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Filling the legal toolbox for working towards ocean sustainability: UNCLOS, UNCLOS 2.0 and/or what else?

Workshop, The Hague 17 and 18 November 2022

On 17 and 18 November 2022, the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS) and the Utrecht University Centre for Water, Oceans and Sustainability Law (UCWOSL), in collaboration with the Centre for International Law (CIR) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands organize the workshop *Filling the legal toolbox for working towards ocean sustainability: UNCLOS, UNCLOS 2.0 and/or what else?* The draft program of the workshop is included with this document.

We herewith would like to offer people an opportunity to register for the workshop. The workshop will be convened on location only. On the basis of the registrations we receive, we will decide on who will be invited to participate on location by **25 October 2022**, and subsequently on a rolling basis.

Registrations may be addressed to SecretariaatIERSBR@uu.nl. In registering please provide the following information:

- Name;
- E-mail address for correspondence; and
- Affiliation



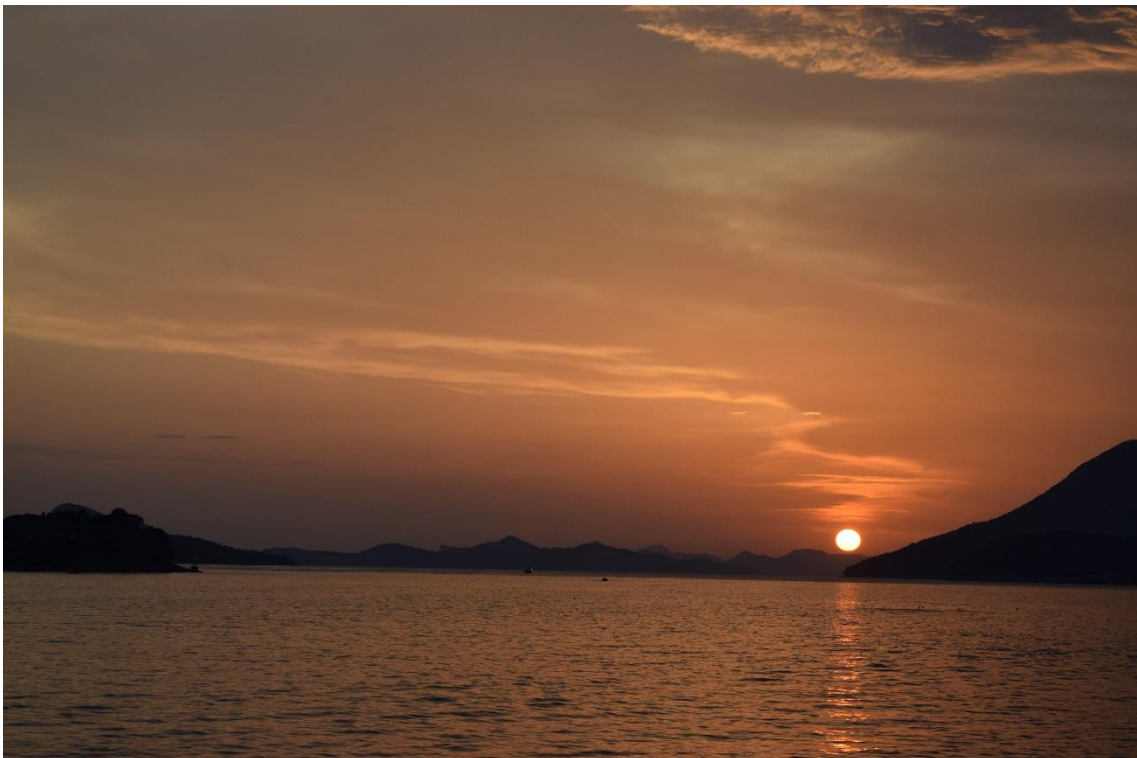
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Venue

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Rijnstraat 8, The Hague**

Program of the Workshop

Thursday 17 November 2022

13:00-13:30 **Arrival and registration**

13:30-13:40 **Welcome and introduction to the workshop**

13:40-15:00 **Panel 1 – *Pathways to a sustainable ocean – What needs to be done to address the human impact on marine biodiversity?***

Moderator

TBD

Understanding the threats to and opportunities for ocean sustainability: A marine science perspective

Ellycia Harrould-Kolieb, University of Eastern Finland and Utrecht University

Title TBD

Cymie Payne, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, School of Law, Rutgers University

15:00-15:15 **Coffee break**

15:15-16:45 **Panel 2 – *The Convention as the framework for ocean governance: As good as it gets or a back to the drawing board?***

Moderator

Catherine Blanchard, NILOS and UCWOSL, School of Law, Utrecht University

Title TBD

Tom Diederer, International Law Division, Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

The eventual outcome of the BBNJ negotiations and the balance of interests between developing and developed countries as reflected in UNCLOS

Thembile Joyini, Principal State Law Adviser (International Law), Foreign Ministry of South Africa

Title TBD

Vito de Lucia, Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Friday 18 November 2022

9:00-10:30 **Panel 3 – *Maritime security issues – The contribution of Convention and the rule of law***

Moderator

Seline Trevisanut, NILOS and UCWOSL, School of Law, Utrecht University

Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea: Help or Hindrance?

Sofia Galani, Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens

Title TBD

Andrew Murdoch, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Maritime security and the law of the sea – A Baltic perspective

Alexander Lott, Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea, University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway and University of Tartu, School of Law

10:30-10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45-12:15 **Panel 4 – Delivering equity to developing States including small islands ocean States – Within or beyond the Convention?**

Moderator

TBD

Opportunities and Challenges ahead for SIDS

Eden Charles, Lecturer in Law, Faculty of Law, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus; Member of the Legal Expert Committee, Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law; Chairman of Advisory Board, One Ocean Hub, UKRI

SIDS and Equity: Proponents of the progressive development in International Environmental Law

Kevin Chand, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Vanuatu to the United Nations

Title TBD

Panelist TBC

12:15-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-15:00 **Panel 5 – Conventional gaps or a need for further systemic integration?**

Moderator
TBD

Are there “gaps” in the LOSC? On the fabric of the modern law of the sea after 40 years

Nele Matz-Lück, Managing Director Walther Schücking Institute for International Law, University of Kiel

The likely impact of the BBNJ treaty on the architecture of ocean governance

Rakhyun Kim, Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University

Offshore hydrocarbon exploitation at the intersection of international legal frameworks: legally drilling our way through planetary boundaries or waiting for a captain to holler ‘avast’?

Nikolas Giannopoulos, NILOS and UCWOSL, School of Law, Utrecht University

15:00-15:15 **Coffee break**

15:15-16:45 **Round table**

Moderators

Jeroen Gutter, International Law Division, Legal Affairs Department / Centre for International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Alex Oude Elferink, NILOS and UCWOSL, School of Law, Utrecht University

Panellists (To be completed)

Ellycia Harrould-Kolieb, University of Eastern Finland and Utrecht University

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16:45-18:00 **Closing of the workshop and drinks**