

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

Registration information

Non-governmental organizations

Further resumed fifth session of the Conference

New York, 19-20 June 2023

I. Participation

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/249, the following organizations are entitled to participate in the Conference as observers:

- relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council; and
- non-governmental organizations that were accredited to the following relevant conferences and summits:
 - the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
 - the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
 - the previous United Nations conferences on sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa; and
 - the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

II. Registration

2. All eligible non-governmental organizations wishing to participate in the further resumed fifth session are invited to register through the Indico portal. Representatives may do so by creating an account at <https://indico.un.org/register/> and registering for the Conference at <https://indico.un.org/event/1005018/>. Please note that each participant is required to register individually.

3. The user guide for the Indico portal can be found at: <https://conf.unog.ch/indicohelp/guides/participants/>.

4. Representatives of non-governmental organizations must attach to their registration form in Indico a formal letter **signed by the head of their organization**. A sample letter is available at:

https://www.un.org/bbnj/sites/www.un.org.bbnj/files/ngos-s5-sample_letter.pdf.

5. Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) must provide the name of the organization they represent, exactly as listed in the integrated Civil Society Organizations (iCSO) System database: <https://esango.un.org/>. Failure to do so may delay or result in the rejection of the requested registration.

6. Requests for registration to the further resumed fifth session must be received by **2 June 2023**. Participants will be notified once their registration request has been approved.

7. Please note that the further resumed fifth session will be held in person at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Formal meetings will be streamed publicly on [UN Web TV](https://media.un.org/en/webtv) (<https://media.un.org/en/webtv>).

III. Issuance of United Nations grounds passes and temporary passes

8. All participants must have a valid United Nations grounds pass issued by the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit to enter the United Nations Headquarters complex and attend the Conference.

9. Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC with valid annual United Nations grounds passes can use their existing passes to enter the United Nations premises and attend the Conference.

10. Temporary grounds passes will be issued by the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit for all other participants. To collect a grounds pass, participants must bring the email confirming the approval of their participation and a valid, government-issued photographic identification (e.g. passport or driver's license) to the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit, located on the ground floor of the FF Building, at 320 E. 45th Street (between First and Second Avenue).

IV. List of participants

11. The secretariat of the Conference (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs) will publish a list of participants and make it available on the Conference website. The list of participants will be based on the information provided through the registration form in Indico and will include only participants who attended the Conference in person.