



UNITED NATIONS – NIPPON FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI  
SIXTH ALUMNI MEETING

SUMMARY REPORT

TOKYO, 28 NOVEMBER TO 3 DECEMBER 2014



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Sixth United Nations - Nippon Foundation Fellowship Alumni meeting was held in Tokyo, Japan from 28 November to 3 December 2014 to celebrate two important events: the 10th anniversary of the Fellowship Programme and 100 Fellows; and the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

To mark those events, the Sixth meeting was organized for the entire Global Alumni Network, in order to: provide the alumni an opportunity to meet as a group with the representatives of The Nippon Foundation of Japan to celebrate these important events; to contribute to knowledge on emergent issues relating to ocean affairs and the law of the sea and effective ocean governance; and to identify national/regional needs relating to ocean affairs and the law of the sea and effective ocean governance and the programmes of work/activities that the Alumni Network can engage into to address those needs.

This meeting was exceptional because of the unique participation of 80 alumni from the Global Alumni Network and prestigious high level participants such as: Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel; Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation; Ms. Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director of the Division of the Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS); Mr. Unno, Executive Director of the Nippon Foundation; representatives of the Programme Academic Partners, namely Prof. Ronan Long, Prof. Alain Piquemal, Prof. Stuart Kaye, Dr. Yoshitaka Ota; and other distinguished Professors, including Prof. Mariko Kawano and Prof. Steven Smolinsky.

The meeting was also a unique occasion for alumni to set up general orientations on the future strategy of the Network along with presenting extensive assessments carried out by regional representatives to identify the individual, national, regional and thematic needs from their respective alumni.

The presentations provided by regional representatives also allowed to highlight ways to improve the network effectiveness in many areas such as communication, alumni meetings, network organization, and future actions to increase the network visibility.

This meeting with its unique participation of more than 80% of the whole alumni network has considerably strengthened the bonds between alumni especially through social activities organized by the United Nations and the Nippon Foundation across the city of Tokyo.

The meeting outcome will be the starting point for wider and more inclusive discussions on the implementation of some of the proposed solutions highlighted by alumni in order to optimized the resources and support the synergies initiated by this exceptional meeting.

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## **1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting**

The sixth United Nations – The Nippon Foundation of Japan (UNNF) Global Alumni meeting started at 9:00 AM on Friday 28 November 2014 with a visit organized by the Nippon Foundation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, where Mr. Takashi Uto, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, received the alumni.

Mr. Takashi Uto delivered a statement in which he emphasized the important role of DOALOS in training more than 100 fellows from around the world in the Law of the Sea and ocean affairs through the Fellowship Programme and commended the significant financial support of the Nippon Foundation to the Programme. He also wished all the success to the alumni in their respective fields for maintaining and reinforcing “the rule of law at sea”.

The second part of the first day took place at the Nippon Foundation headquarter, where the meeting was officially opened with a statement delivered by the Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa.

In his opening statement, Mr. Sasakawa recalled the growing impact that human activities have on oceans and the responsibility of each individual of this planet to preserve and protect the world’s ocean’s resources for the next generation. Mr. Sasakawa highlighted the fact that this important task cannot be achieved by a single country, because of the complex and interrelated problems of the oceans, but rather through global awareness and action to address this important and shared responsibilities. Thus, he underlined that it was essential today more than ever to develop professionals who possess global and multi- disciplinary visions in order to effectively change people’s behavior and increase this global and action-oriented awareness.

Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, under- Secretary - General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, emphasized the crucial need for human capacity building in order

to develop a generation of ocean leaders capable of addressing the many challenges facing the world of ocean. Mr. Serpa Soares highlighted the unique and comprehensive structure of this fellowship that explains its success.

Prof. Ronan Long, National University of Ireland, delivered a statement on behalf of the academic partners and paid a tribute to the programme, highlighting its uniqueness based on its wide and effective partnership with more than 50 institutions from 24 countries. Prof. Long expressed his strong belief that the world will soon witness the long-term benefit of this exceptional training given to professionals with many different specializations and with different background and professional positions.

Mr. Abbas Daher Djama, Global Representative of the UNNF Fellowship Alumni, gave a statement in which he commended how the programme enriches the personal and professional lives of the fellows, by creating bonds among them that overcome all differences and are based on their common passion for the ocean. Mr. Daher Djama reminded the strong commitment of every fellow to collaborate with all the international partners and the Nippon Foundation. He also thanked the Nippon Foundation and the United Nations for their generous support and for believing in each and every fellow's capacity to make a difference and improve the world of ocean.

## **2. Opening Presentations**

In the afternoon of Friday 28 November 2014, the meeting continued with the presentation of Ms. Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director of the DOALOS on “Current developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea - UNCLOS after 20 years of its entry into force and activities of the United Nations”. The Director made a detailed and precise description of the current issues under discussions at the United Nations and the challenges face by the international community on the different areas of ocean affairs and the law of the sea.

The second presentation was made by Prof. Alain Piquemal, Professor at the University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis in France on “Sustainable ocean-based economies”. Prof. Piquemal introduced the notion of “Blue Economy” or “Blue Growth” as an approach based on the recognition by a State of the potential of its marine resources for economic and sustainable development and the necessity to develop an integrated policy that acknowledges the inter-linkages that exist between the different domains and functions of their seas, oceans and coastal areas.

Prof. Long, Professor at the university of the National University of Ireland, made the third presentation on “Legislative and institutional aspects of the implementation of UNCLOS and related instruments at national level”. Prof. Long highlighted the delicate issues related to the implementation of UNCLOS, given the difference in legal traditions (monist/dualist), and in the incorporation of international treaty provisions into the domestic law.

Prof. Stuart Kaye, Professor at the University of Wollongong in Australia, delivered the fourth presentation on “Realizing the benefits of oceans and the law of the sea – focus on fisheries and biodiversity”. Prof. Kaye started by recalling that fish stocks were perceived

as inexhaustible for a long time and it is only in recent years that the world realized that not only such stocks are exhaustible, but human activities are likely to exhaust them and other oceans resources sooner than what was expected. Prof. Kaye pointed out the numerous provisions on UNCLOS to conserve ocean living resources, including biodiversity both within and beyond national jurisdiction.

Dr. Yoshitaka Ota, University of British Columbia, Canada gave a presentation on “Small scale fisheries and food security in a changing climate”. Dr. Ota presented the risks faced by large-scale fisheries and the impacts for the sustainability of ocean’s marine living resources and the need for rebuilding fish stocks, by reducing fisheries at the global level.

Prof. Mariko Kawano, Professor of International Law at Waseda University of Japan, Faculty of Law, presented the “International Cooperation within the Framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea”. In her presentation, Prof. Kawano identified the international cooperation obligations set out in the Convention, for example under article 100 relating to piracy and article 118 on the conservation and management of living resources. Prof. Kawano presented Japanese examples of compliance with the above-mentioned provisions on cooperation, including deploying naval forces to fight piracy off the coast of Somalia.

The presentations were followed by Questions & Answers sessions, during which the Professors and the Director were sharing their expertise on the current challenges in the field of ocean affairs and possible solutions that need to be implemented to overcome the identified issues.

On the evening of Friday 28 November, the Nippon Foundation organized a welcome reception, during which the Alumni Representative offered a gift to Chairman Sasakawa of the Nippon Foundation and nominal gifts to the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, and to the Director of DOALOS, Ms. Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli.

### **3. Tokyo Challenge**

On Saturday, 29 November 2014, there was a briefing on the Tokyo Challenge during which the rules and the objectives of the Challenge were presented. The Tokyo Challenge was organized to provide the alumni a Japanese cultural experience tour and a team building exercise. The alumni were divided in groups and each group had to visit as many places as possible in Tokyo and document this with photographs, in order to gain points. This challenge was an excellent way to discover the city of Tokyo and its population while cooperating within the teams and competing with other alumni teams.

The Tokyo challenge teams were established during the Saturday briefing, after which the teams had time to better know each other, elaborate some strategies and set out the role of each member of the group. Prof. Smolinsky shared some techniques of relaxation and team building with the teams, in order to help them overcome any possible difficulties.

On Sunday 30 November 2014, the 9 teams participated in the Tokyo challenge by visiting temples, markets, traditional tea rooms, the Imperial Palace and other monuments and important cultural sites etc. The Tokyo challenge strengthened bonds among the group while discovering Japanese culture and the people of Tokyo. At the closing reception, the team that successfully visited most attractions was recognized as the winning team and received a prize.

#### **4. Identifying and Addressing Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea Related Needs**

During the preparation of the Sixth Alumni meeting, each alumni was asked to prepare a document identifying their personal, national, regional and thematic capacity needs and propose solutions in order to address them.

On Monday 1 December 2014, the Alumni Regional Representatives presented an overview of the ocean affairs and the law of the sea related needs identified by the alumni of each region. This segment was co-chaired by Dr. Francois Bailet and Mr. Abbas Daher Djama and the outcome Rapporteur was Ms. Valentina Germani.

This all-day segment was an important part of the meeting as it allowed to better identify not only the current oceans issues that countries and regions are facing, but also to highlight alumni individual needs in order to increase their knowledge but also their capacity to influence the world of oceans.

Each of the eight regions that compose the United Nations – Nippon Foundation Fellowship Alumni Network made a presentation which provided the basis for a wider and more detailed discussions in a later segment of the meeting, on Wednesday 3 December 2014, under the guidance of the Professors.

## **5. Individual and Network Development**

On Tuesday 2 December 2014, Prof. Steven Smolinsky, a communication and team building expert who participated to several alumni meetings, presented several techniques on how to effectively communicate in public and how to strengthen the relationship between alumni, in order to create synergies among them.

The afternoon session was marked by an intensive discussion on how to better develop the Alumni Network and what actions need to be taken by the Global Network and by the regional groups in order to ensure better coordination and establish a closer relationship with partners such as the United Nations and the Nippon Foundation.

This segment provided an occasion to assess the network communication strategy and to improve it in order to maintain a constant and dynamic interaction between alumni. The alumni mentioned also the need to strengthened relationship with the United Nations and the Nippon Foundation especially through trainings and information sharing.

The alumni also insisted on the need to change alumni meetings structure by introducing thematic meetings which will ensure that alumni received valuable information on the current issues related to their fields provided by eminent experts. The idea of thematic meetings was broadly supported by the group as an efficient way of ensuring that alumni are continuously informed about the new developments in specific fields, while increasing alumni leadership at the national and regional level.

## **6. The Role of the Fellowship and Alumni Network in Addressing Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea Related Needs (outcome)**

Following the presentations on ocean affairs and the law of the sea capacity needs made by the regional representatives on Monday 2 December 2014, this all-day segment chaired by Mr. Abbas Daher Djama was dedicated to finalizing the outcome of the meeting and to establish a solid action plan for the future activities of the Network. Alumni were organized in regional groups, where they discussed concrete actions they would like to implement, keeping in mind the identified needs.

These rich and intense discussions were followed by concluding presentations from regional representatives on the concrete actions agreed upon by the regional groups. All the presentations were compiled and clustered in an outcome document that was later adopted by the meeting as the final strategy of the Network.

## **7. Closing of the meeting**

The meeting concluded with a reception generously organized by the Nippon Foundation during which the Executive Director of the Nippon Foundation, Mr. Unno, thanked the participants for their dedication and for their commitment to build a strong alumni network. Mr. Unno also announced the creation by The Nippon Foundation of a new fund for the benefit of the alumni of their various programmes. The sixth United Nations Nippon Foundation alumni meeting ended with the strong commitment from the alumni that is the success of the meeting would only the beginning of the Alumni Network accomplishments.

## **Annex I: Outcome of the Meeting, including Annexes**

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### OUTCOME

The United Nations – The Nippon Foundation of Japan Global Alumni Network includes 100 alumni from 64 developing States. At the 2014 Global Alumni Meeting, held in Tokyo, Japan, 28 November – 3 December 2014, the alumni met and discussed the challenges they face as individuals, in their fields of work, in their countries and regions in relation to ocean affairs and the law of the sea. The regional presentations and discussions demonstrated that many of the challenges faced by individuals, countries and regions are similar, as are the ways to address them. The alumni also discussed what is needed to address the identified challenges, both in general and more specifically in the context of the Alumni Network. The outcome of these discussions is captured in section 1-4 below. The Annex to this document presents the proposals and commitments made at the Global Alumni Meeting 2014 in the context of the regional groups.

#### **1. Main challenges**

1. Maritime security: in particular piracy and armed robbery; terrorism; smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons, especially women and children; and drug smuggling
2. Maritime boundary delimitation and overlapping entitlements; and delineation of the outer continental shelf
3. Maritime safety: safety standards (e.g. oil/gas operations), safety zones around platforms; shipping lanes; and implementation of IMO Conventions
4. Ocean governance: integrated ocean management; ocean policies; regional cooperation and coordination
5. Sustainable fisheries management: IUU fishing, over-exploitation, over-capacity, destructive fishing practices, absence of monitoring control and surveillance (MSC) systems, encroachment of foreign vessels into national waters, small-scale fisheries
6. Food security and sustainable livelihood, including development of sustainable aquaculture
7. Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, including control of invasive species
8. Marine environment protection, for example: oil pollution, land based pollution, vessel pollution, establishment of MPAs, seismic prospection, marine noise pollution, habitat degradation (e.g. mangroves)
9. Maritime natural disaster management and climate change: sea level rise and

- inundation, effects on marine resources (fisheries) and ecosystems
10. Marine resource management and conflicts over marine resources – e.g. fisheries and oil/gas; seabed mining
  11. Sustainable development of marine and coastal areas/activities – e.g. development of ports, tourism and impacts on marine environment and local communities (social dimension)
  12. Rights of land-locked States to access and to transit to the sea and sustainable regional cooperation
  13. Lack of human capacity - e.g. lack of knowledge in law enforcement and law of the sea; and lack of socio-cultural and maritime education
  14. Inadequate political willingness/awareness on marine and environmental issues
  15. Inadequate regional/institutional cooperation and coordination among stakeholders

## 2. Needs

1. **Ratification** of relevant international conventions and instruments and **implementation** through the development of national legislation/regulations/policies (in particular IMO conventions). This requires information and exposure to international affairs
2. **Revision of national/regional legislation/regulatory framework** to give effect to new international instruments and policies, based on science and precautionary approach. Human capacity needs to be developed to this end in all relevant fields through specialized and practical training
3. **Enhanced institutional cooperation and coordination**: lack of effective institutional and human cooperation at national and regional levels. Need to establish more effective mechanisms of coordination and cooperation in order to ensure effective implementation of policies, international mandates, regional and global agreements as well as local legislation. Also inter-regional cooperation mechanisms can be established, for example LACA and Pacific have many regional organizations that could interact on common challenges in the Pacific ocean
4. **Outreach** on specific thematic issues in order to sensitize stakeholders, including at the political, technical, civil society and community levels
5. **Collection and exchange of data and expertise** for science based and adaptive management. Information and data often available but difficult to access. Where not available, need more participation in scientific research projects
6. **Address the root causes of problems** not just the symptoms, in particular in relation to maritime security. Also need to find cross-sectoral solutions, not address issues in silos, for example fisheries fundamental link to piracy problem
7. **Local communities** participation and involvement in resource management
8. **Adaptive management**, especially in view of climate change

## 3. Practical and result-oriented ways to address the above challenges/needs

1. **Access to scientific and legal information** –establishment of scientific and law of the sea documentation centres. Alumni Network website can be used as a repository of information
2. **Marine scientific databases development** - Inventory of available data/information at national and regional level, to enhance the organization and dissemination of data
3. **Regional research and training opportunities** for the study and research/knowledge in oceans and the law of the sea, with a view to enhancing the multidisciplinary interlinkages between scientific, technical, management and legal experts
4. **Dissemination of information:** organizing coordinated working networks among Alumni in specific regions or across regions, through dialogues and common projects on specific topics/challenges. The Alumni Network could be further enhanced and used as a global or regional network/platform for dissemination of knowledge/best practices regarding maritime issues. Thematic networks meetings, conferences, workshops or even short research stays can be organized, to debate or study specific topics and exchange ideas and experiences about ocean issues common to several countries and also to develop more participatory solutions. Through the development of publications/studies about thematic ocean issues/challenges at national, regional or global levels, in different languages, the alumni can contribute to their capacity-development and to the dissemination of information on specific challenges that can inform their regional/national/community contexts.
5. **Professional exchange programmes amongst alumni of different regions** - alumni to go to institutions in other regions to work and exchange practices
6. **Enhance public education, awareness and outreach:** Public awareness and education – enhance ocean literacy, including strengthening the science-policy interface which remains weak, by communicating scientific knowledge in a format easily understood by policy makers and other stakeholders. Problems and challenges faced could be addressed more efficiently by increasing public participation and empowerment in policy formulation and management interventions. This can be done through on-line courses for the public, publications aimed to general public and dissemination of policies. For example, UN-NF Alumni can work with academic partners to produce information papers that could be distributed to government officials, business, local communities, and more widely through the internet.
7. **Capacity building:** Scientific and technical training as well as research projects participation for fellows. Promotion of community leadership projects to facilitate successful processes and ensure the effective application of marine regulations and dissemination of best practices regarding ocean resources management and conservation.

#### **4. Individual Needs**

1. **Scholarships** Advanced training including PhD and Master scholarships, as well as internships in areas such as:
  - a. Marine affairs
  - b. Ocean Governance
  - c. Marine Science and Technology
  - d. Underwater Archaeology
  - e. Maritime and International law
  
2. **Contribute to the participation of Alumni** in UN and other intergovernmental meetings
  
3. **Funding for long term projects and scientific research**
  
4. **Training courses (regional):** on emerging and current issues related to ocean affairs, including multi-disciplinary education, such as:
  - a. law of the sea
  - b. legal framework, including in the context of maritime business and industry
  - c. fisheries
  - d. boundary delimitation
  - e. climate change
  - f. maritime law
  - g. environmental management
  - h. enforcement
  - i. international negotiation skills (ocean specific)

## **ANNEX**

### **East Africa - The way forward**

1. Documentation access for the alumni

Access to legal and scientific updated documents through the Alumni website (Electronic journals , articles, etc. )

2. Forum

- Structured regional forum, to address different maritime issues in the East African and Indian Ocean Islands Region. The name could be the “East Africa and Indian Ocean Islands Forum”. It will have e.g. its terms of reference (TOR) and a chairperson etc .(who will also come from the region)

3. Visibility and raising awareness at the national, regional, global level

- Creation of E-newsletters based on the UNNF website (This shall be disseminated to various organisations and ministries etc of fellows)
- Promote the recognition of the alumni at national level to enable them to influence national authorities (DOALOS issuance of letters of endorsement on completion of the program (apart from the certificate))
- Conference, workshops supported by the UNDOALOS and NF and organised at national and regional level with alumni participation

4. Creation of a legal entity

- Having a legal entity which will give us the capability to act as a credible group and participating in global, regional, and national maritime forums
- Facilitation of access to partnership and funding
- Consultancy offer of service

However, having a legal entity status has a financial implication. Partnering with established institutions is an alternative.

## Practical proposals to address the challenges/needs in West, Central and South Africa

<u>Practical activities</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Participate in existing national platforms to advocate/increase awareness on ocean/marine issues e.g.	Individual Alumni                      Regional	Short-term (ongoing)
Endorsement letter from UNDOALOS to respective Governments to recognize Alumni and Fellows	DOALOS	Short-term
Support regional alumni network meeting every two years	Nippon/DOALOS/Regional Alumni	Medium-term
National workshop on ocean/marine awareness for politicians, and civil society in the context of climate change in 2015	Regional Alumni/Nippon/DOALOS	Short/Medium-term
Organize talk shows/write newspaper articles on radio in relation to Celebration of World Ocean Day, Biodiversity day,	Regional Alumni/DOALOS/Nippon	Short-term
Introduction Letter to MOWCA (Marine Organization of West & Central Africa)	Regional Alumni	Short-term
Organize bi-annual webinars on various topics related to ocean, climate change and marine affairs.	Regional Alumni	Medium-term

### Individual Needs

1. Scholarship : PhD and Masters

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- Marine affairs and project management
  - Ship maritime safety and security inspector
2. Contribute to the participation of Alumni in UN and other intergovernmental meetings
    - Partial/full funding to participate in UN and other intergovernmental meeting
    - Dissemination of information on upcoming meetings
  3. Funding for long term projects and scientific research
    - Establishment of Small Grant Fund to support small projects
  4. The principle of the creation of Alumni Network funding, which modalities should be discussed in another meeting.

## South and South East Asian Action Plan Tokyo Commitment

Objective	Activity	Contents	Editor	Alumni coordinator	Contributors	Budget	Timeframe
<b>Publication</b>	<b>Book:</b> South East Asian Ocean Issues and the Law of the Sea	<b>Chapters*</b> -Maritime Dispute -Maritime security -Sustainable Fisheries -conclusion and recommendation	-submission of the proposal	- Andi Arsana -Bob Capistrano -regional representative	-every alumni should be the author or co-author of the article	-contribution from alumni -sponsorship from professional publishers	Publication: Ocean Day 8 <sup>th</sup> June, 2015 Guideline for writing: 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2015 Submission date: 1 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Capacity Building:</b> Public awareness, knowledge transfer & information sharing	<b>Organizing Workshop:</b> in Indonesia  <b>Attending Workshop:</b> In Indonesia	South East Asian Ocean Issues and the Law of the Sea  Workshop on Managing potential conflicts in the South China Sea		-Senia Febrica (Indonesia)	-Alumni	- Funding to be identified	Workshop Day: Ocean Day 8 <sup>th</sup> June, 2015 Proposal Submission: March 2015  Workshop Day: October or November, 2015
	Dissemination/	Individual		-Kasem	-alumni/	-Funding to	twice /2015

	Raising awareness in maritime issues for new generations	country operate (Thailand, Indonesia) Result report on website	(Thailand) -Lokita, Dysi (Indonesia)	relevant agencies	be identified
<b>Team work building</b>	-rotation of regional representative by country	2015-2016: Rep : Michael (Philippines) Deputy Rep: Dong (Vietnam)  2017-2018: Open for Vietnam, Myanmar Cambodia			
	-Use of Line Application	-effectiveness of communication -timely responses		-Pakjuta (Thailand)	

\*Proposed article: (Max. 4000-5,000 words including references)

### **Chapter I Maritime Dispute**

1. Indonesian Maritime Boundary: **Andi Arsana And Lokita (Indonesia)**
2. South China Sea: **Michael**
3. Extended Continental Shelf: **Lokita and Andi (Indonesia)**
4. The Equi-Area/Ratio The New Method For Maritime Delimitation: **Samharn Dairairam (Thailand)**
5. Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Boundaries Dispute: **Dr. Mohammad Mohiuddin (Bangladesh)**
6. Vietnam Delimitation with Neighboring Countries: **Dong (Viet Nam)**

### **Chapter II Marine Environment and Fisheries**

1. Marine Environment in Relation with the Sustainable Fishery in the Legal Aspect in Vietnam: **Gam (Viet Nam)**
2. Coastal Community Development Program in Indonesia: **Dysi (Indonesia)**
3. Fishing Capacity Management in Thailand: **Pakjuta Kemakorn (Thailand)**
4. Database Information in Climate Change Effect in Fisheries in Southeast Asia: **Nopparat (Thailand)**
5. Thailand Ocean Governance: **Kasem (Thailand)**
6. Fisheries Management in India: **Ansy (India)**
7. Ocean and coastal management: **Hendra Siry (Indonesia)**

### **Chapter III Maritime Administration and Security**

1. Bilateral Ties of Philipines And Indonesia – Guia Monje (Philippines)
2. National Coast Watch System in The Philippines: Guia Monje (Philippines)
3. Maritime security: Senia (Indonesia)
4. Shipping Surcharges: **Ha Viet Tran (Viet Nam)**

### **Chapter IV Conclusion**

Bob Capistrano **Mediterranean, Black and Caspian Seas Region and Arabian Peninsula**

1) To disseminate fellowship Programme information through the Alumni of the regions, not only UNDP in the regions and UN Permanent Representatives of States. (as we notice that although our region covers many States, there are only few Fellows in this programme)

2) Thematic needs, for example: delimitation, implementation of IMO Conventions, environment, fisheries, piracy, etc.

Needs for thematic meetings on:

- Delimitations issues which will involve experts from the related areas e.g ITLOS, ICJ, DOALOS, law firms that are dealing with cases on delimitations. Need to exchange expertise and experience.
- Meetings on implementation and enforcement of maritime environmental protection conventions of IMO namely Ballast Water Management Convention, Recycling Convention, Wreck Removal Convention, MARPOL ANNEX VI.
- Thematic meetings addressing piracy to take place periodically to discuss similar challenges/concerns from different regions. For example, piracy is a common concern in the Arabian region as well as the African region. Participants from these regions could organize such meetings to share information and current developments with regards to the matters discussed.
- Create groups on specific areas from the Alumni of other regions (meaning that the Alumni who are specialized on same and similar topics could gather to exchange information, exchange experiences, etc.)

3) Publish of our researches on relevant topics to make them available in universities and libraries or disseminate more information to universities and libraries regarding our alumni network website.

4) Collect information from concerned governmental/private entities in each country regarding maritime affairs challenges. Such challenges will be discussed in the UNNF network with the objective to share information and practices.

5) Ability to participate in consultative working groups meetings held in the United Nations and International Maritime Organization (IMO) related to maritime security issues. Coordination to attend such meetings may be achieved, if proposed through DOALOS.

## **United Nations-Nippon Foundation Alumni: Pacific Alumni Group**

### *Objectives*

1. Strengthen participation in ocean governance within the alumni and beyond, including different sectors.
2. Disseminate information through outreach activities and publications.
3. Increase regional research and training opportunities.

### *Priority/Focus Areas*

Based on approaches identified in the UN-Nippon Foundation Fellowship Global Alumni Outcome document, the Pacific alumni group will focus its activities on the following:

- Regional research and training opportunities
- Dissemination of information
- Enhance public education, awareness and outreach
- Capacity building

### *Time-frame for achievement*

Many of the activities outlined in the table below are set as short-term goals that the alumni group will work to achieve over the next year. However, activities that the Pacific alumni group envisions will require longer timeframes are also outlined.

### *Review process*

In order to track progress against activities set out in the table, the Pacific alumni group will communicate as follows:

- At least 1 communication per month from each group member (personal updates, etc, not limited to set tasks);
- After 6months (i.e., June, 2015), a regional review of progress against set tasks;
- After 12months (i.e., December, 2015) a final review of achievements over the 12 month period, and development of the 2016 Activities Matrix.

Action Matrix:

Goals	Task	Focal point	Target	Timeframe
Increase participation of the Pacific Alumni within the global network	Contribute articles to the Alumni website raising awareness on ocean issues/governance opportunities at the national and regional level	ALL	Each alumnus: At least 4 articles	1 year
	Contribute to development of information materials (brochures, posters, etc) tailored to issues/priorities of the region	ALL	As needed	6 months
Broaden the scope of participation in the UNNF Fellowship from the Pacific region	Conduct information sessions with national institutions and professional groups to raise awareness on the UNNF Fellowship	Each alumnus within their home country	Each alumnus: At least 2 information sessions	1 year
	Raise awareness of the UNNF Fellowship in the region through publicizing the application and process through national governments and professional groups	Each alumnus within their home country	Each alumnus: At least 4 institutions/professional groups/sectors	1 year
	Provide support to interested applicants during the proposal drafting process, as well as mentoring new Fellows through the Fellowship process and experience	ALL	As needed	On-going
Support the development of regionally-relevant ocean research topics and trainings	Develop/Build on relationships with UNNF training centres and relevant regional and national institutions on ocean (short-term)	Anama/ALL	Dialogue established with at least 2 institutions	On-going
	In the medium to long term collaborate with interested training centres to develop a proposal for a training course on an oceans topic of mutual interest/priority	ALL	At least 1 proposal developed	24-36 months
	Develop PhD research topics addressing specific ocean issues in the region/specific States	Joy, Tearinaki & Rudy	As needed	6 months
Increasing regional contribution to ocean	Publish from the current repository of Pacific UN-Nippon theses and other	Joy & Tearinaki	At least 2 theses published	1 year

literacy	emerging issues			
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## **LACA Outcome**

LACA's focus has been on what LACA can do in the coming year to advance Oceans awareness and to develop expertise of practitioners in ocean affairs and law of the sea (LOS).

We also discussed ways in which we thought the website could be strengthened in order to facilitate public access to alumni information and intra alumni networking.

### **Proposals**

#### **A.**

The writing/ posting of information/ recommendation papers on critical aspects of ocean affairs and which can act as an oceans literacy facility. In the coming year we are aiming to produce such a paper by the end of March 2015 on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) issues following the outcome of the upcoming BBNJ meeting in NY in January.

#### **B.**

We propose the production of webinars and videos of the members on ocean governance and other areas to bring ocean awareness to a grass roots level. For the coming year by April 30, 2015 we propose to all make individual videos no more than 2 minutes long per video explaining our individual perspectives of what oceans governance means in terms that can be understood by ordinary people with a view to demystifying some of the terms of oceans governance and translating, as it were technical, terms into language that ordinary people understand. We propose to post these videos to the Alumni website, to Facebook and to Vimeo).

#### **C.**

We propose that apart from regional alumni meetings and global alumni meetings the Fellowship could also hold thematic meetings where members from across different regions with expertise and even interest in particular areas of ocean governance can come together and discuss advancing those areas.

#### **D.**

We propose website reform in terms of including the following:

- A meeting calendar on the website on which all alumni members would post meetings and events on Oceans Affairs and LOS
- A discussion forum on the website
- A designated page for publications, reports, and papers sorted by thematic areas
- Links to websites with related materials i.e. in any area of Oceans Affairs and Law of the Sea
- Mutual facebook forum and Nippon Alumni webpage links so that when one logs onto one page one can have direct access to the other through a direct link

- A separate page for searching expertise by thematic criteria in order to make searching experts more user friendly for general public looking for experts in a particular area
- Posting on the website a schedule for the rotation of regions in respect of managing the posting of information to the website such as each region being responsible for information posting for a period of 2 months each.

We also propose the organisation of a technical support team for the website amongst the alumni (if feasible) to support the implementation of these reforms.

**E.**

We propose a campaign for World Oceans Day (video contributions from each member). This would consist of videos from persons in the community saying something about what the oceans mean to them and their livelihoods and stressing the importance of securing and conserving the oceans and their habitats.

**F.**

We propose in the longer term the holding of workshops in areas of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea. We need to work out the funding and the capacity in which the group would organise such workshops but in the meantime we aim to circulate within the LACA group a 1<sup>st</sup> draft proposal by June 30, 2015 with a view to finalising a proposal document that may at some point thereafter be used as a base document for obtaining funding and facilities for making such a workshop a reality.

**G.**

We also propose a thesis follow-up, that is to say, that the alumni members could post to the website ways in which the thesis research that they undertook during their fellowship was used or applied to their work in ocean affairs and law of the sea. This would also highlight for public understanding of the utility of the fellowship, the ways in which the fellowship programme does in fact impact and advance ocean affairs and law of the sea issues.

**H.**

We also propose as a region to start networking within the region from the time that the new fellows commence their fellowship by welcoming them and advising them on the basis of our own experience as to where to find housing in the area of their institution (where any of us might have also done our research in the institution) as well as in New York. This could also be done by other regions in respect of new fellows.

**I.**

We also propose that the Alumni strengthen the relationship and networks between individual alumni members and alumni groups and the affiliated institutions and in particular the individual professors.

## **Annex 2: Programme of the Meeting**

### **United Nations – Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme**

#### **Global Alumni Meeting 2014**

**28 November – 3 December 2014, Tokyo, Japan**

#### ***Day 0 - Thursday, 27 November 2014***

Arrival day – no formal activities

#### ***Day 1 - Friday, 28 November 2014***

Morning (09:00 AM – 12:00 noon)

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| 9:00 – 9:30 AM   | Meeting between the Chairman of The Nippon Foundation and the United Nations Legal Counsel and representatives |
| 9:20             | Participants pick up at hotel  |
| 10:00 – 10:30 AM | Courtesy Call to Mr. Takashi Uto, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan                                    |
| 10:30 – 11:00 AM | Group transportation to NF   |

#### ***Segment 1: Meeting Opening*** [2F Main Conference Room, Nippon Foundation HQ]

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| 11:00 – 11:15 AM | Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation  |
| 11:15 – 11:30 AM | Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel |
| 11:30 – 11:45 AM | Government Official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBD)   |
| 11:45 AM – noon  | Professor Ronan Long, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland, Academic Partner (TBD)          |
| Noon – 12:15 PM  | Mr. Abbas Daher Djama, Alumni Representative   |
| 12:15 – 12:45 PM | Photo session [Coffee/tea available]   |
| 12:45 – 2:00 PM  | Lunch  |

Afternoon (2:00 - 6:00 PM)

#### ***Segment 2: Presentations*** [2F Main Conference Room, Nippon Foundation HQ]

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| 2:00 – 2:35 PM | Opening Remarks on the Meeting; and<br>Current developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea - UNCLOS after 20 years of its entry into force and activities of the United Nations |
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*Ms. Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director, United Nations, DOALOS*

- 2:35 – 3:10 PM Sustainable ocean-based economies  
*Prof. Alain Piquemal, Université de Nice Sophia Antipolis, France*
- 3:10 – 3:45 PM Legislative and institutional aspects of the implementation of UNCLOS and related instruments at national level  
*Prof. Ronan Long, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland*
- 3:45 – 4:00 PM Coffee Break
- 4:00 – 4:35 PM Realizing the benefits of oceans and the law of the sea – focus on fisheries and biodiversity  
*Prof. Stuart Kaye, University of Wollongong, Australia*
- 4:35 – 5:10 PM Small-scale fisheries and food security in a changing climate (TBC)  
*Dr. Yoshitaka Ota, University of British Columbia, Canada*
- 5:10 – 5:45 PM Ensuring Maritime Security through International Cooperation within the Framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea  
*Prof. Mariko Kawano, Waseda University*
- 6:00 – 6:30 PM Group transportation to the reception

Evening (6:30 - 8:00PM) [Orizuru Rei, Hotel New Otani]

*Welcome reception hosted by The Nippon Foundation*

***Day 2 - Saturday, 29 November, 2014***

***Segment 3: Tokyo Challenge Briefing and Team Building Lectures*** [Boardroom, 4F, Izumi Conference Center]

*Co-chairpersons: Prof. Steven Smolinsky and Mr. Francois Bailet*

9:00 AM – noon Tokyo Challenge Briefing and Team Building Lectures

***Day 3 - Sunday, 30 November 2014***

***Segment 4: Tokyo Challenge***

[Departure and arrival: Main Entrance, Hotel Villa Fontaine Roppongi]

9:30AM – 6:00PM Tokyo Challenge – Japanese cultural experience tour and team building

***Day 4 - Monday, 1 December 2014***

***Segment 4 – Identifying and Addressing Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea Related Needs***  
[Room 1, 7F, Izumi Garden Conference Centre]

Morning (10:00AM - 1:00PM)

*Co-chairpersons: Dr. Francois Bailet and Mr. Abbas Daher Djama*

*Segment Outcome Rapporteur: Ms. Valentina Germani*

10:00 – 11:30AM Session 1: Presentations by Fellows followed by discussion

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1. *East Africa*
2. *West Africa*

11:30 – 11:40PM Morning break

11:40 – 1:00PM Session 2: Presentations by Fellows followed by discussion  
*Commentators Prof. Ronan Long and Prof. Alain Piquemal*  

1. *Arabian Peninsula*
2. *Mediterranean, Black and Caspian Seas*

1:00 – 2:00PM Lunch

Afternoon (2:00 – 5:30PM)

2:00 – 3:30PM Session 3: Presentations by Fellows followed by discussion  
*Commentators Prof. Stuart Kaye and Dr. Yoshitaka Ota*  

1. *Asia - Indian Sub-Continent and Bay of Bengal*
2. *South East*

3:30 – 3:45PM Afternoon break

3:45 – 5:15PM Session 4: Presentations by Fellows followed by discussion  
*Commentators Prof. Stuart Kaye and Dr. Yoshitaka Ota*  

1. *Latin America and Caribbean*
2. *Pacific Islands*

5:15 – 5:30PM Summary of session by rapporteurs and DOALOS

***Day 5 - Tuesday, 2 December 2014***

***Segment 4 - Individual and Network Development***

[Room 1, 7F, Izumi Garden Conference Center]

Morning (9:30AM - 1:00PM)

*Co-chairpersons: Prof. Smolinsky and Mr. Abbas Daher Djama*

9:30 – 10:00AM Ten years of the UN – The Nippon Foundation of Japan Fellowship Programme past and future roles in supporting effective ocean governance  
*Dr. Francois Bailet and Ms. Valentina Germani*

10:00 – 11:00AM Individual and Network Development activities

11:00 – 11:15AM Morning break

11:15 – 1:00PM Individual and Network Development activities (continued)

1:00 – 2:00PM Lunch

Afternoon (2:00 - 6:00PM)

2:00 – 3:30PM Individual and Network Development activities (continued)

3:30 – 3:45PM Afternoon break

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3:45 - 5:00PM Individual and Network Development activities (continued)

***Day 6 - Wednesday, 3 December 2014***

***Segment 6 – The Role of the Fellowship and Alumni Network in Addressing Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea Related Needs (outcome)***

[Room 1, 7F, Izumi Garden Conference Center]

Morning (10:00AM - 1:00PM)

*Co-chairpersons: Mr. Francois Bailet and Mr. Abbas Daher Djama*

10:00 – 1:00PM Regional discussions

*Regional Sherpa: Prof. Long*

East Africa  
West Africa

*Regional Sherpa: Prof. Piquemal*

Arabian Peninsula  
Mediterranean, Black and Caspian Seas

*Regional Sherpa: Dr. Ota*

Asia - Indian Sub-Continent and Bay of Bengal  
South East Asia

*Regional Sherpa: Prof. Kaye*

Latin America and Caribbean  
Pacific Islands

1:00 – 2:00PM Lunch

Afternoon (2:00 - 6:00PM)

2:00 – 3:15PM Regional discussions (continued)

3:15 – 3:30PM Afternoon break

3:30 – 6:00PM Outcome discussion and document, facilitated by global Alumni Representative

Evening (6:30 - 8:00PM)

*Closing reception marking ten years of the Fellowship and 100 Fellows hosted by The Nippon Foundation*

***Day 7 - Thursday, 4 December 2014***

Departure day – no formal activities