



**Strengthening capacity building and technology transfer to empower developing states:
case study on environmental impact assessments**

1st September, 2016

Conference Room 7 (Lunch will be provided in the Vienna Café area)

1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Description: This side event will focus on how capacity building and technology transfer on environmental impact assessments (EIA) can empower developing states to achieve conservation and sustainable development in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction.

PROGRAM

1:15 – 1:20 **Welcome** by Hiroshi Terashima (The Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation)

1: 20 – 1:25 **Introduction** by Kristina Gjerde (IUCN)

1:25 – 1:35 **Scientific background and guiding principles for an EIA and examples of existing domestic EIA legislation** by Prof. Yoshihisa Shirayama, Executive Director of the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC)

1:35 – 1:45 **A brief survey of international requirements for EIAs (eg CBD, London Protocol, bottom fishing, mining, etc.) and best practices for EIAs** by Prof. Robin Warner, University of Wollongong, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)

1:45 – 1:55 **Experience and lessons learned on EIA in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)** by Representative from International Seabed Authority (ISA) (tbc)

1:55 – 2:05 **Capacity building/technology transfer needs in terms of EIAs in developing countries** by Ms. Alison Swaddling, former Environment Advisor, Geo-Survey & Geo-Resources Unit, Pacific Community, SPC – SOPAC

2:05 – 2:30 **Panel discussion on how an agreement can facilitate meaningful capacity-building and technology transfer to achieve the conservation and sustainable use of the ocean/marine biodiversity via EIAs?**

The panel will describe some of the best practices of EIAs based on their experiences and research, both scientific and legal, and highlight some of the needs from a small-island developing State perspective. This will be followed by discussion of some of the relevant topics raised in the Chair's summary of the first Prep Com.

Facilitator: Kristina Gjerde

Panelists: Thembile Joyini (South Africa Mission to the UN), Yoshihisa Shirayama, Alison Swaddling, Robin Warner, Representative from ISA (tbc)

2:30 - 2:40 **Q&A**

2:40 - 2:45 **Wrap up** by Hiroko Muraki Gottlieb (IUCN)