

International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Input to 2021 Report of the Secretary General on oceans and the law of sea as per RES 75/239

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) acknowledges the mentioning of renewable energy in the UN RES 75/239 para 297: Welcomes the increasing attention being focused on oceans as a potential source of renewable energy, and notes in this regard the summary of discussions of the Informal Consultative Process at its thirteenth meeting, in 2012.

IRENA furthermore welcomes the mentioning of renewables in the 2020 Report of the Secretary General on oceans and the law of sea.

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international collaboration to understand the role of the ocean and offshore renewables in the energy transition and ensure its widespread deployment in the future. The platform aims to foster advancements in areas relevant to offshore renewables, including technology development, research and innovation, market incentives, regulatory frameworks and sustainability. On 8 June 2021, IRENA convened the third meeting of *the Collaborative Framework on Ocean Energy / Offshore Renewables*. The objectives of the third meeting were to collect input from members of the Collaborative Framework into the 3()-120 of the third release.



IRENA supported the organisation of the *SIDS Global Business Network Forum*, an initiative of UN-OHRLLS.⁵ The Forum's focus, which took place virtually from 30-31 March 2021, was ocean energy. With around 140 participants and high-level speakers from the government, multilateral organisations, finance and private sector, the Forum stimulated the discussion on how the private and public sector can collaborate towards the upscale of ocean energy.

 $^{^{5}\ \}underline{\text{https://www.un.org/ohrlls/news/business-network-explores-ocean-energy-partnerships-small-island-developing-states}$