



The first in a series of virtual trainings focused on COVID-19 and its implications for ocean affairs, and based on inputs received during two pilot sessions held on 7 and 8 May, this inaugural open session will provide Alumni of the United Nations – Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programmes with an overview of:

The *impacts* of COVID-19 on ocean governance, sectors and the implementation of the law of the sea, as well as some measures that have been implemented to address these impacts in the short term;

The longer-term *solutions* that the ocean can offer, including how nature-based solutions, sustainable blue economies and innovative financing can be reimagined to address the new and interconnected challenges posed by COVID-19.

The session will then focus on some of the key identified impacts and solutions, including disruptions in supply chains; impacts on the small-scale fisheries sector, with a case study from South Africa; and innovative ocean finance, including from a COVID-19 perspective.

**Opening** ([video](#))  
Mr. Vladimir Jares, Deputy-

10:00-10:10am