



**WORKSHOP FOR THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA'S
DEEP SEABED RESOURCES IN SUPPORT TO AFRICA'S BLUE ECONOMY**

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PRETORIA, SOUTH-AFRICA

16-18 May 2019

Workshop Agenda

DAY 1	Thursday 16 May 2019
09:00-09:30 09:30-10:30	<p>Registration</p> <p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Welcoming address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ambassador M Joyini, Deputy Director-General: Diplomatic Training, Research and Development (DIRCO)</i> <p>Opening addresses and presentation of the workshop programme and objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority (ISA)</i> <p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr Paal Bjornestad, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Norway to South Africa</i> <i>High Commissioner Lumka Yengeni, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to ISA and President of ISA Council</i> <i>Advocate Thabo Mokoena, Director-General, Department of Mineral Resources (DMR)</i>
10:30- 11:00	<i>Morning Tea</i>
Session I	The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the 1994 Agreement
11:00 – 11:30	<p>President: <i>Mr Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, ISA</i></p> <p>Legal regime governing the exploitation of resources and preservation of the marine environment</p> <p><i>Mr Michael Shewchuk, Legal Officer, United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00	<p>The International Seabed Authority: role functions and structure.</p> <p><i>Dr Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, Senior Policy Officer- Special Assistant to the Secretary-General, ISA</i></p>

12:00 – 12:30	The outer limit of the continental shelf in Africa : present situation and prospects <i>Dr Edwin Egede, Reader in International Law & International Relations, Cardiff University</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Content and achievements of UNCLOS and its significance for African States <i>Prof. Patrick Vrancken, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 14:30	The mechanism of ‘reserved areas’: overview and practical implications <i>Prof. Pedro Madureira, Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Portugal</i>
14:30 – 14:45	General discussion
Session II	Increased regional and international cooperation in support of the sustainable development of Africa’s Blue Economy
	President: <i>Ms Stepane Mohale, Chief Director: Mineral Promotion and International Coordination, Department of Mineral Resources, South Africa</i>
14:45- 15:15	Africa Mining Vision and contribution of deep-seabed exploration and exploitation to the development of Africa’s Blue Economy <i>Mr Paul Msoma, Interim Coordinator, African Minerals Development Centre, Africa Union</i>
15:15- 15:45	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
15:45 – 16:15	Potential contribution of the deep seabed mining industry to the development of the Blue Economy in Africa <i>Mr Kojo Busia, Chief, Natural Resources Section- Technology, Climate change and Natural Resources Management Division, Africa Union</i>
16:15 – 16:45	Role of the mining industry to support the development of national Blue Economy : the case of South Africa <i>Mr Eliah RALUSHAI, Senior Geologist, Council for Geoscience, South Africa</i>
16:45 – 17:00	General discussion

DAY 2	Friday 17 May 2019
Session III	Prospection, exploration and exploitation on continental shelves and in the Area
09:00 – 09:30	President: <i>Ms Lindiwe Mekwe, Acting Chief Executive Office, Petroleum Agency, South Africa</i> The legal framework for activities in the Area: transitioning from exploration to exploitation <i>Mr Christopher Brown, Legal Expert, Consultant.</i>

09:30 – 10:00	Mineral resources of the Area and current status of marine mineral technology <i>Mr Harald Brekke, Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Norway</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Role and responsibilities of sponsoring States <i>Mr Yongsheng Cai, Senior Legal Officer, ISA</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Contribution of the African Group to the development of ISA’s Mining Code <i>Mr Mehdi Remaoun, Coordinator of the African Group, Permanent Mission of Algeria to the International Seabed Authority</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Morning tea</i>
11:30– 12:00	Role of ISA in ensuring the equitable sharing of financial and other economic benefits from DSM <i>Mr Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, ISA.</i>
12:00 –12:30	Independent operation of the Enterprise : perspectives and challenges <i>Dr Edwin Egede, Reader in International Law & International Relations, Cardiff University</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session IV	Environmental Management of deep-seabed mineral resources
	President: <i>Mr Andries Moatshe, Chief Director, Department of Mineral Resources, South Africa</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Effective protection of the marine environment from activities in the Area <i>Ms Lowri Griffiths, Head of the Maritime Policy Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Environmental obligations in DSM context: perspective of a contractor. <i>Dr.Samantha Smith, Head of Sustainability & External Relations, GSR</i>
Session V	Management and dissemination of geological, mineral and environmental information
	President: <i>Mr Harald Brekke, Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Norway</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Legal regime governing the conduct of marine scientific research in the Area <i>Dr Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, Senior Policy Officer & Special Assistant to the Secretary-General, ISA</i>
15:30 -16:00	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Geological, mineral and environmental data as a critical tool to inform decision-making processes, investments and governance of mineral activities in the Area <i>Prof. Théophile Ndougsa Mbarga, Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Cameroon</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Available data and role of ISA in sharing environmental information <i>Prof. Pedro Madureira, Legal and Technical Commission, ISA, Portugal</i>
	General discussion

Day 3	Saturday 18 May 2019
Session VI	Enabling conditions for capacity-building opportunities for African States
09:00 – 09:30	<p>President: <i>Mr Mosa Mabuza, Chief Executive Officer, Council for Geoscience, South Africa</i></p> <p>The contribution of ISA in building the capacity of African States <i>Mr. Chapi Mwangi, Chief, Contract Management Unit, ISA</i></p>
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Perspective of an ISA trainee <i>Ms Safiyya Sedick, Taxonomist, Anchor Environmental Consultants, South Africa</i></p>
10:00-10:30	<i>Morning tea</i>
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Breakout sessions</p> <p>Discussion topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How can exploration and exploitation activities undertaken in the Area contribute to Africa's Blue Economy? Facilitator: <i>Dr Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, Senior Policy Officer-Special Assistant to SG, ISA</i> What are the capacity-building needs of African States? Facilitator: <i>Mr Chapi Mwangi, Chief, Contract Management Unit, ISA</i> How ensuring increased participation of African States in activities undertaken in the Area ? Facilitator : <i>Ms Setepane Mohale, Chief Director, Mineral Promotion and International Coordination, Department of Mineral Resources, South Africa</i>
12:00-12:30	Synthesis & recommendations
12:30-13:00	<p>Closing ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, ISA</i> <i>Ambassador M Joyini, DIRCO</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch