PROSPECTING, EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEABED MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE AREA: CHALLENGES FOR THE CARIBBEAN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

SENSITIZATION SEMINAR ON THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Convened by the International Seabed Authority, the University of the West Indies and the Government of Jamaica

JAMAICA CONFERENCE CENTRE
CONFERENCE ROOM 3

KINGSTON, JAMAICA
MONDAY, 28 TO 30TH MARCH 2011
Monday 28 March

09:00 – 10:00  REGISTRATION

10:00 – 10:30  OPENING SESSION – WELCOMING REMARKS

1. H.E. the Honourable Dr Kenneth Baugh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica

2. H.E. Nii Allotey Odunton, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority

3. H.E. Ambassador Raymond Wolfe, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations and to the International Seabed Authority

10:30 – 11:00  COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 11:15  Welcoming Remarks, Administrative Matters and Seminar Outline

- James A.R. McFarlane, Head, Office of Resources and Environmental Management, International Seabed Authority

Session 1: The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Implementation Agreement for Part XI


- H.E Ambassador Satya N. Nandan, former Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority and Chairman of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

12:00 - 12:45  The International Seabed Authority – Functions, Role and Organs

- H.E Nii Allotey Odunton, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority
12:45 – 14:45  L U N C H

Session 2: Other Institutions Created by the Convention

14:45 – 15:30  The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

- Judge L. Dolliver M. Nelson, Past President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

15:30 – 16:15  Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

- Mr. Noel Newton St. Claver Francis, Past Member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

16:15 – 16:30  COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 17:15  The Division for Ocean affairs and Law of the Sea/UNOLA

- Mr. Julio A. Baez, Senior Legal Officer
  Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea, Legal Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations New York

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Session 3: The Work of the International Seabed Authority

9:30 – 10:15  Mineral Resources of the Area: Types, distribution and the role of marine scientific research in their discovery.

- Dr Jin Jiancai, Secretary General, COMRA, People’s Republic of China

10:15 – 11:00  The legal framework for mineral resource development in the Area: regulations for prospecting, exploration and exploitation.
• Michael W. Lodge, Legal Advisor, International Seabed Authority, Kingston, Jamaica

11:00 – 11:30  
**C O F F E E  B R E A K**

11:30 – 12:15  
Protection and preservation of the marine environment from Activities in the Area: Considerations in respect of polymetallic sulphides.

• Dr S. Kim Juniper BC Leadership Chair in Ocean Ecosystems and Global Change, School of Earth & Ocean Sciences, and Department of Biology, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

12:15 – 13:00  
Data and information to administer the mineral resources of the Area: The International Seabed Authority’s Geological Model of Polymetallic Nodule Deposits in the Clarion Clipperton Zone and its CDR

• Dr. V. J. Kodagali, Senior Scientific Affairs Officer, Marine Geology, International Seabed Authority, Kingston, Jamaica

13:00 – 15:00  
**L U N C H**

15:00 – 15:45  
Data and information required to administer the mineral resources of the Area: Acquisition of relevant information and data on the marine environment and its biodiversity

• Dr Adam Cook, Scientific Affairs Officer, Marine Biology, International Seabed Authority, Kingston, Jamaica

15:45 – 16:15  
**C O F F E E  B R E A K**

16:15 – 17:00  
Promotion and encouragement of marine scientific research in the Area – The Authority’s Endowment Fund
• Mr. Coy Roache, Deputy Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the International Seabed Authority and Member of the International Seabed Authority’s Endowment Fund Advisory Panel

17:00 – 17:45 The Role of MSR in the Identification of Seafloor Massive Sulphides

• Dr. Ray Binns, CSIRO, Australia

Wednesday, 30 March

Session 4: Possible areas of collaboration amongst Caribbean States

09:30 – 10:15 The Caribbean and the Convention

• W. Charles Anderson, PhD (Cantab) Professor of International Law, Executive Director, Caribbean Law Institute Centre, Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies

10:15 – 11:00 Early Results from the Effort to Commercialize Seafloor Massive Sulphides

• Mr. Mike Johnston, Vice President, Corporate Development, Nautilus Minerals, Australia

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 12:15 Research and capacity building efforts in Marine Science in the Caribbean

• Dr. Jorge Cortés, Marine Science and Limnology Research Centre (CIMAR), Universidad de Costa Rica

12:15 – 13:00 Plenary discussions on initiatives to harness marine resources in the region

• Ms. Claudia S. de Windt, Senior Legal Specialist, Chief Environmental Law, Policy and Good Governance, Department of Sustainable Development, Organization of American States, U.S.A.

13:00 – 15:00 LUNCH
15:00 – 15:45 Recommendations of the seminar

15:45 – 16:15 C O F F E E  B R E A K

16:15 – 17:00 Closing Remarks

- Jamaican Authorities
- H.E. Nii Allotey Odunton, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority