

**Preparatory Commission for the Entry into Force of the Agreement
under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the
Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of
Areas beyond National Jurisdiction and the Convening of the First
Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement**

Second session

New York, 18-29 August 2025

Registration information

**Organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation
from the General Assembly, interested intergovernmental organizations
and other interested international bodies, associate members of regional
commissions and the United Nations system**

I. Participation

1. In accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 78/272, the following organizations and other entities are invited as observers to the Preparatory Commission:

- Organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly pursuant to its relevant resolutions to participate, in the capacity of observer, in its sessions and work;
- Interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations and other interested international bodies that were invited to participate in any of the following conferences and summits:
 - World Summit on Sustainable Development;
 - United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
 - United Nations Conferences on the sustainable development of small island developing States;
 - United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;
 - Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and

Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;

- United Nations Conferences to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;
- The following associate members of regional commissions: American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Curaçao, French Polynesia, Guam, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands; and
- Relevant specialized agencies, as well as other organs, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system.

II. Registration

2. The second session of the Preparatory Commission will be held from 18 to 29 August 2025 in person at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Formal meetings of the session may be webcast, for viewing only, through UN Web TV: <https://webtv.un.org>.

Organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly

3. Registration of representatives of organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly pursuant to its relevant resolutions to participate, in the capacity of observer, in its sessions and work will be carried out by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service.

4. Those which have an office in New York or have already enrolled in the online e-Registration system may submit their requests via the online “e-Registration system” at <https://edelegate.un.int>. Information regarding the e-Registration system can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>. Online requests for registration to the second session of the Preparatory Commission must be received by **1 August 2025**.

5. Those which do not have an office in New York or have not enrolled in the e-Registration system should follow the registration procedure below to obtain a United Nations grounds pass.

- i. Submit a letter to the Protocol and Liaison Service (see details below), stamped and signed by the head of the organization, with the names and functional titles of the delegation attending the session. In addition, the letter must include a name and an official email address of the focal point handling the request(s). The letter must be addressed to:

Ms. Beatrix Kania
Chief of Protocol
Protocol and Liaison Service
Att. Ms. Wai Tak Chua

- ii. Complete an SG.6 form for each member of the delegation (the SG.6 form can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>).
- iii. Send both the letter and the SG.6 form to the Protocol and Liaison Service by email to unprotocol@un.org, copied to chuaw@un.org.
- iv. Transmit a copy of the letter to the Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea (Att. Mr. Bingzhuo Li, email: bingzhuo.li@un.org, copied to doalos@un.org).

6. Requests for registration following the procedure outlined in paragraph 5 above must be received by **25 July 2025**. The secretariat will not be in a position to process late registrations.

7. The focal point will be notified of the registration approval(s) via email. A hard copy of that email must be presented by the participant together with a valid passport or government photo ID to the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit (located on the ground floor of the FF Building, at 320 E. 45th Street, between First and Second Avenue) for the issuance of a UN grounds pass.

Interested intergovernmental organizations and other interested international bodies

8. Representatives of interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations and other interested international bodies that were invited to participate in relevant conferences and summits (see resolution 78/272, para. 5) are required to register through the Indico portal. Representatives may do so by creating an account at <https://indico.un.org/register> and registering for the session at <https://indico.un.org/event/1018014/>. Please note that each participant is required to register individually.

9. The user guide for the Indico portal can be found at: <https://indicohelp.unog.ch/>.

10. Representatives of interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations and other interested international bodies must attach to their

registration form in the Indico portal a formal letter addressed to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, stamped and signed by the head of the organization, with the names and functional titles of the delegation attending the session.

11. Requests for registration through the Indico portal must be received by **1 August 2025**.

12. Participants registering through the procedure outlined in paragraph 8 above will be notified via email once their registration request has been approved. Participants may pick up their passes at the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit, located on the ground floor of the FF Building, at 320 E. 45th Street (between First and Second Avenue), starting 09:00 a.m. on 18 August 2025. A hard copy of the email confirming the approval of their registration must be presented by the participant together with a valid, government-issued photographic identification (e.g. passport or driver's license) when picking up a pass.

Associate members of regional commissions

13. Representatives of associate members of regional commissions are required to follow the following registration steps to obtain a United Nations grounds pass:

- i. Submit a letter to the Protocol and Liaison Service (see details below), stamped and signed by an authorized official, with the names and functional titles of the delegation attending the session. In addition, the letter must include a name and an email address of the focal point handling the request(s). The letter must be addressed to:

Ms. Beatrix Kania
Chief of Protocol
Protocol and Liaison Service
Att. Ms. Wai Tak Chua

- ii. Complete an SG.6 form for each member of the delegation (the SG.6 form can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>).
- iii. Send both the letter and the SG.6 form to the Protocol and Liaison Service by email to unprotocol@un.org, copied to chuaw@un.org.
- iv. Transmit a copy of the letter to the Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea (Att. Mr. Bingzhuo Li, email: bingzhuo.li@un.org, copied to doalos@un.org).

14. Requests for registration to the second session of the Preparatory Commission must be received by **25 July 2025**. The secretariat will not be in a position to process late registrations.

15. The focal point will be notified of the registration approval(s) via email. A hard copy of that email must be presented by the participant together with a valid passport or Government photo ID to the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit (located on the ground floor of the FF Building at 320 E. 45th Street, between First and Second Avenue) for the issuance of a United Nations grounds pass.

Specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system

16. Representatives of specialized agencies and related organizations are required to submit their requests via the online “e-Registration system” at <https://edelegate.un.int>. Information regarding the e-Registration system can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>. Online requests for registration to the second session of the Preparatory Commission must be received by **1 August 2025**.

Other organs, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system

17. Representatives of other relevant United Nations system organs, organizations, funds and programmes without a valid United Nations grounds pass issued in New York may gain access to United Nations Headquarters by presenting a valid United Nations Laissez-Passer at the visitor entrance or the staff entrance at 42nd Street.

18. Registration will require a formal letter signed by the entity’s Principal or designated official, listing the member(s) of the delegation to be sent to:

Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea
Secretariat
Att. Mr. Bingzhao Li
Email: bingzhao.li@un.org and copied to doalos@un.org

19. Requests for registration following this procedure must be received by **1 August 2025**.

III. Information on the composition of delegations

20. Observer entities participating in the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the secretariat, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, Att. Mr. Bingzhao Li at bingzhao.li@un.org and copied to doalos@un.org.