

MARUM / GLOMAR Overarching Topic Course

The Science - Policy Interface at the International, Intergovernmental Level

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Objectives

Participants of this course will gain insights into the work of international, intergovernmental organisations, which address marine environmental issues at the regional and global level. Using processes under the

- Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR),
- Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR),
- London Convention and Protocol on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (LC / LP), and the
- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

As examples, the participants will learn, how scientific information is supporting and driving intergovernmental deliberations, on what basis agreements and measures are reached, and how the implementation of these international policies influences the setting of new priorities and focal areas for marine scientific research at the national level.

Topics

- Brief history of international environmental organisations and insights into the mandates, composition, structure and 'functioning' of OSPAR, CCAMLR, LC/LP and UNCLOS;
- How do international, intergovernmental organisations and bodies gather scientific information, by what channels does this information reach them, and how is this information taken into account in their deliberations?
- The role of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) as observers to international, intergovernmental organisations;
- What considerations are taken into account by international, intergovernmental organisations and bodies in their decision-making process, what products, agreements and measures do they adopt, and what status do these have?
- How do international agreements and measures affect scientific research in general and the work of individual scientists? Can an individual scientists or the scientific community influence policy-making, and if so, how?

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Topics cont.

- Case examples, where the science - policy interface did (and did not) work;
- Examples of some key marine environmental issues currently being discussed at the international level;
- Overview of potential ways in which young scientists can engage in international, intergovernmental processes;
- Working for OSPAR, UNEP and AWI - a personal view.

Location and Time

MARUM, University of Bremen, Leobener Str. 8, 28359 Bremen, Germany
MARUM I (main) building, room 2060

09.00 – 12.30 hrs.

Registration

To register for this course, please visit the [course webpage](#).

Please note that your registration will be binding.

The registration deadline for this course is **12 April 2017**.

Any enquiries regarding the course should be addressed to early-career@marum.de.