

"The role of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in sustainable development"

**Organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS),
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The event aimed to address, in particular, the social, economic and environmental dimensions of UNCLOS and show how these aspects are delicately balanced within UNCLOS. In this regard, attention was drawn to the benefits of an effective implementation of UNCLOS and its implementing agreements for the achievement of sustainable development.

The side event also aimed at providing information on the relevant goals set by the General Assembly in its annual resolution on oceans and the law of the sea, and the work of the processes it has established to assist it in its consideration of ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction. Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Legal Counsel of the United Nations made introductory remarks followed by three presenters as follows:

- H.E. Mr. Eden Charles, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Trinidad & Tobago to the United Nations;
- Mr. Larry Awosika, Chairman, Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf; and
- Mr. David Freestone, Professor of International Law and Former Deputy General Counsel of the World Bank.

The event was moderated by Mrs Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director, DOALOS/OLA (<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/index.htm>)"