

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)

Registration information

States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to UNCLOS

Further resumed fifth session of the Conference

New York, 19-20 June 2023

I. Participation

1. In accordance with resolution 72/249, the Conference shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

II. Credentials

2. States that have not yet submitted credentials for the fifth session of the Conference are kindly invited to deliver the credentials to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3. A scanned copy of the credentials, as well as other communications containing the names of representatives to the further resumed fifth session (such as letters and notes verbales from the Permanent Missions), should only be submitted through the online platform “e-Credentials”, under the tab “BBNJ Conference, fifth session”, which can be accessed through the e-deleGATE portal <https://edelegate.un.int>. **Email submissions of scanned copies of the credentials will not be accepted.** For any questions, please contact: ecredentials@un.org.

4. Delegations that wish to update previously submitted credentials are also requested to follow the same procedure.

III. Issuance of UN grounds passes

5. To obtain UN grounds passes, Permanent Missions in New York may submit their requests via the online "e-Registration system" at <https://edelegate.un.int>. Information regarding the e-Registration system can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>. Online requests for registration to the further resumed fifth session of the Conference must be received by **5 June 2023**.

6. Those which do not have a permanent mission or office in New York or have not enrolled in the e-Registration system should follow the registration procedure below to obtain a UN grounds pass.

- i. Submit a letter to the Protocol and Liaison Service (see details below), stamped and signed by the head of chancery or an authorized official, with the names and functional titles of the delegation attending the meeting. In addition, the letter must include a name and an email address of the focal point handling the request(s).

Ms. Beatrix Kania
Chief of Protocol
Protocol and Liaison Service
Att. Ms. Wai Tak Chua

- ii. Complete an SG.6 form for each member of the delegation (the SG.6 form can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>).
- iii. Send both the letter and the SG.6 form to the Protocol and Liaison Service by email to unprotocol@un.org, copied to chuaw@un.org.
- iv. Send a copy of the letter to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (Att. Mr. Fernando Cabrera Diaz, email: fernando.cabrera@un.org, copied to doalos@un.org).

7. Requests for registration following this procedure must be received by **5 June 2023**. The Secretariat will not be in a position to process late registrations.

8. The focal point will be notified of the registration approval(s) via email. A hard copy of that email must be presented by the participant together with a valid passport or government photo ID to the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit (located on the ground floor of the FF Building, at 320 E. 45th Street) for the issuance of a UN grounds pass.

IV. List of participants

9. The Conference Secretariat will compile a list of participants at the further resumed fifth session, and make it available on the Conference website. For this purpose, Permanent Missions are kindly requested to enter the names of additional members of their delegations participating in the further resumed fifth session of the Conference into the “e-List of Participants” module in the e-deleGATE portal by **5 June 2023**. Delegations wishing to make changes to the titles or roles of delegates that were already entered are invited to communicate the requested changes by email to doalos@un.org.