

Terms of Reference for a Consultant to support the launch of the second world ocean assessment

UN Regular Process – second World Ocean Assessment (WOA II).

Background

The Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (Regular Process) is a global mechanism established by States in 2002.

The first cycle of the Regular Process (2010-2014) resulted in First Global Integrated Marine Assessment (WOA I), which established a baseline for measuring the state of the marine environment. The second cycle of the Regular Process (2016-2020) was launched by the General Assembly in 2015 with the aim to, inter alia, produce the second world ocean assessment which evaluated trends from and identified gaps in the baseline established by WOA I.

According to the further revised timetable and implementation plan for the preparation of the second world ocean assessment, which was approved by the Bureau of the Regular Process in November 2019, the assessment is to be published in 2021.

Job description

Under the overall supervision of the Principal Legal Officer, and the direct supervision of the Senior Legal Officer in collaboration with the Programme Officer, of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, the consultant, in conjunction with the finalization of the desktop publishing and subsequent launch of the second world ocean assessment, will assist in the development of the related promotional material, including digital assets. The above-mentioned activities are to be completed during a 6-week period.

Qualifications and experience required: Expertise in content production and digital media strategy and experience in showcasing communication of scientific and technical knowledge into clear terms for policy makers and the interested public. Previous experience working with United Nations entities a plus. The ideal candidate will also have familiarity with the principles and best practices of graphic design.

Confidentiality: The text of the second world ocean assessment is under embargo and may not be shared with anyone. The consultant should contact DOALOS for any questions they may have.

Duration of contract: 6 weeks

Contract sum: **US\$ 11,805** (upon successful completion of the work)