



**High-level Webinar to present the
Draft International Seabed Authority Action Plan in support of the UN
Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development**

**Panel 1: “Importance of science for the effective implementation of
International Law for the sustainable development of the ocean and its
resources”**

Remarks

by

Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares

Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and
United Nations Legal Counsel,

17 November 2020, 8:00 -10:10 am (New York time)

(virtual event)

Honorable Minister,
Mr. Secretary-General,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me first thank Secretary-General Michael Lodge for providing us with this opportunity to get together and reflect in this panel, on the importance of science for the effective implementation of international law for the sustainable development of the ocean and its resources.



This subject is both timely and of enduring importance; particularly as we about to commence, on 1 January, the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and as States are called upon to accelerate action to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Sustainable



