

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar Series
So near and yet so far:
Prospects for the conclusion of a BBNJ Treaty in August 2022
Wednesday, August 10, 10:00 – 11:30am (CEST)
Venue: Online

Negotiations for a new treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) have been underway since 2018. In August 2022, delegates of states will gather in New York to attempt to finalise a treaty at session 5 of the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC5). Observers of IGC4 were optimistic that there was sufficient momentum to attempt to finalise the treaty at IGC5. In this discussion, Associate Professor Joanna Mossop will explore the challenges that will need to be overcome if a treaty is to be concluded, and some of the potential choices facing delegates. Is it possible to achieve an ambitious treaty in the two weeks of IGC5? Or will states find themselves booking another trip to New York for IGC6?

Joanna Mossop is an Associate Professor in law at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. She has written extensively on the law of the sea, and has been following the negotiations of the BBNJ treaty as an observer on the New Zealand delegation (all views expressed are her own). In 2019 the New Zealand government nominated her to the list of arbitrators and conciliators under Annexes V and VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. She has provided support to the Oceans and Coastal Group of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, and has consulted for the UNDP. She is currently the New Zealand Vice-President of the Australia New Zealand Society of International Law and a co-chair of the Oceans and International Environmental Law Interest Group.



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