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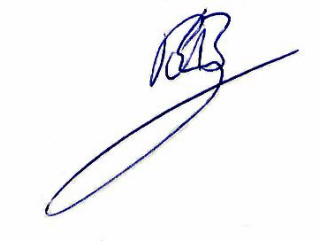
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Dear Madam / Sir

BBNJ CAPACITY BUILDING AND RFMOS

Attached please find an invitation regrading a webinar hosted by the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), supported by Bloomberg

Yours sincerely



Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Letter ANCORS

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UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG AUSTRALIA

ONLINE WEBINAR - BBNJ AGREEMENT PART V | 23 NOV 2026 | 1200hrs MDV time (GMT +5)

BBNJ Capacity Building and RFMOs

How can capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology (CBTMT) under the BBNJ Agreement build on what RFMOs already do, so developing coastal States and SIDS gain from both?

The Session will

1. Map how Part V links to RFMO capacbity building mandates and programmes
2. Find ways to align needs assessments, avoid duplication and use BBNJ funding and clearing-house mechanisms
3. Show how CBTMT can advance RFMO goals in science, data, compliance and participation
4. Clarify what it means for developing coastal States and SIDS

Programme

Time (MVT)	Segment	Speaker
12:00–12:05	Welcome and introduction to the series	Harriet Harden-Davies, PhD Ocean Voices
12:05–12:20	Part V of the BBNJ Agreement and its links to RFMO mandates	Judith Gobin, PhD
12:20–12:35	Practical experience from SIOFA	Thierry Clot, SIOFA Executive Secretary
12:35–12:50	Practical experience from IOTC	Paul DeBruyn, PhD IOTC, Executive Secretary

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For RFMO delegates, coastal States and SIDS ahead of BBNJ COP1, New York, 11-22