



*BENELEX at University of Strathclyde Law School, PHARMASEA and International Union for Conservation of Nature are pleased to sponsor a full-day workshop on*

## **Marine Genetic Resources in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction**

**Date:** Saturday, 27 August 2016

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (lunch and refreshments will be provided during breaks)

**Location:** *New York University Law School  
Pollack Colloquium Room  
Forman Hall 9th Floor  
245 Sullivan St.  
New York, NY*

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**Description:** This all-day workshop will explore how an implementing agreement on the governance of marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction may foster equitable and effective research and development and sustainable use of marine genetic resources in developing and developed countries. Legal, policy and scientific experts will discuss their thoughts on this cutting-edge area and a facilitated plenary discussion will follow to explore options and possible pathways forward for fostering research and development and sustainable use of MGRs and equitable benefit sharing *via* an implementing agreement in ABNJ.

### **Agenda**

10:00 – 10:05 AM Welcome by David O'Connor (IUCN) (tbc)

10:05 – 10:20 AM Introduction by Ambassador Eden Charles (Trinidad & Tobago) (tbc)

10:20 – 11:30 AM

- An exploration of the key unresolved legal issues on MGRs:
  - *The importance of scientific capacity development and technology transfer in achieving equitable and sustainable use of MGRs: a brief survey of applicable principles to MGRs and a pragmatic pathway forward:* Harriet Harden Davies (University of Wollongong, Australia)
  - *To define or not to define – challenges and advantages in defining MGRs:* Hiroko Muraki Gottlieb (IUCN)
  - *Rights of coastal states over their continental shelf in accessing MGRs:* Nilufer Oral (Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey)
- Q&A

11:30 – 11:50 AM:

- Priorities and concerns: perspectives of a developing country scientist: Judith Gobin (The University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago)
- Q&A

11:50 – 1:00 PM:

- An exploration of capacity building and technology transfer – the role of multilateral institutions and international law: Elisa Morgera (University of Strathclyde Law School, UK)
- Lessons learnt from multilateral benefit-sharing under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture: Elsa Tsioumani (University of Strathclyde Law School, UK)
- Facilitated discussion:
  - Facilitator: Kristina Gjerde (IUCN)
  - Panel: Elisa Morgera, Elsa Tsioumani and Harriet Harden-Davies

1:00 -2:00 PM: Lunch break

2:00- 3:30 PM:

- Practical building blocks for an access and benefit sharing regime for MGR in ABNJ:
  - The Common domain aspect: Marcel Jaspars (University of Aberdeen, UK)
  - Multilateral facilitated access and compulsory benefit sharing: Thomas Vanagt (Abs-int, Belgium)

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Coffee break

4:00 – 5:55 PM:

- Options and possible pathways forward for fostering research and development and sustainable use of MGRs and equitable benefit sharing *via* an implementing agreement in ABNJ:
  - Facilitator: Judith Gobin
  - Panel: Harriet Harden-Davies/Marcel Jaspars/Elisa Morgera/Elsa Tsioumani/Thomas Vanagt
- Q&A

5:55 -6:00 PM:

- Wrap-up by Elisa Morgera

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



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