

Dr Robin Cleverly joined the UK Hydrographic Office Law of the Sea Division in 2003 after a long career as a petroleum exploration geologist in the oil industry.

As part of his role at the UKHO, he provides technical advice to governments world-wide for the negotiation and delimitation of maritime boundaries, and also to oil majors and independents. He has worked extensively on international maritime boundary court cases, recently for Nigeria vs Cameroon, Barbados vs Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine vs Romania, Nicaragua vs Honduras, Chile vs Peru, Nicaragua vs Colombia (ICJ pending), and for Bangladesh vs Myanmar (ITLOS pending) and vs India (Annex VII tribunal pending).

He is a member of the UK delegation for the UK's four outer continental shelf submissions to the CLCS, and has recently been involved with the discussions over the Ascension Island submission. He also advises governments on issues concerned with oil resource distribution, joint development zones, and delimitation and delineation of the outer continental shelf.

He has presented papers on technical aspects of maritime boundary delimitation and continental shelf issues at international conferences, and runs training courses and workshops.

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After completing his PhD at Liverpool University on Scottish Highland geology, Lindsay joined the former Institute of Oceanographic Sciences as a marine geologist/geophysicist studying tectonics of the ocean floor, evolution of continental margins and active plate boundaries; interests which involved participation in more than forty research cruises in all the world's oceans.

In parallel with this research, Lindsay was commissioned by the then Department of Energy and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to keep a watching brief on technical aspects of the Law of the Sea, and the implications of marine territorial rights and responsibilities and the exploitation of resources in the oceans under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

He formed a dedicated group to oversee this research field in the early 1990's and leads it at the UK's National Oceanography Centre in Southampton. He advises the UK Government on technical issues related to the Law of the Sea and has served on the Legal and Technical Commission at the United Nations International Seabed Authority. He is currently the Head of the Technical Team preparing, presenting and defending the United Kingdom's four cases for areas of outer continental shelf as provided for by Article 76 of UNCLOS.

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