PANEL 1: PARALLEL MECHANISMS TO IDENTIFY AND PROTECT SENSITIVE AREAS ON THE HIGH SEAS
COMMENTARY

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Issues for the International Legally Binding Instrument and the current Prep Com

- What type of process for the identification, designation, establishment and management for ABM in ABNJ under the new ILBI?
- Differing views
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- **What type of structure?**
  - Global structure with a global institution to consider and decide proposals (centralized)
  - Hybrid (regional/sectoral + reinforced through regional coordination mechanism providing global guidance and oversight)
  - Regional and sectoral with ILBI providing general policy guidance and coordination without any global oversight
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- **Who can propose**
  - State Parties or all States
  - Scientific Body under the new instrument
  - International Organizations
  - Non-State actors (NGOs)
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- **Consultation and evaluation of the proposal**
  - Stakeholder participation - who are the stakeholders?
  - All States?
  - Global, regional or sectoral organizations
  - Civil society, including sectoral stakeholders
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■ Designation

■ How will the scientific assessment be conducted?
■ By whom?
■ Existing regional/ global/ sectoral designations
■ Who will pay for the assessment
■ What will be the decision-making process?
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- Management
  - Management plan?
  - Implementation?
- Monitoring and reporting?
- Enforcement?
- Non-Parties? How to establish global recognition
- Financing?
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- Cooperation
- Mechanism to coordinate between existing regional and sectoral bodies?
- Regional Seas
- Sectoral (shipping, fishing)