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
Fourth session
New York, 23 March–3 April 2020

Provisional programme of work

Monday, 23 March 2020

10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Opening of the session (item 1)  
Adoption of the agenda (item 2)  
Programme of work (item 3)  
General exchange of views (item 5)

3–6 p.m.¹  
Consideration of the subject matter referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution 72/249 (item 6)  
Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits  
Consideration of the subject matter referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution 72/249 (item 6)  
Informal informals on environmental impact assessments

¹ The possibility of continuing beyond normal working hours will depend on the financial situation of the United Nations and the consequential impact on conference services.
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Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas

3–6 p.m.  Item 6 (continued)
Informal informals on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology

Wednesday, 25 March 2020

10–10.30 a.m.  Item 6 (continued)
Plenary

10.30 a.m.–1.30 p.m.  Item 6 (continued)
Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas

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Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits

Thursday, 26 March 2020

10 a.m.–1 p.m.  Item 6 (continued)
Informal informals on environmental impact assessments

3–6 p.m.  Item 6 (continued)
Informal informals on cross-cutting issues
Item 6 (continued)
Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas

**Friday, 27 March 2020**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
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Informal informals on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology

Item 6 (continued)  
Informal informals on environmental impact assessments

2.30–5.30 p.m.  
Item 6 (continued)  
Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas

Item 6 (continued)  
Informal informals on cross-cutting issues

5.30–6 p.m.  
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Plenary

**Monday, 30 March 2020**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Item 6 (continued)  
Informal informals on cross-cutting issues

Item 6 (continued)  
Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas

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Item 6 (continued)  
Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits

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Informal informals on environmental impact assessments

**Tuesday, 31 March 2020**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
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Item 6 (continued)  
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Informal informals on environmental impact assessments

Wednesday, 1 April 2020
10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (continued)
Informal informals on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology

3–6 p.m. Item 6 (continued)
Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas

Thursday, 2 April 2020
10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (continued)
Informal informals on cross-cutting issues

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Plenary

3–6 p.m. Item 6 (continued)
Informal informals

Friday, 3 April 2020
10 a.m.–1 p.m. Credentials of representatives (item 4)
3–6 p.m. Consideration and adoption of the documents of the conference, including the report of the conference to the General Assembly (item 7)
Other matters (item 8)