

Report from Julia Shultz – BBNJ Meeting March 2023

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Thank you for joining DOSI colleagues for IGC5.2. I sincerely hope you enjoyed and learned from the process.

For our records and reporting to funders, please can you answer the following questions and submit by the end of April:

- What event did you participate in? **I was involved with Parts II (marine genetic resources) and V (CBTT)**
- How did you participate in (/contribute to) the process (please include details such as dates, delegation, and your activities/inputs) ? **As a Brazilian advisor, I could participate in bilaterals and small working group meetings, as well as leader informal meetings among delegates and scholars. I also could provide arguments to the CLAM, enhancing those speeches with technical and scientific information. From those interactions, I can identify some reflections in the final text arising from them. I feel as I may see my research results reflected, somehow, in the agreement. From an academic perspective, I could enhance my network and collaborate with several colleagues.**
- How did your participation benefit your professional development? **As I mentioned, I gained a lot of visibility and strengthened my network.**
- What did you learn/gain from the experience? **I should be always humble and open to new perspectives. I also understood better the value of a serious and robust scientific work.**
- If this was your first time at a UN meeting, did this experience meet your expectations?
- In what ways did DOSI support you? Did you receive adequate help and guidance? Did you feel safe? (Please state if you do NOT wish this information to be shared beyond me). **DOSI was the bridge to make my dream comes true. Through Harriet, Marcel and so many others, I did not feel alone or lost. I felt safe and comfortable to express my ideas and suggest some solutions.**
- Do you have any further comments? All this information will help us move forward with our efforts to ensure we achieve best practices in all we do. **I only want to thank you for supporting me with financing and mentoring during BBNJ.**

In addition to the above questions, it would be wonderful if you could provide a short web story and accompanying photo or two about your experience that we can share on our DOSI network news pages. **I think that DOSI researchers built an safe environment. So, I felt safe to provide insights and be part of the real negotiations. To count with all DOSI crew to design scientific and technical solutions was one of the best personal experience and caused good impression in Brazilian diplomats. Brazilian UN**

representatives trusted even more in my suggestions (and also Luciana Fernandes Coelho, also Brazilian delegate and DOSI member) because they saw me (us) interacting with the scholars. In addition, I strengthened the relationships of my friends and was able to be connected with other PhD candidates.







Thank you!!

Many thanks again for your enthusiastic engagement with DOSI,

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