

**Assumptions:**

- This is a guiding/living document which will be considered “preliminary” until the end of the third cycle in 2025
- DOALOS calendar remains largely similar to previous years
- Approximately two AHWGW meetings per year (simulated here as March and early September every year)
- Experts will have limited capacity to work during the winter and summer holidays (have added buffers, tried to avoid scheduling important meetings during this time)
- Lessons learned and evaluation process for GOE and secretariat is continuous: Notes are taken throughout the third cycle to ensure that documentation exists once lessons learned process begins
- Remaining members of GOE will be appointed in due course (As of March 2022 - GOE still partially constituted: 21/25)
- In-person meetings and workshops continue to pose challenges in 2022 due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also yet to be seen whether they will be possible in 2022/2023

**Not added here:**

- Some GOE teleconferences (approx. bimonthly, or more frequent if needed)
- Bureau meetings
- Intergovernmental meetings (at least 15) (except for those identified for 2022) e.g.:
  - UNFCCC (SBSTA Q2 and COP Q4 every year)
  - UNEA (month varies) roughly every two years
  - IOC-UNESCO Assembly (June/July every year) and
  - any open UN Decades workshops, etc.
  - IPBES plenary (Q1 or Q2 every year)
  - BBNJ IGC sessions
- Briefings (5) and side events (8) in margins of relevant intergovernmental meetings and major Conferences
- Possible Teleconferences with NFPs and IFPs
- Fundraising for voluntary trust fund and special scholarship fund
- Pre- and post-workshop work, including evaluations
- Any actions necessary to implement outreach and engagement strategy, including the compilation and maintenance of CB inventory, the maintenance of RP website and the development of the French version of the RP website, as well as outreach campaigns.

**Colour coding:**

Secretariat	NFPs
GOE	Holiday season
AHWGW	WOA II
Bureau	CB
GA	Conveners of writing teams
Intergovernmental meetings	

Date	Body/output	Posible event/process	Comments
2020			
09-10 September 2020	AHWGW	13 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW	AHWGW considers lessons learned from 2 <sup>nd</sup> cycle, POW and RR for 3 <sup>rd</sup> cycle.
06 November 2020	AHWGW	14 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW	AHWGW considers submission of WOA II to GA
Nov-20	General Assembly	Second round of omnibus resolution ICs	
31 December 2020	General Assembly	Omnibus resolution is adopted. GA welcomes WOA II. RP budget is approved.	<a href="https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/75/239">https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/75/239</a>
Late Dec-20 to Early Jan-21	Holiday season		
2021			
Jan/Feb-21	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Secretariat sends call for nominations for the GOE of the third cycle.</li><li>- Planning for the new cycle: how/when to implement programme</li></ul>	This took place on 19 January 2021, with a deadline of 28 February 2021.

		of work - Work related to budget (release of funds, etc.)	
<b>Mar-21</b>	Secretariat	- Reminders to the Groups of Latin American and Caribbean States, African States and the Eastern European States to nominate experts to the GOE	New deadline of 16 April 2021 given.
<b>Apr-21</b>	Secretariat	- Welcome new GOE members and produce confirmation letters - Start search for consultant for outreach and engagement strategy - Launch of WOA II	Launch of WOA II took place on 21 April 2021
<b>April-21</b>	Bureau	- Approval given for GOE to begin work while awaiting additional nominees	
<b>May-21</b>	GOE	- First GOE meetings - Agree on Joint Coordinators + Deputies - Consultations regarding working methods and procedures - Agreement on structure of SharePoint folders and updates - Start work on TORs and working methods doc	First GOE meetings took place on 11 and 14 May 2021.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare for AHWGW in June: Mechanism for 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle POE, TORs for NFPs and IFPs.</li> </ul>	
<b>May-21</b>	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support GOE in organizing its work               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Establish GOE SharePoint</li> <li>o Intro to RP/welcome</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Preparing the draft preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the third cycle</li> <li>- Support Bureau in organizing its work</li> <li>- Interviews for consultant for outreach and engagement strategy</li> </ul>	
<b>June-21</b>	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send docs for AHWGW meeting and inform GOE of the dates</li> <li>- Evaluate POE and GOE databases</li> </ul>	
<b>June-21</b>	GOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Second and third GOE meeting</li> <li>- Agreement on conference calls procedure/timing</li> <li>- Consideration of and potential appointment of further Deputies</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start discussions on scoping exercise for brief documents, agree on procedure, and begin development of the outline</li> <li>- Finalization of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Group of Experts (GOE) for the third cycle</li> </ul>	
<b>June-21</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-8)	-	Virtual
<b>14 Jul-28 Sep '21</b>	AHWGW	15th meeting of AHWGW	AHWGW to approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GOE TORs and working methods</li> <li>- TORs for NFPs and IFPs</li> <li>- Mechanism for establishing POE</li> <li>- Draft recommendations to the GA</li> </ul>
<b>Jul-Sep '21</b>	GOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drafting of the 4 brief documents to begin in consultation with relevant IGOs</li> <li>- Completing the summary/compilation of all the comments received on the brief documents</li> </ul>	
<b>Mid to late Sep-21</b>	General Assembly	GA High level week	
<b>Oct-21</b>	Secretariat	- Planning of regional CB	

		workshops to begin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support GOE and Bureau</li> <li>- Invite appointment and/or extension of NFPs</li> <li>- Invite appointment of IFPs</li> <li>- Organization and follow-up to AHWGW 15</li> <li>- Planning of CB programme: inviting potential partners, discussions etc.</li> <li>- Support for GOE meeting</li> <li>- Implementation of scoping exercise for the 4 brief documents.</li> <li>- Selection of a consultant for and development of the outreach and engagement strategy</li> <li>- Contact previous POE to ascertain interest in continuing serving</li> </ul>	
<b>Oct-21</b>	GOE	Virtual meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To agree on the solutions/responses to the comments received from IGOs on the 4 brief documents.</li> <li>- Start discussions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o CB programme</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

		<div>details</div> <div><div>○ Outreach and engagement strategy</div></div>	
Oct-21	Bureau	Bureau meeting to discuss the progress of 3 <sup>rd</sup> cycle preparation	
Oct-21	General Assembly	First round of omnibus resolution ICs	
31 Oct-12 Nov 21	UN Climate Change Conference 2021 (COP26) in Glasgow, UK		In-person
May-21	Secretariat	WOA II is published in all six languages.	
Nov-21	GOE	Completion of the first draft of all the brief documents, including all the comments	
Nov-21	General Assembly	Second round of omnibus resolution ICs	
1-Dec-21	GOE	Review of all the brief documents, with support from the Secretariat	
9-Dec-21	General Assembly	Omnibus resolution is adopted	
Late Dec-21 – mid Jan-22	Holiday season		
2022			
Jan-22	GOE	Virtual meeting: <div><div>- Finalization of the brief documents on WOA II</div></div>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working methods in a virtual environment.</li> <li>- GOE/RP participation in other ocean-related processes.</li> <li>- Updates on the outreach and engagement strategy</li> <li>- Regional workshops</li> </ul>	
<b>Jan-22</b>	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Editing of 4 brief documents</li> <li>- Support with the preparation of the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the third cycle</li> <li>- Sending a call seeking hosts for the regional workshops on CB and on the Assessment(s)</li> </ul>	
<b>Feb-22</b>	GOE	<p>Virtual meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preliminary scope of the next assessment(s) and preparation of the concept note</li> <li>- Preliminary annotated outline for the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Preliminary draft agenda for the 5 regional workshops to support the preparation of the assessment(s)</li> </ul>	
<b>9-11 February '22</b>	One Ocean Summit		Hybrid, Brest, France



<b>End of Feb '22 (TBC)</b>	Bureau	Virtual meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brief documents on WOA II</li> <li>- Preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the third cycle</li> <li>- Planning of the 16<sup>th</sup> AHWGW</li> <li>- Presentation of the outreach and engagement strategy</li> </ul>	
<b>End Feb-March '22 (TBC)</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> AHWGW	To approve the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 brief documents on WOA II;</li> <li>- Preliminary timetable for the third cycle of the Regular Process (2021-2025)</li> </ul>	Via correspondence
<b>1 – 3 March '22</b>	The Economist 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual World Ocean Summit & Expo		Hybrid, Lisbon, Portugal
<b>7-18 March '22</b>	Fourth session of the Intergovernmental Conference on BBNJ		In-person (delegations), New York, USA
<b>March-22 (TBD)</b>	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send out a call for written input on the concept note on the scope of the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Evaluation, enhancement and maintenance of the database of recent and ongoing global and</li> </ul>	

		regional assessments	
<b>Mar-22</b>	Bureau	Virtual meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concept note on the scoping of the next Assessment(s)</li> <li>- Tentative schedule and draft agendas for the first round of the 5 regional workshops to support the preparation of the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Update on the preparations for the 3 regional workshops on capacity-building</li> </ul>	
<b>13-14 April</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Our Ocean Conference		In-person, Palau
<b>April-22 (TBC)</b>	Assessment(s)	First round of the regional workshop for scoping the assessment(s): <u>Workshop I</u>	Virtual or Hybrid
<b>April-May '22 (TBD)</b>	GOE	First in-person meeting in New York *Agenda to be agreed	
<b>25 April-8 May '22 (TBC probably in the third quarter of 2022)</b>	UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP 15 – Part 2)		In person (delegations), Kunming, China
<b>May '22</b>	Secretariat	The 4 brief documents on WOA II are translated in all UN official languages	The printing date of the 4 brief documents will be decided once the translation is completed.
<b>May-22 (TBC)</b>	Assessment(s)	First round of the regional workshop for scoping the assessment(s): <u>Workshop II</u>	Virtual or Hybrid

<b>14-20 May</b>	Blue Climate Summit		In-person
<b>8 June '22</b>	UN World Oceans Day		
<b>Jun-22</b>	GOE	Virtual meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on the 2 regional workshops held on scoping the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Update on the preliminary scope of the assessment(s) and annotated outline for the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Guidelines for the composition of writing teams</li> <li>- Guidelines for the identification of peer reviewers</li> <li>- Modalities for the review process (peer-reviewers, secretariat, IGOs)</li> <li>- Identification of potential members of writing teams</li> </ul>	Preliminary annotated outline to include a list of specific expertise needed for each topic to be addressed
<b>Jun-22</b>	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inviting nominations and recommendations of additional experts to the Pool of Experts for the third cycle upon the completion of the first draft of the annotated outline of the</li> </ul>	

		assessment(s)	
<b>Jun-22 (TBD)</b>	CB	Capacity-building Workshop: <u>Workshop I</u>	Virtual or Hybrid
<b>Jun-22 (TBD)</b>	Assessment(s)	First round of the regional workshop for scoping the assessment(s): <u>Workshop III</u>	Virtual or Hybrid
<b>27 June-1 July '22</b>	UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Portugal		In-person
<b>3-9 July '22</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-9)		In-person (delegations), Bonn Germany
<b>Jul-22</b>	Secretariat	Start planning the 17 <sup>th</sup> AHWWG	
<b>Aug-22</b>	Bureau	Virtual meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on the [3] regional workshops held on the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Update on the preliminary scope of the assessment and annotated outline for the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Guidelines for the composition of writing teams</li> <li>- Guidelines for the identification of peer reviewers</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Modalities for the first stage of the review process (peer-reviewers, secretariat and IGOs)</li> </ul>	
<b>Aug-22</b>	Secretariat	Circulate documents for 17 <sup>th</sup> AHWGW	
<b>Aug-22 (TBC)</b>	CB	Capacity-building Workshop: <u>Workshop II</u>	Virtual or Hybrid
<b>Aug-22 (TBC)</b>	Assessment(s)	First round of the regional workshop for scoping the assessment(s): <u>Workshop IV</u>	Virtual or Hybrid
<b>5-9 September '22</b>	35 <sup>th</sup> Committee on Fisheries of the FAO (COFI-35)		In-person (delegations), Rome, Italy
<b>Sep-22 (TBC)</b>	AHWGW	17 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Progress on the Regional Workshops for the Assessment(s) and those on capacity-building</li> <li>- Update on the preliminary scope of the assessment(s) and annotated outline for the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Guidelines for the composition of writing teams</li> <li>- Guidelines for the identification of peer reviewers</li> <li>- Modalities for the review process (peer-reviewers, secretariat, IGOs)</li> </ul>	

<b>Early Sep-22</b>	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send calls for offers to host regional workshops for developing the assessment(s) in 2023 right after AHWGW meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Mid to late Sep-22</b>	General Assembly	GA High-level week	
<b>Late Sep-22</b>	General Assembly	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Oceans and the law of the sea: <u>first round</u>	
<b>Oct-22</b>	Assessment(s)	First round of the regional workshop for scoping the assessment(s): <u>Workshop V</u>	Hybrid or Virtual
<b>Oct-22</b>	CB	Capacity-building Workshop: <u>Workshop III</u>	In-person
<b>7-18 Nov '22</b>	UN Climate Change Conference 2022 (COP 27)		In-person, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt
<b>Nov-22</b>	GOE	Virtual meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalization of the scope of the assessment(s) *(outputs of the workshops are synthesised and commonalities in priorities identified)</li> <li>- Based on assessment prioritisation process develop an annotated outline for the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Identification of potential members of</li> </ul>	

		writing teams	
Nov-22	General Assembly	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Oceans and the law of the sea: <u>second round</u>	
Dec-22	General Assembly	Omnibus resolution is adopted	
Late Dec-22 – mid Jan-23	Holiday season		
2023			
Jan-23	GOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finalize the proposed scope of the assessment(s), associated comprehensive annotated outline(s) containing a summary of content and format a list of expertise needed for the writing teams, and an assessment of potential gaps and overlaps in expertise and the way to manage them</li><li>- Identification of potential members of writing teams</li><li>- Develop guidelines for writing teams</li></ul>	
Jan-23	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prepare documents for the 18<sup>th</sup> AHWGW</li></ul>	
Feb-23	Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Update on the proposed</li></ul>	

		scope of the assessment(s), a comprehensive annotated outline containing a summary of content and format, a list of expertise needed for the writing teams, and an assessment of potential gaps and overlaps and the way to manage them	
<b>Feb-23</b>	Secretariat	Circulate documents for 18 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW	
<b>Mar-23</b>	AHWGW	18 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW - Approve the proposed scope of the assessment(s); a comprehensive annotated outline containing a summary of content and format; a list of expertise needed for the writing teams; and an assessment of potential gaps and overlaps in expertise and the way to manage them.	
<b>Late Mar-23</b>	GOE	- Finalize lists of writing teams and peer-reviewers *(additional experts can also be added later on)	In-person



		- Finalize guidelines for writing teams	
<b>Apr-23</b>	Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approve list of writing teams</li> <li>- Approve list of peer reviewers</li> </ul>	
<b>Apr-23</b>	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send letters to members confirming establishment of writing teams</li> <li>- Establish line of communication between GOE and writing teams</li> </ul> <p>Prepare for second round of 5 regional workshops in support of drafting of the Assessment(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare for the 2 regional workshops on CB and international symposium on capacity-building</li> </ul>	
<b>Apr-23 (TBD)</b>	CB	Capacity-building Workshop: <u>Workshop IV</u>	Hybrid or Virtual
<b>May-23</b>	Conveners of writing teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-person meeting to discuss annotated outlines, gaps/overlaps and agree on writing assignments</li> <li>- Commence the drafting of assessment(s)</li> </ul>	Conveners and members of writing teams to hold virtual meetings throughout drafting period - March 2024 (TBC)
<b>Jun-23 (TBD)</b>	Assessment(s)	Second round of the regional workshop for	

		drafting of the assessment(s): <u>Workshop I</u>	
<b>Jun-23 (TBD)</b>	CB	Capacity-building Workshop: <u>Workshop V</u>	Hybrid or Virtual
<b>Jul-23</b>	Secretariat	Prepare documents for 19 <sup>th</sup> AHWGW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updates on the establishment of writing teams</li> <li>- Update on the drafting arrangements</li> <li>- Update on peer-reviewers</li> <li>- Update on regional workshops</li> <li>- Update on capacity-building</li> <li>- Other mid-point updates</li> </ul>	
<b>Jul-23 (TBD)</b>	Assessment(s)	Second round of the regional workshop for drafting the assessment(s): <u>Workshop II</u>	
<b>Aug-23</b>	Bureau	Consider documents for the 19 <sup>th</sup> AHWGW	
<b>Aug-23</b>	Secretariat	Circulate documents for the 19 <sup>th</sup> AHWGW	
<b>Aug-23 (TBD)</b>	Assessment(s)	Second round of the regional workshop for drafting the assessment(s): <u>Workshop II</u>	
<b>Early Sep-23</b>	CB	International symposium - a focused and interactive knowledge-sharing event drawing upon the outcomes	Hybrid or Virtual: Two-day Could be back-to-back with the 19 <sup>th</sup> AHWGW

		of the 5 regional workshops held in 2022 and 2023	
<b>Early Sep-23</b>	AHWGW	19 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updates on the establishment of writing teams</li> <li>- Update on the drafting arrangement</li> <li>- Update on peer-reviewers</li> <li>- Update on regional workshops</li> <li>- Update on capacity-building</li> </ul> Other mid-point updates	
<b>Early Sep-23</b>	GOE	In-person meeting to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Progress in the preparation of the Assessment(s)</li> <li>- Etc.</li> </ul>	Could coincide with 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW and the international symposium for capacity-building
<b>Mid to late Sep-23</b>	General Assembly	GA High-level week	
<b>Sep-23</b>	Secretariat	Convenes a one-day inter-agency meeting in conjunction with the General Assembly	
<b>Oct-23</b>	Assessment(s)	Second round of the regional workshop for drafting the assessment(s): <u>Workshop IV</u>	
<b>Oct-23</b>	General Assembly	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Oceans and the law of the sea: <u>first round</u>	

Nov-23	Assessment(s)	Second round of the regional workshop for drafting the assessment(s): <u>Workshop V</u>	
Nov-23	General Assembly	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Oceans and the law of the sea: <u>second round</u>	
Dec-23	General Assembly	Omnibus resolution is adopted	
Late Dec-23 – mid Jan-24	Holiday season		
2024			
Jan-24	Secretariat	Prepare docs for the 20 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW - Modalities for the second stage of the review process (States)	
Feb-24	Bureau	Consider docs for 20 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW: - Modalities for the second stage of the review process (States)	
Feb-24	Secretariat	Circulate documents for the 20 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW	
Mar-24	AHWGW	20 <sup>th</sup> meeting of AHWGW - Update on the progress in the preparation of the assessment(s) - Approve modalities for the second stage of the review process (States)	
Mar-24	GOE	In-person meeting to finalize drafts for peer-review	Could coincide with 20 <sup>th</sup> AHWGW

<b>March to May-24</b>	Assessment(s)	First stage of review process: parallel reviews by peer-reviewers, the secretariat and IGOs	Eight weeks
<b>March to May-24</b>	Secretariat	Facilitate the communication of comments to writing teams	
<b>Jun to Jul-24</b>	Assessment(s)	Writing teams consider review comments and produce proposed responses to peer-review.	Eight weeks
<b>Jul-24</b>	Conveners of writing teams	In-person meeting to discuss reviews, cross-cutting issues and finalise drafts	Remote participation will also be provided.
<b>Jul-24</b>	Secretariat	Prepare docs for 21 <sup>st</sup> meeting of AHWGW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on progress in the preparation of the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Process for lessons learned</li> <li>- Planning for the fourth cycle</li> </ul>	
<b>Jul to Aug-24</b>	GOE	Consider review comments and proposed responses from the writing teams	Three weeks
<b>Aug-24</b>	Bureau	Consider docs for 21 <sup>st</sup> meeting of AHWGW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on progress in the preparation of the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Process for lessons learned</li> </ul>	

		- Planning for the fourth cycle	
<b>Aug-24</b>	Secretariat	Circulate docs for 21 <sup>st</sup> meeting of AHWGW	
<b>Early Sep-24</b>	AHWGW	21 <sup>st</sup> meeting of AHWGW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on progress in the preparation of the assessment(s)</li> <li>- Process for lessons learned</li> <li>- Planning for the fourth cycle</li> </ul>	
<b>Early Sep-24</b>	GOE	Meeting to revise the draft chapters of the assessment(s), considering the comments of writing teams, and finalize the first draft of the Assessment(s)	Could coincide with 21 <sup>st</sup> meeting of AHWGW
<b>Sep-24</b>	Secretariat	Consolidate and format draft chapters	
<b>Sep/Oct-24</b>	Assessment(s)	Copyediting of the first draft of the Assessment(s)	Four to Eight weeks. At least one consultant needed
<b>Mid to late Sep-24</b>	General Assembly	GA High-level week	
<b>Oct/Nov-24</b>	Assessment(s)	States review the first draft of the Assessment(s)	Six weeks
<b>Oct-24</b>	General Assembly	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Oceans and the law of the sea: <u>first round</u>	
<b>Nov-24</b>	General Assembly	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Oceans and the law of the sea: <u>second round</u>	

Nov/Dec-24	Secretariat	Consolidate States comments and sent to respective writing teams	
Dec-24	General Assembly	Omnibus resolution is adopted	
Late Dec-24 – mid Jan-25	Holiday season		
2025			
Jan to Feb-25	Assessment(s)	Writing teams review States’ comments and produce proposed responses.	Four weeks
Jan to Feb-25	Secretariat	Commence lessons learned exercise from the third cycle <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Compiles its lessons learned from the third cycle into one document</li><li>- Drafts questions based on its lessons learned for States, IGOs, etc.</li><li>- Invites States, IGOs, GOE to provide their lessons learned</li></ul>	
Feb to Mar-25	GOE	Review comments and proposed response to States’ comments, and finalize the second draft of the Assessment(s) in the light of comments from States and proposed responses from writing teams and presents it to the Bureau	

<b>Mar-25</b>	Bureau	Receive oral briefings by GOE on the second draft of the Assessment(s)	Bureau meeting to coincide with the last day of the meeting of the GOE
<b>Mar to Apr-25</b>	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Format the second draft of the Assessment(s) and circulate it for States' final review, together with agreed responses by GOE to States' comments</li> <li>- Work on draft programme of work for the fourth cycle</li> <li>- Work on the preliminary resource requirements for the fourth cycle</li> </ul>	
<b>May-25</b>	Assessment(s)	Exchanges between Bureau and GOE on questions arising from the Assessment(s), resolving outstanding issues through exchanges between States' representatives and the GOE	
<b>May-25</b>	GOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalize the Assessment(s)</li> <li>- Conduct lessons learned exercise</li> </ul>	
<b>May-25</b>	Bureau	Receive oral reports by GOE on changes made to the second draft as a result of States' review, and approves the submission of the Assessment(s) to AHWGW	Bureau meeting to coincide with the in-person meeting of the GOE



<b>May-25</b>	Assessment(s)	Final editing of the Assessment(s)	Four weeks One consultant copyeditor
<b>May-25</b>	Secretariat	Finalize draft lessons learned from the third cycle, as well as draft programme of work and preliminary resource requirement for fourth cycle	
<b>Jun-25</b>	Assessment(s)	Unedited version of the Assessment(s) (TBD) and executive summary/ies are sent for translation	8 weeks before preparatory period for AHWGW begins. May need to be adjusted to 10 weeks.
<b>Jun-25</b>	GOE	Review and provide input on lessons learned from the third cycle, as well as draft programme of work and resource requirement for the fourth cycle	
<b>Jul-25</b>	Secretariat	Prepare other documents for 22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of AHWGW, besides lessons learned, draft programme of work and preliminary resources requirement	
<b>Jul-25</b>	Bureau	Consider and approve the submission of the finalize assessment(s), lessons learned from the third cycle, programme of work and resource requirement for the fourth cycle to AHWGW	
<b>Jul-25</b>	Secretariat	Circulate documents for the 22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of AHWGW:	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Executive summary/ies of the Assessment(s) in all six official languages, along with the advance, unedited version of the Assessment(s) in English only</li> <li>- Lessons learned from the third cycle</li> <li>- Draft programme of work for the fourth cycle</li> <li>- Preliminary resource requirement for the fourth cycle</li> </ul>	
<b>Mid to late Sep-25</b>	General Assembly	GA High-level week	
<b>Oct-25</b>	AHWGW	22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of AHWGW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider and authorize the submission of the Assessment(s) to GA</li> <li>- Consider and endorse the programme of work and resource requirement for the fourth cycle</li> </ul>	
<b>Oct-25</b>	General Assembly	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Oceans and the law of the sea: <u>first round</u>	
<b>Nov-25</b>	General Assembly	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Oceans and the law of the sea: <u>second round</u>	
<b>Dec-25</b>	General Assembly	Omnibus resolution is adopted	

Dec-25	Assessment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Translated Assessment(s) available in all six official languages</li><li>- Desktop publishing of assessments begins</li></ul>	Six weeks with one consultant for desktop publishing
Dec-25	Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Digital versions of the Assessment(s) in all six official languages to be prepared</li></ul>	
Late Dec-25 to mid-Jan 26	Holiday season		
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Jan-26	Secretariat	Printing of the Assessment(s) in all UN official languages.	