



# 'One Ocean' Symposium

**Saturday 24th August 2019—9am to 5pm**

**Scandinavia House, 58 Park Ave, New York, NY 10016, USA**

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## Overview

Please join us for thought-provoking presentations and discussions with delegates, academics, policy makers and NGOs, exploring key issues for the United Nations' proposed treaty on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ).

### **Morning Symposium: 9am to 2pm**

#### **Exploring Key Issues for the BBNJ Treaty Negotiations**

From 9am, join us for a series of presentations from global experts, followed by facilitated discussions, about elements of the BBNJ treaty, including marine genetic resource governance, environmental impact assessments, area based management tools and technology transfer. Please see over the page for the program and visit our website for more information about the speakers and abstracts.

### **Afternoon Workshop: 2.30pm to 5pm**

#### **'Rights of Nature' Beyond National Jurisdiction**

From 2.30pm there will be a ground-breaking exploration of how 'Rights of Nature' laws may apply to the context of ocean biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction and the key issues raised in the morning session. The Rights of Nature approach represents a paradigm shift, where nature is recognized as having its own legal right to exist, regenerate and evolve.

### **Drinks and Networking: 5pm—5.45pm**

## Registration

This event is **FREE** but bookings are essential. Book your place:

<https://bbnj.eventbrite.com.au>

### **For More Information**

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## Program

### Morning Symposium: 9am to 2pm

#### Exploring Key Issues for the BBNJ Treaty Negotiations

Enjoy 10-minute presentations followed by discussions with global experts, about elements of the BBNJ treaty, including:

- marine genetic resources, including the question of sharing benefits from their use;
- environmental impact assessments;
- area based management tools, including marine protected areas;
- technology transfer and capacity building;
- use of knowledge, including traditional knowledge and scientific knowledge;
- governance models and questions of adjacency; and
- questions of monitoring, control and surveillance.

For a full list of speakers and abstracts, please [visit our website](https://rightsofnature.org.au/bbnj-24august/) (https://rightsofnature.org.au/bbnj-24august/)

### Afternoon Workshop: 2.30pm to 5pm

#### 'Rights of Nature' Beyond National Jurisdiction

Join us for a ground-breaking workshop that will explore the potential of the Rights of Nature legal movement to support BBNJ.

The workshop will include:

1. Short presentations about the Rights of Nature, including:
  - Rights of Nature movement and laws around the world — Dr Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance
  - Regional Convention on the Rights of Pacific Ocean—Dr Victor David, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, New Caledonia
  - BBNJ and Rights of Nature—Dr Harriet Harden Davies, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security
2. Facilitated discussions to develop a research plan for a project exploring the feasibility of applying a Rights of Nature approach to BBNJ governance.