

**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**

**Programme of intersessional work**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Work stream</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Modalities</b>
14 September 2020	Introduction		H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Online Meeting
16 – 23 September 2020 28 September – 2 October 2020	EIA	(1) Triggering the conduct of an EIA (2) Internationalisation of the EIA process (3) Objectives (4) Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs)	Mr. René Lefeber	Online discussion forum
12 – 16 October 2020 21 – 27 October 2020	MGR	(1) Modalities for access and benefit-sharing (2) The role of traditional knowledge	H.E. Ms. Janine Elizabeth Coye-Felson	Online discussion forum
26 October – 6 November 2020	Bilateral consultations		H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Online meetings
11-17 November 2020 24 November – 3 December 2020	ABMT	(1) Relationship with relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies (2) International cooperation and coordination in relation to measures such	Ms. Alice Revell	Online discussion forum

		as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas (3) Process relating to the establishment/designation of measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas, under articles 15 and 19		
13-19 January 2021 26 January – 2 February 2021	CB/TMT	Modalities for capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology	H.E. Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong	Online discussion forum
19 March 2021	Cross-cutting issues	Understanding linkages across work streams	H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Webinar, background documents
20 August 2021	Briefing on the Intersessional Work		H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Webinar
14 October 2021	Cross-cutting issues	Clearing-house mechanism <i>Presentation by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO</i>	H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Webinar
2 November 2021	Cross-cutting issues	Clearing-house mechanism (1) What would be the functions of the clearing house mechanism under the agreement?	H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Webinar

		(2) How should the clearing house mechanism operate? (3) How should the clearing house mechanism be managed/governed?		
30 November 2021	Cross-cutting issues	Dispute settlement	H.E. Mrs. Rena Lee, President	Webinar