

## POTENTIAL SESSION TOPICS - 7<sup>th</sup> ABLOS CONFERENCE

1. Bio-prospecting: harvesting living material from the ocean and seabed for medical and engineering applications.
2. Sea level change: societal and technical implications for coastal and low-lying island states.
3. Information technology: progress (or otherwise) in developing effective mechanisms for the public promulgation of maritime limits and boundaries.
4. Data capture and usage: emergence of techniques unforeseen during the formulation of UNCLOS.
5. Polar regions: interconnected issues arising from international law, sovereignty, climate change, technology development, and resource extraction.
6. The Area: managing and exploiting the Common Heritage of Mankind.
7. Vexations in the implementation of UNCLOS Article 76: systemic flaws, or originally intended by the drafters of the Convention?
8. Maritime delimitation: current trends in the establishment of bilateral boundaries.
9. Coastal littoral zones: management trends and developments.
10. Geography and politics in South East Asia: regional issues that could test the Law of the Sea.

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