

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

### **Nomination of experts to the Pool of Experts of the Regular Process**

The Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, was established by the General Assembly following the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg, South Africa (General Assembly resolution 57/141).

The Regular Process is recognized as the global mechanism for reviewing the state of the marine environment, including socioeconomic aspects, on a continual and systematic basis. It provides regular assessments at the global and supra-regional levels and an integrated view of environmental, economic and social aspects. Such assessments are intended to support informed decision-making and thus contribute to managing human activities that affect the oceans and seas in a sustainable manner, in accordance with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other applicable international instruments and initiatives.

The first cycle of the Regular Process ended in 2015, culminating in the release of the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment or the first World Ocean Assessment which is available on the website of the Division at [http://www.un.org/depts/los/global\\_reporting/WOA\\_RegProcess.htm](http://www.un.org/depts/los/global_reporting/WOA_RegProcess.htm).

The programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process provides for two main outputs of the second cycle (2016 to 2020) namely, the preparation of a second world ocean assessment and Regular Process support to other ongoing ocean-related processes.

While the first World Ocean Assessment provided a baseline study of the state of the world's oceans, the second world ocean assessment will extend to evaluating trends and identifying gaps. The Outline for the second world ocean assessment was approved by the tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process (28 February to 1 March 2018) pursuant to a mandate of the General Assembly.

The preparation of the second world ocean assessment will require a large Pool of Experts. In accordance with the mechanism for the establishment of the Pool of Experts for the second cycle of the Regular Process,<sup>1</sup> some of the individuals who served in the Pool of Experts during the first cycle of the Regular Process confirmed their interest in serving in the Pool of Experts for the second cycle. However, many more individuals are needed with expertise in a range of subjects who can be appointed in accordance with this mechanism.

Accordingly, States are encouraged to appoint additional experts, including through their designated National Focal Points.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, relevant intergovernmental organizations can also provide

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: [https://www.un.org/depts/los/global\\_reporting/8th\\_adhoc\\_2017/mech.pdf](https://www.un.org/depts/los/global_reporting/8th_adhoc_2017/mech.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> The list of National Focal Points designated so far can be found at:

[http://www.un.org/depts/los/global\\_reporting/National\\_Focal\\_Points\\_Mar\\_2018.pdf](http://www.un.org/depts/los/global_reporting/National_Focal_Points_Mar_2018.pdf).

recommendations to the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process, through the secretariat, on experts with the required professional expertise. The Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process will then, through the secretariat, transmit the names of the experts to the respective States of the experts' nationalities for their appointment.

The Personal History Form for the nomination of experts to the Pool of Experts, can be found at: <http://www.un.org/depts/los/rp>. This form also lists the desired expertise. Since additional experts are needed in order to ensure adequate geographical representation and the required expertise, the deadline for submitting nominations by States and recommendations from relevant intergovernmental organizations has been extended until **31 May 2018**.

Nominations and recommendations should be sent to the secretariat at [doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org).

The outline of the second world ocean assessment can be found at: [http://www.un.org/depts/los/global\\_reporting/10th\\_adhoc\\_2018/2018\\_GOERP\\_Outline.pdf](http://www.un.org/depts/los/global_reporting/10th_adhoc_2018/2018_GOERP_Outline.pdf).