



Intergovernmental negotiations on marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)

Intergovernmental Conference (UNGA res.72/249)

1st session (4.09.2018-17.09.2018)

2nd session (25.03.2019-5.04.2019)

3rd session (19.08.2019-30.08.2019)

4th session (2020, postponed to
7 to 18 March 2022)

5th session (15 to 26 August 2022)

Resumed 5th session

(20 February to 3 March 2023)

- President's aid to discussion
- President's aid to negotiations
- President's draft text of an agreement
- President's revised draft text of an agreement (A/CONF.232/2020/3)
- President's further revised draft text of an agreement (A/CONF.232/2022/5)
- President's further refreshed draft text of an agreement (Conference Room Paper)

President's refreshed draft text of an agreement

Preamble	
I. General provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use of terms- General objective- Application- Sovereign immunity- Relationship between this Agreement and the Convention and relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies- Without prejudice- General principles and approaches- International cooperation	VI. Institutional arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conference of the Parties- Transparency- Scientific and Technical Body- Secretariat- Clearing-house mechanism
II. Marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits	VII. Financial resources and mechanism
III. Measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas	VIII. Implementation and compliance
IV. Environmental impact assessments	IX. Settlement of disputes
V. Capacity-building and transfer of marine technology	X. Non-parties to this Agreement
	XI. Good faith and abuse of rights
	XII. Final provisions
	Annex I - Indicative criteria for the identification of areas
	Annex II – Types of capacity-building and transfer of marine technology

<https://www.un.org/bbnj/>

🏠 Welcome to the United Nations

English Français



United Nations

Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

Search



Home

Background

Officers

Participation ▾

Documents ▾

Intersessional work

Side Events

Media ▾

Secretariat

Training opportunities

Resources ▾

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 (General Assembly resolution 72/249)

Resumed fifth session of the Intergovernmental Conference

20 February to 3 March 2023

New York

In its [resolution 72/249](#) of 24 December 2017, the General Assembly decided to convene an Intergovernmental Conference, under the auspices of the United Nations, to consider the recommendations of the [Preparatory Committee](#) established by [resolution 69/292](#) of 19 June 2015 on the elements and to elaborate the text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, with a view to developing the instrument as soon as possible.

“It always seems impossible until it's done”

Nelson Mandela



THANK YOU

Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli
Independent international ocean
expert, former Director, Division for
Ocean Affairs and the Law of the
Sea, UN Office of Legal Affairs