



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF DENMARK**



THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE BAHAMAS



**Capacity-building workshop on**

**BASELINES, LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES IN A CHANGING OCEAN  
DELIVERING CERTAINTY AND STABILITY**

**THE BAHAMAS  
6-9 May 2024**

**Course Objectives**

1. Consider the key principles of the Law of the Sea as codified in the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (LOSC), in relation to maritime baselines limits and boundaries;
2. Analyse the determination of baselines, delineation and declaration of the outer limits to maritime zones and the delimitation of maritime boundaries in an era of climate change and sea level rise;
3. Consider potential response options including the declaration and fixing of maritime baselines, limits and boundaries;
4. Strategise on how the best options can be implemented in practice including mitigation options.

## Course Schedule

### Day 1 (6 May)

14.00-17.00  
(at hotel)

Registration and receipt of workshop materials  
Welcome reception  
Welcome address:

- Ms Jerusa Ali, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of The Bahamas (TBC, alternate Ms Kimberley Lam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of The Bahamas) and
- Mr. Jeppe Hallencreutz-Fogtmann, Danish Deputy Ambassador to the Bahamas, Government of the Kingdom of Denmark

### Day 2 (7 May)

8.00AM  
9.00AM – 10.00AM

**Pick up from hotel to venue**  
**Course Introduction**

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Professor Niels Andersen, Senior Chief consultant, Department of Space and Technology, DTU Space, Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark
- Official welcome: Ms Jerusa Ali, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of The Bahamas (TBC, alternate Ms Kimberley Lam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of The Bahamas) and Mr/s XX, Government of the Kingdom of Denmark (TBC)
- Workshop Photo

10.00AM – 10.30AM

**Introduction: The Threat of Sea Level Rise to Maritime Baselines, Limits and Boundaries**

- Professor Clive Schofield, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong, Australia

10.30AM – 11.00AM

Coffee Break

11.00AM - 12:30PM

**Keynote Address: Due Publicity Obligations for Outer Limits of Maritime Zones and Maritime Boundaries under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

- Mr. Vladimir Jares, Director, Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)
- Introduced by: Professor Niels Andersen, DTU Space

- Commentator: Professor Dr. Alejandra Torres Camprubi, Adjunct Professor on International Climate Change Law, IE University Law School and International Legal Counsel, Torres Iuris

12.30PM – 1.30PM

Lunch

1.30PM – 2.30PM

**Baselines, Limits and Boundaries under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

- Professor Clive Schofield, ANCORS
- Mr Robert Harris, Assistant Legal Advisor for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, United States Department of State

2.30PM – 3.30PM

**Mapping the Coast: Determining the Location of Baselines**

- Mr Robert van de Poll, Global Director Law of the Sea, Fugro

3.30PM – 4.00PM

Coffee Break

4.00PM – 5.30PM

**Practical Exercise in Constructing Baselines Model and Applying Emerging Technologies to the Determination of Baselines**

- Mr Robert van de Poll, Fugro

5.30PM - 6.00PM

Discussion

6.00PM

**Return to hotel**

**Day 3 (8 May)**

8.00AM

**Pick up from hotel to venue**

8.40AM – 9.00AM

Welcome and Housekeeping remarks

- Professor Clive Schofield, ANCORS

9.00AM – 11.00AM

**Legal Certainty and Stability in the Face of Sea Level Rise: Trends in State Practice and International Legal Developments concerning Baselines, Maritime Limits and Maritime Boundaries**

- Professor David Freestone, Professorial Lecturer and Visiting Scholar, George Washington University, Washington D.C. and Executive Secretary, Sargasso Sea Commission
- Professor Philip Saunders, KC, Professor of Law, Dalhousie University
- Commentator: Professor Bryce Rudyk, Director, International Environmental Law Program, New York

University and Legal Advisor, Alliance of Small Island States

- 11.00AM – 11.30AM Coffee Break
- 11.30AM – 1.00PM **Options for Fulfilling Deposit Requirements under UNCLOS**
- Moderator: Mr Vladimir Jares, Director, Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations
  - Mr Kevin Baumert, United States Department of State
  - Commentator: Associate Professor Beatriz Martinez Romera, Faculty of Law University of Copenhagen
- 1.00PM – 2.00PM Lunch
- 2.00PM – 5.30PM **Excursion (TBC)**
- 6.00PM **Return to hotel**
- Day 4 (9 May)**
- 8.00AM **Pick up from hotel to venue**
- 8.40AM – 9.00AM Welcome and Housekeeping remarks
- Professor Clive Schofield, ANCORS
- 9:00AM – 10.30PM **The Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries in an Era of Sea Level Rise**
- Professor David Freestone, Professorial Lecturer and Visiting Scholar, George Washington University and Professor Clive Schofield, ANCORS
  - Commentator: Professor Bjørn Kunoy, University of the Faroe Islands
- 10.30AM – 11.00AM Coffee Break
- 11.00AM-12.30PM **Real World Impacts of Sea Level Rise on Small Island Developing States**
- Dr. Rhianna Neely, Director of the Department of Environmental Protection and Planning (DEPP), of the Ministry of Environment of The Bahamas
- Commentator: Professor Philip Saunders, KC, Professor of Law, Dalhousie University
- 12.30PM – 1.30PM Lunch
- 1.30PM – 2.30PM **Closing ceremony**
- Ms Jerusa Ali, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of The Bahamas (TBC, alternate Ms Kimberley

Lam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of The Bahamas) and

- Professor Niels Andersen, Senior Chief consultant, Department of Space and Technology, DTU Space, Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark

3.00PM

**Pick up from venue to hotel/airport**

## Faculty

- **Mr Kevin Baumert**, Legal Counsel, United States Department of State
- **Professor David Freestone**, Professorial Lecturer and Visiting Scholar at George Washington University Law School in Washington D.C. and Executive Secretary of the Sargasso Sea Commission
- **Mr Robert Harris**, Assistant Legal Adviser for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, United States Department of State
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- **Mr Robert van de Poll**, Global Director of Law of the Sea, Global Geo-Data Analysis and Geoconsultancy, Fugro
- **Professor Bryce Rudyk**, Director, International Environmental Law Program, New York University and Legal Advisor, Alliance of Small Island States
- **Professor Philip Saunders**, KC, Professor of Law, Dalhousie University, Canada.
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