
Briefing for Delegates on Oceans and the Law of the Sea 2025

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 24 Mar 2025

Type:	Workshop
Location:	New York, United States of America
Date:	24 Mar 2025
Duration:	1 Days
Programme Area:	Environment, , Climate Change, , Multilateral Diplomacy, , International Law
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BACKGROUND

The work of the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea is conceptually and procedurally complex, presenting a challenge for delegates with limited background in the field. This course aims at enhancing the capacity of delegates, in particular delegates from developing States, delegates from small delegations and new delegates, to participate more effectively in relevant work of the General Assembly on ocean-related matters by providing an overview of the

legal framework for oceans and law of the sea and a detailed introduction to the work of the General Assembly in this field.

In particular, the course will strengthen participants understanding of the legal framework for oceans and law of the sea set out in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and related instruments. The Convention, often called the “constitution for the oceans”, provides an effective, comprehensive and overarching international legal framework for the oceans and seas. The course will also provide delegations with key information and insights regarding the work of various processes under the Convention and the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea. It will cover ocean-related processes of the General Assembly in detail, including the annual resolutions on Oceans and the Law of the Sea and Sustainable Fisheries.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Enhance understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its implementing Agreements.
- Describe the various ocean-related General Assembly processes, including their scope, objectives and current areas of focus.
- Expand knowledge on ocean affairs within the United Nations System, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Date: 24 March 2025

Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Venue: TBD