



MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES

AGREEMENT UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA ON THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION (BBNJ AGREEMENT)

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs is in the process of tabling before the National Assembly Committee on the Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation, the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement).

In compliance with the provisions of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act Cap 4D, the Ministry announces to the public the availability of the said Agreement.

The main objective of the Agreement is expressly provided for in Article 2 of the Agreement which is to -

- i. *To ensure the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, for the present and in the long term through effective implementation of the relevant provisions of the convention and further international cooperation and coordination.*

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the Treaty Making and Ratification Act Cap 4D requires the public to participate in the decision-making process through the submission of comments to the Ministry. It is in this spirit that the Ministry requests the public to participate by submitting their comments through the provided address.

All interested persons should submit written comments on the Agreement using the prescribed feedback forms for public comments, to reach the undersigned **not later than seven (7) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

To facilitate discussions and enable stakeholder feedback the documents are available and can be accessed through the Ministry website: <https://www.mibema.go.ke/node/107>

- (1) **Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement); and**
- (2) **Public comments/feedback Form.**
There will be a public forum for validation of comments on a date to be communicated to discuss the Agreement.

Duly filled comments/feedback forms should be submitted online through email: ps@blueeconomy.go.ke and copied to bbnjagreement@blueeconomy.go.ke

Comments may also be submitted back via the following address:

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P.O. Box 58187-00200
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