



Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socio-economic Aspects

– Call for Appointments to the Pool of Experts –

In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly launched the first cycle of the Regular Process to cover the period from 2010 to 2014. The task of the first cycle will be to produce the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment by 2014.

To this end, an Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole has been established to oversee and guide the Regular Process. A Group of Experts, consisting of up to 25 experts, has also been established to carry out the assessments within the framework of the Regular Process.

A much larger Pool of Experts will be needed to support the work of the Group of Experts in conducting the assessments and to provide effective peer-review to ensure the high quality of the outputs. It has been estimated that between 1500 and 2000 experts will be needed for the Pool of Experts.

The Criteria for the appointment of experts to the Pool of Experts is available as Annex I, in A/66/189 at <http://ods.un.org/>. Experts with appropriate qualifications are urged to become engaged in this ongoing process. To do so, qualified individuals should contact their Governments to obtain the necessary nomination.

The Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York will forward the names of the nominated experts and a copy of a personal history form for the nomination of individual experts to the Regional Groups of the United Nations. The Regional Groups have been requested to communicate the appointments to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, acting as the secretariat of the Regular Process.

For further information on the appointment of experts to the Pool of Experts and to obtain a copy of the personal history form as well as the list of experts already appointed, please visit the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea: http://www.un.org/Depts/los/global_reporting/global_reporting.htm.