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## Second round of regional workshops in support of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (Regular Process)

## <u>Regional Workshop for the North Pacific region will be held in</u> <u>Koror, Palau (8-9 August 2018)</u>

In accordance with the programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process, a regional workshop for the North Pacific region will be held at the Palau International Coral Reef Center in Koror, Palau from 8 to 9 August 2018. It is intended to support the development of the second world ocean assessment by enabling the collection of regional-level data and enabling relevant members of writing teams to meet.

According to the Guidelines for the second round of workshops,<sup>1</sup> the workshop is organized under the auspices of the United Nations, in coordination with the secretariat of the Regular Process, represented by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations (the "Division") and with the assistance of members of the Group of Experts and Pool of Experts, as appropriate.

Member States of the United Nations, members of United Nations specialized agencies and relevant organizations, bodies, funds or programmes within the United Nations system, shall be entitled to participate up to the number of available places. Relevant members of the Group of Experts and of the Pool of Experts for the Regular Process, as well as relevant members of the writing teams will be invited to participate. Relevant regional intergovernmental organizations are encouraged to participate, including regional seas organizations, regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, relevant regional intergovernmental marine science organizations and intergovernmental organizations and arrangements undertaking work in relation to large marine ecosystems. Relevant non-governmental organizations specified in the Guidelines may request an invitation to participate.

NOTE: Formal invitations will be forthcoming and all documents concerning the workshop in Palau will be made available on the website of the Division in due course at: <u>http://www.un.org/depts/los/rp</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Available at <u>http://www.un.org/depts/los/global\_reporting/10th\_adhoc\_2018/Elements.pdf</u>.