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**Intergovernmental conference on an international
legally binding instrument under the United Nations
Convention on the Law of the Sea on the
conservation and sustainable use of marine
biological diversity of areas beyond
national jurisdiction**

Third session

New York, 19–30 August 2019

Provisional programme of work*

Monday, 19 August 2019

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Opening of the session (item 1)

Adoption of the agenda (item 2)

Programme of work (item 3)

General exchange of views (item 5)

3–6 p.m.

Consideration of the subject matter referred to in
paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution
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Informal working group on cross-cutting issues
(articles 2–6)

Objectives

Application

Relationship between the agreement and the
Convention and other instruments and frameworks
and bodies

Principles and approaches

International cooperation

* Unless otherwise stated, issues for discussion in the second week will be determined in the light of discussions in the first week.



Tuesday, 20 August 2019

10 a.m.–12 noon

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal informals on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology (articles 44 (1) and 45)

Modalities for capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology, including additional modalities for the transfer of marine technology

2–4 p.m.

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas (articles 15 and 19)

Cooperation and coordination

Decision-making

3–6 p.m.

Informal working group on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology (articles 42–44)

Objectives

Cooperation in capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology

Modalities for capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology

Wednesday, 21 August 2019

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal working group on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas (articles 16–18)

Identification of areas

Proposals

Consultation and assessment

2–4 p.m.

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal informals on environmental impact assessments (articles 23 and 38)

Relationship between the agreement and other instruments and frameworks and bodies

Decision-making

4–6 p.m.

Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (article 10)

Access

Thursday, 22 August 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal working group on environmental impact assessments (articles 30–34)
- Screening
- Scoping
- Impact assessment and evaluation
- Mitigation, prevention and management of potential adverse effects
- Public notification and consultation
- 2–4 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (article 11)
- Benefit sharing
- 4–6 p.m. Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas (article 21)
- Monitoring and review

Friday, 23 August 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal working group on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (articles 7–9)
- Objectives
- Application
- Activities with respect to marine genetic resources
- 2–4 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
- Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (article 13)
- Monitoring
- 4–6 p.m. Informal informals on environmental impact assessments (article 24)
- Thresholds and criteria

Monday, 26 August 2019

- 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology
- 2–4 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas
- 3–6 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal working group on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology

Tuesday, 27 August 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal working group on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas
- 2–4 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits
- 4–6 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals on cross-cutting issues (article 52)
Financial resources

Wednesday, 28 August 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal working group on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits
- 2–4 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals on environmental impact assessments
- 4–6 p.m. Informal informals on cross-cutting issues

Thursday, 29 August 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal working group on environmental impact assessments
- 3–6 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal working group on cross-cutting issues

Friday, 30 August 2019

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 6 (*continued*)

Credentials of representatives (item 4)

3–6 p.m.

Other matters (item 7)

Closure of the session (item 8)
