

Revised draft timetable

(being the implementation plan and timetable referred to in paragraph 4(e) of the Terms of reference and working methods for the Group of Experts of the Regular Process)

Date	Action or Event
COMPLETED	
August/September 2009	The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole considers the Assessment of Assessments, agrees on the overall framework for the Regular Process and the timing for the first cycle, agrees on the need for more time, and recommends the appointment of an interim Group of Experts.
March 2010	The General Assembly endorses the overall framework and timing of the first cycle, asks for States' views on the fundamental building blocks and arranges for a further meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole and the appointment of an interim Group of Experts.
June 2010	The interim Group of Experts provides suggestions on the fundamental building blocks.
September 2010	The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole agrees on modalities for implementing the Regular Process, including capacity-building.
December 2010	The General Assembly approves the modalities for implementing the Regular Process, establishes the Group of Experts and asks them to provide options to achieve the deadline of 2014.
February 2011	The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole recognizes the need for regional workshops and the appointment of a pool of experts to support the Group of Experts and agrees on the need for communication systems.
May 2011	The General Assembly approves the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole and requests it to meet again in June 2011.
June 2011	The Group of Experts provides a preliminary inventory of types of experts for workshops.
June 2011	The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole agrees on the Criteria for the Appointment of Experts, the Guidelines for Workshops, and the establishment of the Bureau.
September 2011	A regional Workshop for the South-East Pacific is held in Santiago, Chile.
December 2011	The General Assembly approves the Criteria for the Appointment of Experts, the Guidelines for Workshops and arrangements for the Bureau.
January 2012	The secretariat of the Regular Process issues call for nomination of members of the pool of experts.

February 2012	A regional Workshop for Eastern and South-Eastern Asian Seas is held in Sanya, China.
April 2012	The third meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole agrees on the Terms of Reference and Methods of Work for the Group of Experts and the Outline of the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment.
April 2012	In the intervals of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, the Group of Experts meets to discuss methods of achieving an integrated assessment and organization of drafting.
June 2012	A regional Workshop for the North Atlantic and Baltic, Black and Mediterranean Sea is held in Brussels, Belgium.
February 2012 – September 2012	Appointments by States of experts to the Pool of Experts based on the Criteria for the appointment of experts.
September 2012	Additional UNEP workshop for East Asian Seas and North-West Pacific
October 2012	Comments by Bureau on Guidance to Contributors
November 2012	A regional Workshop for the wider Caribbean is held in Miami, United States of America
26 – 30 November 2012	Meeting of the Group of Experts (5 days) to: (a) agree proposed Lead Member allocations (b) agree handling of Part VI (Biodiversity) (c) discuss the structure of Part VI (Marine Biological Diversity and Habitats) (c) discuss some draft chapter structures; (d) agree how to involve the Pool of Experts and the website start-up. During the meeting there is also a discussion with some AHWGW Bureau members on the draft Guidance
December 2012	A regional Workshop for the southern and western Indian Ocean is held in Maputo, Mozambique
December 2012	AHWGW Bureau approves the Guidance for Contributors by a written procedure.
December 2012	General Assembly approves Outline and Terms of Reference and Working Methods.
January – March 2013	Group of Experts begins analysis of the nominations of members of the Pool of Experts as a basis for proposals for writing teams for chapters and develop chapter structures
February 2013	A regional Workshop for the south-west Pacific is held in Brisbane, Australia

22 – 26 April 2013	The fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole is convened. The main issues are: Format of World Ocean Assessment I; Mobilisation of resources; Capacity-building.
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29 April – 2 May 2013	Meeting of the Group of Experts (4 days) to review progress, examine further chapter structures and begin considering the formation of writing teams.
June 2013	Group of Experts complete the first set of proposals for writing teams and request any further necessary appointments to the Pool of Experts.
June 2013	Meeting of the Bureau to consider the proposals of the Group of Experts for writing teams
Summer 2013	Further regional Workshops are held
Later in 2013 (as necessary)	Group of Experts complete further sets of proposals for writing teams and submit them to the Bureau.
Later in 2013 (as necessary)	Bureau considers further sets of proposals for writing teams.
April – August 2013 (and at other points, if necessary)	States make further appointments to the Pool of Experts.
July – August 2013	Writing teams agree draft chapter structures, and the Group of Experts agree them
September 2013 – January 2014	Writing teams prepare initial drafts of chapters and any necessary supporting working papers.
November 2013 – January 2014	Any necessary meetings of writing teams
3 - 7 November 2013	Meeting of the Group of Experts (5 days) to: (a) Review progress (including the state of the chapter structures and any available drafts of working papers and draft chapters); (b) Recommend arrangements for peer review (subject to approval of the Bureau).
November/December 2013	Meeting of the Bureau to consider the outcome of the meeting of the Group of Experts and to agree on consequential actions.
End January 2014	Completion of Draft Chapters by Writing Teams.
February 2014	Commentators comment on Draft Chapters.
March 2014	Writing teams revise Draft Chapters in the light of comments.
March – April 2014	Group of Experts prepares draft First Global Integrated Marine Assessment.
April/May 2014	Possible fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

May 2014	Meeting of the Group of Experts (5-10 days) to complete the draft First Global Integrated Marine Assessment.
May 2014	Coordinators of the Group of Experts provide briefing on progress on the occasion of the meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development (review phase) in its consideration of the Oceans and Seas thematic cluster.
June – August 2014	Review of the draft First Global Integrated Marine Assessment by States and Peer Reviewers.
September 2014	Meeting of the Group of Experts (5-10 days) to finalize the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment.
October – November 2014	Review of the final draft of World Ocean Assessment I by the Bureau and asks for any necessary clarifications. Group of Experts makes clarifications.
End November 2014	Submission of the final text of World Ocean Assessment I – the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment – by the Group of Experts to the secretariat of the Regular Process.
December 2014	Bureau approves submission to the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole and develops recommendations for action
By end December 2014, at the latest	Submission of World Ocean Assessment I to the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. It is made available on the WOA website.
December 2014 – February 2015	Copy-editing, translation of the Summary into the other UN languages, and printing.
February 2015	Publication of World Ocean Assessment I.
February 2015 (or some later date)	Consideration of the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole and related recommendations to the General Assembly.
May 2015	The Coordinators of the Group of Experts provide briefing on the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment on the occasion of the meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development (policy phase) in its consideration of the Oceans and Seas thematic cluster.
Late autumn 2015	The General Assembly considers the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment during its 70th session.