Women’s role in influencing Ocean Governance

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The 4 elements of Ocean Governance

- **Institutional**
- **Operational**
- **Legal**
- **Policy**

Scales:
- Global
- Regional
- National
- Local

Frameworks:
- Political
- Diplomatic
- Legal
- Policy

Sectors:
- Fisheries
- Shipping
- Oil & Gas
- Science

Inclusive and gender responsive
Gender equality and women’s empowerment in ocean governance...

...Can help ensure that the gender dimensions of policies related to the sustainable development of the ocean and seas are taken into account.
GENDER PARTICIPATION IN SOME OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS SERVICED BY DOALOS IN 2018

Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea

- Women: 43%
- Men: 57%

Intergovernmental Conference BBNJ

- Women: 42%
- Men: 58%

Meeting of States Parties to UNCLOS

- Women: 40%
- Men: 60%

Average for 2018: 41% women
PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS IN SOME OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS SERVICED BY DOALOS IN 2018

Average for 2018: 32% were female heads of delegations

Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean and Law of the Sea
- HD(W) 15: 31%
- HD(M) 33: 69%

Intergovernmental Conference BBNJ
- HD(W) 15: 35%
- HD(M) 33: 65%

Meeting of States Parties to UNCLOS
- HD(W) 34: 28%
- HD(M) 87: 72%
The Pool of Experts

Hundreds of experts are required to support the preparation of the assessments conducted under the Regular Process, and contribute as members of writing teams in this regard. During the first cycle, experts were nominated by States and constituted the Pool of Experts. The experts represent diverse disciplines and geographical regions. Over 600 experts contributed to the preparation of the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment (first World Ocean Assessment).

The preparation of the second world ocean assessment during the second cycle of the Regular Process will require a large Pool of Experts. Some of the individuals who served in the Pool of Experts during the first cycle of the Regular Process confirmed their interest in serving in the Pool of Experts for the second cycle. However, many more individuals are needed with expertise in a range of subjects who can be appointed in accordance with the mechanism for the establishment of the Pool of Experts for the second cycle of the Regular Process (pdf).

Call for Appointment of additional experts to the Pool of Experts

States are encouraged to appoint additional experts, including through their designated National Focal Points. Relevant intergovernmental organizations are invited to identify experts who can be recommended to the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. In order to facilitate the identification of relevant experts, a list of expertises desired as well as the list of sea areas in relation to expertise can be found in the Personal History Form. Following an analysis of the membership of the Pool of Experts nominated to date, an additional list reflecting the “Gaps of expertise in the Pool of Experts” is available below. This is intended to facilitate the identification of relevant experts specific to the needs of the chapters in the outline for the second world ocean assessment.

Notification (pdf)

Gaps of expertise in the Pool of Experts (pdf)

Database of the List of the Pool of Experts

For reference purposes, an excel file of the list has been made available and can be retrieved here (xls)
Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
21 members (18 men, 2 women)

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
21 members (18 men, 3 women)

International Court of Justice
15 members (12 men, 3 women)
Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

- 5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere

- 5.2 Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation

- 5.3 Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

- 5.4 Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

- 5.5 Ensure women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life

- 5.6 Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences

- 5.A Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws

- 5.B Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women

- 5.C Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels
Gender disaggregated data for UN-Nippon Foundation Fellowships 2005-2018

- % female: 47.8%
- % female: 36.6%
In-depth analysis and consideration of the importance of gender equality and the empowerment of women for effective ocean governance at all levels

Collection of data and information

Help policy-makers target priority areas, track progress, set targets and indicators to measure progress and identify areas requiring international cooperation
World Maritime Day theme 2019: "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community"

Gender and the Ocean

This year’s theme is an opportunity to explore the gender dimension of humankind’s relationship with the ocean.

Find out more!
How can we govern the oceans sustainably without the engagement of half of humanity?

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