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AGENDA

Informal Intersessional High Seas Treaty Dialogue on Marine Genetic Resources

4-5 November 2020

14:00 CET / 08:00 EST/ 20:00 SGT

Each day of dialogue will be 3 hours, divided into segments under The Chatham House Rule. For technical concerns during the dialogue, please text Gina Torry: +1-917-821-0055

NOVEMBER 4th

14:00 CET / 08:00 EST/ 20:00 SGT

I. Traditional Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

The dialogue will start with a 10-minute presentation by Clement Yow Mulalap (Federated States of Micronesia), Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorrough (Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council) and Ghazali Ohorella (International Indian Treaty Council) on Traditional Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and the BBNJ Agreement, followed by an interactive discussion and opportunity for delegates to pose questions.

- *Some areas to consider in this segment of dialogue include: Article 10bis, free, prior and informed consent, involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities in benefit-sharing, how to identify holders of traditional knowledge and institutional arrangements.*
- Article 10bis: Access to traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities associated with marine genetic resources [collected] [accessed] in areas beyond national jurisdiction]

[States Parties shall take legislative, administrative or policy measures, as appropriate, with the aim of ensuring that traditional knowledge associated with marine genetic



resources [collected] [accessed] in areas beyond national jurisdiction that is held by indigenous peoples and local communities shall only be accessed with [The free] prior and informed consent or approval and involvement of these indigenous peoples and local communities. The clearing-house mechanism may act as an intermediary to facilitate access to such traditional knowledge. Access to [and utilization of] such traditional knowledge shall be on mutually agreed terms.]

Above is the full text of the intersessional joint proposal (new text in blue brackets) from Pacific SIDS, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, and Maldives.

II. Access and Benefit-Sharing

This segment will pick up on discussions to date regarding Access and Benefit-Sharing, including from the June High Seas Treaty Dialogue on MGRs and the President's October Programme of Intersessional Work.

We encourage delegates to come prepared to the dialogue to ask each other questions or clarifications on their views, ideas and input related to Access and Benefit-Sharing in the BBNJ Agreement.

- *Some questions to consider in this segment of dialogue include: What activities related to MGRs should be covered in the future agreement? At which point would those activities be subject to benefit-sharing and what kind of benefits would be shared?*

III. Transparency: Notifications, Information-Sharing, Monitoring

This segment will pick up on discussions to date regarding Transparency, including from the June High Seas Treaty Dialogue on MGRs and the President's October Programme of Intersessional Work.

We encourage delegates to come prepared to the dialogue to ask each other questions or clarifications on views, ideas and input related to Transparency in the BBNJ Agreement.

- *Some questions to consider in this segment of dialogue include: How will notification practically work? How will transparency with respect to activities related to MGR's be ensured? Notifications, information-sharing, monitoring etc. What are the practical implications?*



NOVEMBER 5th

14:00 CET / 08:00 EST/ 20:00 SGT

IV. Institutional Arrangements

This segment will pick up on discussions to date regarding Institutional Arrangements: a clearing-house mechanism (CHM) and other institutional arrangements, including from the June High Seas Treaty Dialogue on MGRs and the President's October Programme of Intersessional Work.

We encourage delegates to come prepared to the dialogue to ask each other questions or clarifications on views, ideas and input related to Institutional Arrangements in the BBNJ Agreement.

- *Some questions to consider in this segment of dialogue include: What is the role of the proposed CHM in relation to MGRs including the sharing of benefits? How would you see the role of existing data portals?*

V. Relationship of Part II with other Parts

This segment will pick up on discussions to date regarding Relationship of Part III with other parts, including from the June High Seas Treaty Dialogue on MGRs and the President's October Programme of Intersessional Work.

- *What is needed to ensure that the future Agreement effectively integrates MGRs and connects Part III with the other objectives of the Agreement?*