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## Series on Sea and Human Security

Towards a Comprehensive Security for Seas and Oceans:  
the Hiroshima Initiative



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## OUTLINE

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### Peace and Human Security Pertaining to the Seas and Oceans

Oceans and coasts are part of the human security complex. From this perspective, ocean governance must be comprehensive, involving social, political, environmental and economic factors as a whole. The shift towards this comprehensive understanding of security was demonstrated by several recent developments including the first formal debate on the global impacts of climate change of the United Nations Security Council in April 2007 and the co-presentation of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The evolving comprehensive security concept is entirely in line with the notion that the problems of ocean space are closely interrelated and should be treated as a whole.

On the basis of this development and its experiences since inception in 2002-2003, the UNITAR Series on Sea and Human Security was recently expanded to include a comprehensive concept of human security as it pertains to the seas and oceans: *Towards a comprehensive security for seas and oceans.*

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### THE HIROSHIMA INITIATIVE AND THE 2009 SESSION

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The Hiroshima initiative was adopted at the 2007 session of the Series on Sea and Human Security.<sup>1</sup> It provides the conceptual ground and practical guidelines for a comprehensive approach to security, identifying four main action items that form the basis of the main topics to be discussed at the 2009 session:

- 1) Interrelations between habitats, ecosystems and human food security**
  - marine food security;
  - marine food production and environment.
- 2) Strategies for disaster management and risk reduction**
  - adaptation to climate change;
  - disaster management and risk reduction;
  - integrated socio-economic impact assessments.
- 3) Training of trainers for ICM implementation**
  - cross-cutting theme of Training of Trainers, in particular in the context of integrated coastal management.
- 4) Ocean governance: awareness creation and implementation**
  - study on governance which enables the implementation of action items.

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### SESSION OBJECTIVES

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The session aims to facilitate peer exchange, skills and knowledge development among key policy makers working in the field of marine and ocean affairs, in order to:

- identify key challenges in specific fields;
- agree on targets in order to tackle identified problems;
- design feasible action plans for policy implementation; and
- develop an overall strategy taking into account interrelations between subject areas.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.unitar.org/hiroshima/unitar-activities/sea-and-human-security](http://www.unitar.org/hiroshima/unitar-activities/sea-and-human-security)

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## RESOURCE PERSONS AND PARTICIPANTS

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UNITAR will work in partnership with relevant international and regional organisations, Hiroshima University and the University of Tokyo, as well as other local and Japanese organisations to design and carry out the session. The faculty includes practitioners and scholars from Japan and abroad, familiar with the themes and philosophy underlining the Hiroshima Initiative.

Participants (up to 30) will include:

- potential decision makers and trainers within national administrations;
- mid- to high level government officials from selected line ministries; and
- representatives of NGOs, academia and private corporations.

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## TRAINING METHODOLOGIES

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The session employs a variety of capacity development methodologies. In line with UNITAR's Training of Trainers (ToT) initiative, candidates planning to provide in-country training activities on the Hiroshima Initiative will be given priority.

Specific methodologies applied will include;

### 1) Interactive Presentations and Lectures on the four action items

Lectures are systematically followed by Q and A and discussion sessions.

### 2) Study Tours and Debriefings

Study tours are organized to allow participants to observe certain national and local organizations working in the management of the Seto Inland Sea marine environment, as well as aspects of domestic research and commercial use of marine industries.

### 3) Practical Exercises

These form an integral element of the Session employing case-study analysis conducted by working teams. Four to five teams are formed, each assisted by a Faculty member. Teams are given approximately 24 – 36 hours to formulate work plans in one item of the Hiroshima Initiative, and study their interrelationships. Teams then present their findings in plenary.

Case studies submitted by participants at time of application form an important part of the session, some used for team exercises, and others presented in plenary.

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## SELECTION

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Experts and practitioners from ministries/departments of environment, marine food production, ocean affairs, energy and maritime security are invited to apply, as are representatives of related areas within academia, NGOs and the private sector. Selection, by an *ad hoc* committee composed of UNITAR and its faculty, will be based on candidates' qualifications and merits, potential benefits they may gain from the session in the conduct of daily professional duties and future roles they may play as trainers. A short paper submitted by the candidate, as well as the field of expertise and compatibility with the theme of the session will also be considered. Candidates should be nominated by appropriate national/institutional authorities. (Consideration will also be given to the geographical distribution and gender balance of candidates.)

The **working language of the session is English**. A good understanding of spoken and written English is compulsory.

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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A call for applications will be sent through diplomatic channels to the Member States of the United Nations, focal points of partner organisations and other multilateral entities, as well as to all UNDP Resident Representatives in the Asia-Pacific region; the UNITAR Alumni Network will also be consulted. Interested individuals and organisations are required to submit;

- **A Letter of Nomination\***;
- **Two (2) Short Letters of Recommendation**;
- **A Letter of Motivation\***;
- **A Personal History (CV)**;
- **A Case Study\***;

- Applications are requested to be completed on-line at:  
[www.unitar.org/hiroshima/on-line\\_application\\_form/shs/09](http://www.unitar.org/hiroshima/on-line_application_form/shs/09)

*To assist us in selection, please save any digital files as:*

***SHS09–Country–LastName–Filename e.g.: SHS09–NewZealand–McKenzie-CV***

- For those **unable to complete an online application process**, please submit **all** the requested documents in Word format and send as an email attachment<sup>2</sup> to [berin.mckenzie@unitar.org](mailto:berin.mckenzie@unitar.org) (do not send separately).
- Incomplete application documents as well as those reaching UNITAR after the closing date will not be considered.
- Please contact [berin.mckenzie@unitar.org](mailto:berin.mckenzie@unitar.org) if you are only able to apply in fax or mail form.
- Please contact [berin.mckenzie@unitar.org](mailto:berin.mckenzie@unitar.org) if you have any questions regarding the modalities of the Session.

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## PARTICIPATION COSTS

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- Up to 30 participants **from the Asia-Pacific region** will be selected for the 2009 session.
- In principle participants and/or their ministries/organizations are requested to provide their own travel funding to and from Hiroshima.
- Accommodation, meals, study tour costs and tuition fees will be covered by UNITAR for the duration of the Session.
- There are a **limited** number of UNITAR scholarships, given in priority to least developed country participants which cover travel costs.
- The number of places being limited, those wishing to apply should do so as soon as possible and **no later than 10 July 2009**.
- For further information, please refer to the attached leaflet and our website at: <http://www.unitar.org/hiroshima/unitar-activities/sea-and-human-security/09>
- Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Berin McKenzie at [berin.mckenzie@unitar.org](mailto:berin.mckenzie@unitar.org).

The final decision about the circumstances for participation remains with UNITAR.

**Notification of selection will be made by mid-August 2009.**

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