

UNCLOS: Advances in Managing the Blue World

8th IHO-IAG Advisory Board on the
Law of the Sea (ABLOS) Conference

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The 8th ABLOS Conference in Monaco 20 - 22 October 2015 (<http://www.ablosconference.com/>) is approaching and it is time for a first update on

- Key note speakers
- Registration (Early bird discount period extended)
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Key note speakers

ABLOS is proud to announce two prominent key note speakers at the 8th ABLOS Conference:



Professor David Freestone

is founding Editor of the International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law (now in its 30th year). He holds visiting positions at the George Washington University Law School in Washington D.C., the University of New South Wales Law School in Sydney, Australia, the Fridtjof Nansen Institute in Norway and the UN University Institute of Advanced Studies in Japan. He is Co-rapporteur of the International Law Association Committee on International Law and Sea Level Rise. From 1996-2008 he worked at the World Bank in Washington DC, first as head of the international law group, and from 2004-2008 as Deputy General Counsel/Senior Adviser. He is also the Executive Secretary of the Sargasso Sea Commission, established by the Government of Bermuda in 2014 to protect this unique high seas ecosystem. He has published more than 20 books and 200 articles on law of the sea and international environmental law, including The 1982 Law of the Sea Convention at 30 (ed., Martinus Nijhoff, 2013), The World Bank and Sustainable Development (Martinus Nijhoff, 2012), The Law of the Sea: Progress and Prospects (jt. ed., OUP, 2006). He is the 2007 winner of the Haub Gold Medal for Environmental Law.



Rear Admiral Nick Lambert

is a master mariner and a committed proponent of the maritime user´ perspective and Rear Admiral Nick Lambert concluded a long naval operational career as the UK National Hydrographer in December 2012. He advises on a wide range of maritime issues including the growing potential of the blue economy concept, the importance of spatial data infrastructures and hydrography for maritime economies, the evolution of eNavigation and GNSS vulnerability, near or real time situational awareness (especially that derived from space based assets and applications), human factors, and training and education in the maritime sector.

Registration

It is still possible to register to 8th ABLOS Conference even though limited seats are available. Due to the long summer break in Europe, the early bird registration fee discount has been extended 1 month to 15 August. Please, follow the instructions at the conference web page (http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf8/ABLOS8_Registration%20Form.pdf).

Accommodation

Although the guaranteed period has ended, the special discount rate for rooms at the Novotel is still open to participants using the Novotel link from the ABLOS website, depending on room availability at the hotel. Note that other accommodation options are also available, details are available from the ABLOS website: http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf8/ABLOS_Conf8.htm.

Abstracts

Please, forward your abstract before 15 August using the conference web site link: <http://www.ablosconference.com/abstracts/>. See, also the attached instructions for the abstract format.

ABLOS is looking forward to seeing you in Monaco 20 – 22 October 2015.

Best regards

ABLOS Organizing Committee