

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

Provisional Agenda

From 13.30:

Coffee / Arrival of delegates

14:00-14:10

Welcome and Introduction

- Jonathan Greenland (Executive Director, National Gallery of Jamaica)
- Leticia Carvalho (Secretary General, ISA)
- Minna Epps (Director Global Ocean Policy, IUCN)

14:10-15:05

Session I (Science): Science-for-science and science-for-policy

- Diva Amon (Scientific advisor, Benioff Ocean Science Lab, University of California, USA) – *livestream from R/V FALKOR (TOO) Expedition*
- ISA Secretariat representative (ISA)
- Anna Mataxas (Professor, Dalhousie University, Canada) – *livestream from R/V FALKOR (TOO) Expedition*
- TBC (IFREMER, France)

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 Analyst - Government Policy, 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)
- Governance keynote:
 - *TBC: UNCLOS then and UNCLOS now*

Q&A

17:15-17:50 *Open floor*

17:50-18:00 *Closing remarks*

18:00-19:30 *Cocktail reception with partners (with brief remarks on Underwater Cultural Heritage)*