

Marine Genetic Resources in the BBNJ Process – Building Bridges

This workshop will consider marine genetic resources with the aim to build bridges to begin to work towards a pragmatic solution. We will go deep into the subject and discuss three main elements:

- Using the '*Mare Geneticum*' building blocks to show how a regime built on good scientific practice and prior notification could work.
- How inclusive innovation can allow all parties to benefit from BBNJ. This includes aspects of open access linked to capacity building, technology transfer and benefit sharing.
- Illustrate how these potential approaches are consistent with established principles of international law, and provisions of UNCLOS applicable to the Area and the High Seas.

The output of the meeting will be a report of the discussions under the Chatham House Rule.

Wednesday 27 June – Morning – Facilitator Prof Abbe Brown (Rapporteur James Luger)

Venue: Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

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09:00 – Welcome (Prof. Marcel Jaspars)

09:15 – Introductions

09:30 – MGR in the BBNJ PrepCom – H.E. Janine Coye-Felson

09:45 – Aims of the workshop – Prof. Abbe Brown, Law, University of Aberdeen

10:00 – Building blocks of solution – the *Mare Geneticum* Approach (Prof. Marcel Jaspars)

10:30 – Coffee & Discussion

11:00 – Reporting back from discussions – Facilitator Prof. Abbe Brown

12:00 - Prof. Marion Campbell – Head of Research, University of Aberdeen

12:15 – Lunch

13:00 – Synthesis of morning's discussion and pointers for further discussion – Ms Anne-Michelle Slater

14:00 – Coffee and Cake

Wednesday 27 June – Afternoon – Facilitators Ms Jane Collins & Prof. Marcel Jaspars (Rapporteur Marianthi Pappa)

14:30 – Inclusive Innovation – Introductory Concepts – Jane Collins

14:45 – Capacity Building and Data Sharing – Prof. Alex Rogers

15:00 – Discussion

16:00 – Synthesis of afternoon’s discussion and pointers for further discussion – Prof. Marcel Jaspars

16:30 – Tour of Marine Biodiscovery Centre and Walking tour of Old Aberdeen led by Ms Anne-Michelle Slater

19:30 – Dinner at Howie’s Restaurant

<https://www.howies.uk.com/chapel-street-aberdeen/>

**Marine Genetic Resources in the BBNJ Process – Building Bridges Thursday 28 June – Morning –
Facilitator Dr Thomas Vanagt (Rapporteur Jane Collins)**

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09:00 – Coffee on arrival

09:15 – Summing up of previous day, discussion and further questions

09:45 – The EU approach to MGR in the BBNJ process – John Brincat and Lowri Mai Griffiths

10:15 – Discussion of approaches that are consistent with established principles of international law, and provisions of UNCLOS – Dr Thomas Vanagt

10:45 – Coffee and discussion – View Original Texts of ‘*Mare Liberum*’ by Hugo Grotius and ‘*Mare Clausum*’ by John Selden

11:15 – Feedback from discussion

11:45 – Structured discussion on potential pragmatic solutions for MGR in the BBNJ ILBI – Dr Thomas Vanagt

13:00 – Lunch and Depart