

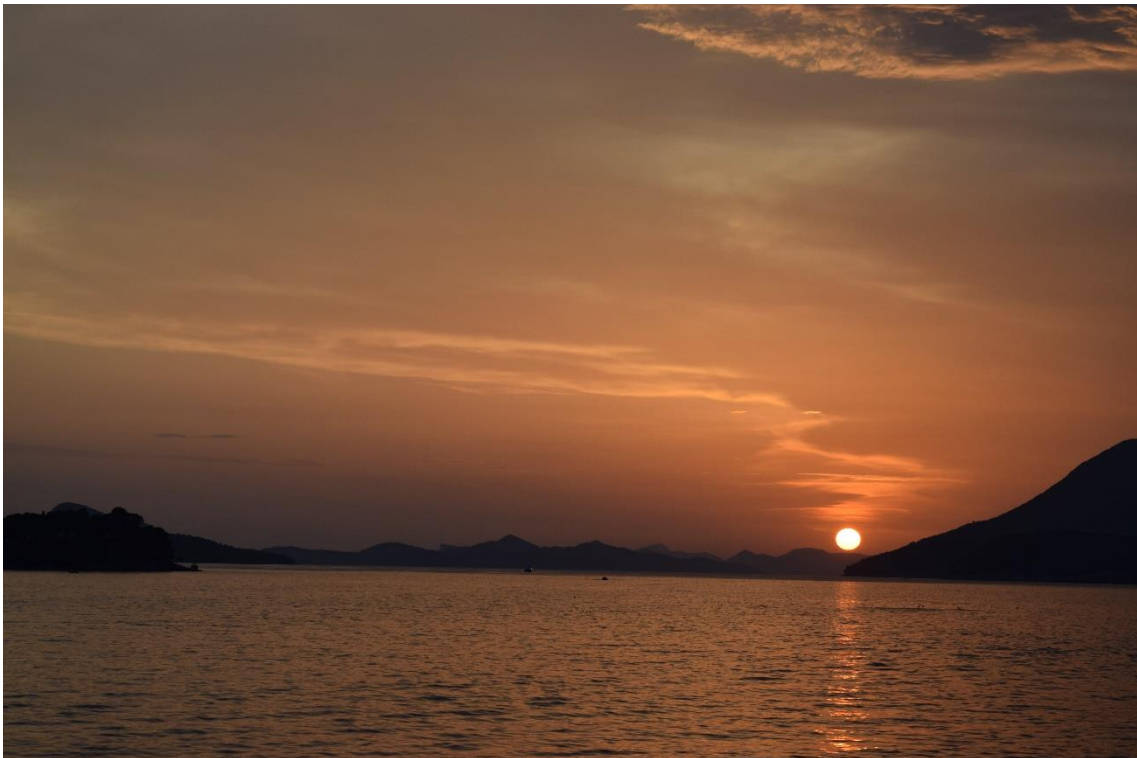


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**Filling the legal toolbox for working towards ocean sustainability: UNCLOS, UNCLOS 2.0
and/or what else?**

Workshop, The Hague 17 and 18 November 2022

Organized by the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS) and the Utrecht
University Centre for Water, Oceans and Sustainability Law (UCWOSL) of Utrecht University
In collaboration with the
Centre for International Law (CIR) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the
Netherlands



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**

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

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

Davinia Aziz, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore and Embassy of Singapore (Diplomatic Office The Hague)

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

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

Ocean Governance: A Wish List

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

The Convention as the framework for ocean governance: some reflections from the Netherlands

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

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

The Raft and The Sea. Future Ocean Governance with or beyond UNCLOS?

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

Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea – the role of the flag State

Andrew Murdoch, Legal Director, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom

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

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

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

How do we best benefit humankind? Exploring the environmental, equity, and other interests affected by a moratorium on deep seabed mining.

Samantha Robb, Netherlands Institute for Sea Research; NILOS and UCWOSL, School of Law, Utrecht University

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

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

Moderator

Danae Georgoula, NILOS and UCWOSL, School of Law, Utrecht University

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

Erik van Doorn, 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

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Panellists

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Sofia Galani, Department of International, European and Area Studies,
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Melanie Kalis, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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

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