

Notification –

Eleventh Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

The eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (“the Regular Process”) will be held from 23 to 24 August 2018 at United Nations Headquarters. The meeting is convened in accordance with paragraph 330 of General Assembly resolution 72/73 of 5 December 2017 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”.

In that resolution, the General Assembly recalled that the Regular Process shall be overseen and guided by its Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, and decided that the Working Group shall facilitate the delivery of the outputs of the second cycle as outlined in the programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process.

The tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole approved the outline for the second world ocean assessment prepared by the Group of Experts, and requested the Group of Experts to prepare an annotated outline. The annotated outline will be made available in advance of the eleventh meeting and will be considered by the Working Group.

At its tenth meeting, the Working Group also took note of the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the second world ocean assessment prepared by the Group of Experts in consultation with the secretariat of the Regular Process. At its next meeting, the Working Group will be provided with a report from the Group of Experts on the progress of implementation of the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the second cycle of the Regular Process.

The Working Group will be presented, for its consideration, with a draft agenda and draft concept note for the multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building event to be held in early 2019, both prepared by the Bureau in consultation with the Group of Experts and the secretariat, taking into account inputs from States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the discussions from the first round of regional workshops in support of the second cycle of the Regular Process.

In addition, the Working Group will be provided with presentations on the outcome of the workshops held so far in the second round of regional workshops to assist the second cycle of the Regular Process.

Participants

All Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations, specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are kindly requested to communicate to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, the names of their representatives attending the eleventh meeting by 9 August 2018.

Relevant scientific institutions, and major groups identified in Agenda 21 wishing to attend the eleventh meeting should send a request for a formal invitation to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, by 2 August 2018, indicating the name(s) of their representatives who would attend the meeting.

United Nations grounds passes

The “Information for participants”, posted on the website of the Division at <http://www.un.org/depts/los/rp>, specifies the procedure for obtaining United Nations grounds passes to access the meeting premises.

Documents

The format and provisional agenda for the meeting, as well as an organization of work, along with any other working documents for the meeting, as appropriate, will be posted on the website of the Division in due course (www.un.org/depts/los/rp).