



## **Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects**

### **Workshop under the auspices of the United Nations, in support of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects**

Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania, 14 to 15 December 2017

#### **Information for participants**

#### **Note by the secretariat**

#### **I. Background**

1. The programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the “Regular Process”), developed by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole during its seventh meeting held in New York from 3 to 9 August 2016 and endorsed by the General Assembly later that year, includes in the activities for 2017 the holding of regional workshops, which are to begin in the second half of 2017. The workshops will play a central role in raising the awareness of stakeholders to the Regular Process, the identification and collection of data, the identification and scoping of regional priorities and the wider dissemination of the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment (the “Assessment”). They will also foster a wider geographical representation in the appointment of experts to the Pool of Experts. The first round of five regional workshops will be held in 2017. Its main objectives will be to build capacity, support the development of the assessment and facilitate outreach and awareness-raising.
2. In accordance with the guidance to the Bureau adopted by the eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 18 April 2017, the Bureau has finalized Guidelines for the first round of Workshops in 2017 to Assist the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the “Guidelines”). Pursuant to the Guidelines, workshops are 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.
3. According to the Guidelines, the objectives of the workshops are to:
  - a. Provide an opportunity to present the main conclusions of the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment – World Ocean Assessment I;

- b. Enable participants to put forward their views on the scope and structure that should be adopted for the assessment to be prepared in the second cycle of the Regular Process, which is to be completed by the end of 2020. Given that the General Assembly decided that the first cycle of the Regular Process should focus on establishing a baseline, and that subsequent cycles should extend to establishing trends, the workshops should in particular aim to conclude:
  - (i) What aspects of the ocean are most relevant to include in the assessment to be made in the second cycle, and the extent to which it is possible to establish trends in relation to them;
  - (ii) How the establishment of such trends can most effectively be done in the different oceanic regions in a standard manner;
  - (iii) How the existence of trends can be evaluated in the future;
  - (iv) How risks in relation to the various aspects of the ocean can be evaluated, taking into account regional interests and differences;
  - (v) What regional priorities should be addressed in the preparation of the assessment of the second cycle, bearing in mind the global ocean policy agenda;
- c. Promote capacity-building within the region for which each workshop is held, so as to assist in creating the abilities to contribute from the region to the production of the assessment. In particular, the workshops should consider what steps might be taken to improve abilities to carry out integrated assessments within the region;
- d. Explore what increased cooperation or coordination between processes already under way in the region could assist in providing the information required for the assessment;
- e. Consider how assessments produced by the Regular Process can be structured so as to help policy-makers most effectively with their tasks;
- f. Consider how to improve arrangements for networking between experts and organizations taking part in each workshop, and the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, the Group of Experts, the Pool of Experts, the National Focal Points and the secretariat of the Regular Process.

In addition to the World Ocean Assessment I and, in particular, the Summary approved by the General Assembly, the workshops should also take account of information relevant to the Regular Process emanating from, or contributing to, intergovernmental processes.

4. The United Nations Environment Programme offered to host, through its Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean, a Workshop in support of the Regular Process, from 14 to 15 December 2017. It will cover the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI area. The Workshop will be held under the auspices of the United Nations.

## **II. Venue and date of the Workshop**

5. The Workshop will take place at the Sea Cliff Resort and Spa, Kama Village, Mangapwani, Zanzibar Tanzania 1763, Tanzania. Phone: +255 767 702 241, Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania. It will start at 09:00 am on 14 December 2017 and end at 5:30 pm on 15 December 2017.

## **III. Chair(s) and secretariat support**

6. Pursuant to the Guidelines, hosts should designate a Chair (or Co-Chairs) of the workshops. Hosts may consider inviting a member of the Group of Experts and, as appropriate of the Pool of Experts, to be the Chair, or a Co-Chair, of the workshops. Hosts may provide guidance, where needed, on what the priorities for the region are, as well as on potential participants and other modalities for the workshops.

## **IV. Agenda and activities of the Workshop**

7. The provisional agenda of the Workshop, together with relevant documentation, will be posted prior to the Workshop on the website of the Division:  
<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/rp>  
Pursuant to the Guidelines, the agenda of the Workshop will include, as far as possible, the elements listed in the Appendix to the Guidelines.
8. Capacity-building is one of the core objectives of the Regular Process. Pursuant to the Guidelines, an important part of the Workshop will be making a start on capacity-building on how to carry out integrated assessments, so that the participants to the Workshop can better understand, and contribute to, the work of the Regular Process.

## **V. Interpretation**

9. The Workshop will be conducted in English.
10. Any participant may make a statement in a language other than English. In that case, the participant must provide either interpretation services or a written text of the statement in English. The interpreted version of the statement or the translated version of the written text submitted in English will be considered to be the official text of the statement.

## **VI. Preliminary information and output of the Workshop**

11. The official documentation of the Workshop will be issued in English.
12. Pursuant to the Guidelines, participants in the Workshop will be asked to provide, by 1 December, contributions on the information listed in the Appendix to the Guidelines. Such contributions may be submitted to [onwuasoanya@un.org](mailto:onwuasoanya@un.org) with a copy to [joana.akrofi@unep.org](mailto:joana.akrofi@unep.org).

13. The output of the Workshop will take the form of a summary of the discussions prepared by the chair or co-chairs with the help of the members of the Group of Experts, of the Pool of Experts, as appropriate, and the secretariat of the Regular Process. Provision will be made for the participants to comment on a draft of the summary and for the final version to be revised by the chair and representatives of the Group of Experts, and of the Pool of Experts, as appropriate, in the light of such comments. Where a State or intergovernmental organization not participating in the workshop conducted or was responsible for assessments, institutions, networks or other arrangements which have been identified as relevant, that State or intergovernmental organization should be invited and/or requested to review and comment on what is said about any such matter.
14. The secretariat of the Regular Process will play an important role in ensuring that the output of each workshop is captured and presented in a way which will support the work of the second cycle of the Regular Process.
15. The final version of the output of the workshop (summary) will be posted on the Regular Process website.

## **VII. List of participants**

16. Those interested in participating in the Workshop are requested to submit, no later than 24 November 2017, the accompanying nomination form as per the instructions contained therein to [doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org), with a copy to [temnova@un.org](mailto:temnova@un.org), [onwuasoanya@un.org](mailto:onwuasoanya@un.org) and [joana.akrofi@unep.org](mailto:joana.akrofi@unep.org).
17. The secretariat of the Regular Process, with the support of the United Nations Environment Programme, will publish a list of participants to the Workshop.

## **VIII. Visa requirements**

18. It is the responsibility of participants to establish visa requirements for the host country and any transit countries as may be necessary, including the securing of such visas. For more information on travel and visa regulations for Tanzania, visit the following website: <http://www.tanzania.go.tz/visa.html>. The website provides comprehensive details on immigration services provided by the Department of Immigration of Tanzania

## **IX. Arrival in Zanzibar, Tanzania and local transportation**

19. The nearest airport is the Zanzibar International Airport. Participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements from the airport to the hotel booked by the meeting participant.

## **X. Climate and clothing**

20. The climate of Zanzibar, Tanzania is tropical. The average temperature for December is 27°C (81°F), with high humidity.

## XI. Voltage and electricity supply

21. Tanzania operates on a 230V supply voltage and the electrical frequency is 50Hz. Outlets in Tanzania generally accept 1 type of plug, i.e. two parallel flat pins with ground pin. If your appliances have a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.



## XII. Currency

22. The official currency of Tanzania is the Tanzanian shilling. All major credit cards are widely accepted at banks, hotels, restaurants and shopping centres. Passports are required for visitors' transactions and nominal commissions may be charged.

## XIII. Hotel accommodation

23. Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations directly with a hotel.
24. The addresses and reservation link for recommended hotels are provided below:

#	Hotel Name	Room Type	Rate	Meal Plan	Email Address	Location	Distance to Sea Cliff
1	Sea Cliff Beach Resort & Spa	Single	\$ 164.00	BB	reservations@seacliffzanzibar.com	Mangapwani	
2	Golden Tulip Zanzibar Resort Ras Kibweni	Single	\$ 91.00	BB	reservations@goldentulipzanzibarresort.com	Malawi Road	10 Km (18 minutes)
3	Ngalawa Hotel	Single	\$ 80.00	BB	info@ngalawahotel.co.tz	Bububu Kihinani Road	20 minutes
4	Abla Beach Apartments (cleaning 2 times a week, sheet change once per week), Addition of Extra bed possible at USD 25 per night	Studio (Standard) Studio (Beach view)  One bedroom apartment Two bedroom apartment Three bedroom apartment	\$ 80.00 \$ 100.00  \$ 120.00 \$ 160.00 \$ 200.00	BB BB  BB BB BB	ablabeachzanzibar@gmail.com	Malawi Road	10 Km (18 minutes)
6	Mangrove Lodge	Single	\$ 60.00	BB	info@mangrovelodge.com	Bububu Kihinani Road	20 minutes
7	Golden Tulip Stone Town Boutique Hotel	Single	\$ 76.00	BB	info@goldentulipzanzibarboutique.com (reference WIOMSA Corporate rate)	Stone Town	18 kms (20 minutes)
8	Ikalal Lodge	Single	\$ 49.00	BB	zanzibar@ikalalodges.com	Stone Town	20 kms (35 minutes)
9	Maru Maru Hotel	Single	\$ 80.00	BB	reservations@marumaruzanzibar.com (speak to Phillip in Reservations Ref: Conversation with Lilian Omolo, WIOMSA)	Stone Town	20 kms (35 minutes)
10	Best Western Plus	Single	\$ 80.00	BB	reservations@bestwesternpluszanzibar.co.tz	Stone Town	20 kms (35 minutes)
11	Al Minar Hotel	Single	\$ 80.00	BB	reception@alminarhotel.com	Stone Town	20 kms (35 minutes)
12	Tembo Hotel	Single	\$ 108.00	BB	reservations@tembohotel.com (ref WIOMSA Corporate rate)	Stone Town	20 kms (35 minutes)
13	Mzingani Sea Front	Single	\$ 95.00	BB	reservations@mizinganiseafront.com	Stone Town	20 kms (35 minutes)
14	Forodhani Park Hotel	Single	\$ 70.00	BB	reservations@forodhaniparkhotel.com	Stone Town	20 kms (35 minutes)
15	Double Tree by Hilton (Stone Town)	Single	\$ 140.00	BB	znzst_res@hilton.com	Stone Town	20 kms (35 minutes)

NOTE: Local transport from your hotels to the workshop venue will be provided with the pick-up expected to start at Tembo Hotel on 14 and 15 December at 7:30am followed by pick-up from the other hotels. Participants will be dropped off at their hotels at the end of each day, with Tembo Hotel being the last stop.

#### **XIV. Health**

25. All participants are required to obtain medical insurance for the duration of the Workshop and undertake in advance before travel vaccination against yellow fever.

#### **XV. Additional information**

26. Information on the Workshop can be accessed through the Internet at the following website: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los/rp>
27. For participants whose travel is being funded by the United Nations, additional information regarding travel arrangements will be communicated directly to them by the secretariat.