15:15 Short break

15:15-16:10 Session II (Economics): The knowns and unknowns of the financial equation

- Johnny West (Principle, Koinon Consulting)
- Bryan Bille (Lead Policy and Geopolitical Analyst, Benchmark)

Q&A

16:10-16:20 Short break

16:20-17:15	Session III (Governance): The ISA & recent developments ▪ Panel: • Pradeep Singh (Senior project lead for international advocacy, Oceano Azul) • Alberto Pecoraro (Assis. Professor, Maqsut Narikbayev University, Kazakhstan) • Aline Jaeckel (Associate Professor, University of Wollongong, Australia)
	Q&A
17:15-17:50	Open floor
17:50-18:00	Closing remarks by Leticia Carvalho (Secretary General, ISA)
18:00-19:30	Cocktail reception with partners (with brief remarks on Underwater Cultural Heritage)