

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

Proposed organization of work

WEEK 1	CR4 <i>(with interpretation)</i>	CR2
Monday, 18 August 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Opening (item 1) Adoption of the Agenda (item 2) Programme of work (item 3) Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee (item 4) Consideration of the matters to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement at its first meeting and additional matters, as identified by the Preparatory Commission (item 5) <i>Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (Cluster I: Issue 1)</i> <i>[Meeting to be held in CR1]</i>	
Monday, 18 August 3–6 p.m.	Item 5 <i>(continued)</i> <i>Arrangements with the GEF to give effect to the relevant provisions on funding (Cluster III: Issue 9)</i> <i>[Meeting to be held in CR1]</i>	Item 5 <i>(continued)</i> <i>Terms of Reference and modalities for the operation of, and rules of procedure for, the subsidiary bodies (Cluster I: Issue 2); Selection process for the members of the Scientific and Technical Body and the other subsidiary bodies (Cluster I: Issue 3)</i>
Tuesday, 19 August 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Item 5 <i>(continued)</i> <i>Reporting back on parallel meetings</i> <i>Operationalization of other provisions on financial resources and mechanism (Cluster III, Issue 10)</i>	
Tuesday, 19 August 3–6 p.m.	Item 5 <i>(continued)</i> <i>Financial Rules governing the funding of the COP and the funding of the secretariat and any subsidiary bodies (Cluster III, Issue 8)</i>	
Wednesday, 20 August 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Item 5 <i>(continued)</i> <i>Modalities for the operation of the Clearing-House Mechanism (Cluster II, Issue 7)</i>	
Wednesday, 20 August 3–6 p.m.	Item 5 <i>(continued)</i> <i>Arrangements for the functioning of the secretariat, including its seat (Cluster I, Issue 4)</i>	Item 5 <i>(continued)</i> <i>Arrangements to enhance cooperation with relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies (Cluster I: Issue 6)</i>
Thursday, 21 August 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Item 5 <i>(continued)</i> <i>Reporting back on parallel meetings</i> <i>Terms of Reference and modalities for the operation of, and rules of procedure for, the subsidiary bodies (Cluster I: Issue 2); Selection</i>	

	<i>process for the members of the Scientific and Technical Body and the other subsidiary bodies (Cluster I: Issue 3)</i>	
Thursday, 21 August 3–6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Modalities for the operation of the Clearing-House Mechanism (Cluster II, Issue 7)</i>	Item 5 (continued) <i>Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (Cluster I: Issue 1)</i>
Friday, 22 August 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Reporting back on parallel meetings</i> <i>Arrangements for the functioning of the secretariat, including its seat (Cluster I, Issue 4)</i>	
Friday, 22 August 3–6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Reporting requirements (Cluster I: Issue 5)</i>	Item 5 (continued) <i>Financial Rules governing the funding of the COP and the funding of the secretariat and any subsidiary bodies (Cluster III, Issue 8)</i>

WEEK 2	CR4 (with interpretation)	CR2
Monday, 25 August 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Reporting back on parallel meetings</i> <i>Modalities for the operation of the Clearing-House Mechanism (Cluster II, Issue 7)</i>	
Monday, 25 August 3–6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Arrangements to enhance cooperation with relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies (Cluster I: Issue 6)</i>	
Tuesday, 26 August 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Terms of Reference and modalities for the operation of, and rules of procedure for, the subsidiary bodies (Cluster I: Issue 2); Selection process for the members of the Scientific and Technical Body and the other subsidiary bodies (Cluster I: Issue 3)</i>	
Tuesday, 26 August 3–6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Arrangements to enhance cooperation with relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies (Cluster I: Issue 6)</i>	Item 5 (continued) <i>Operationalization of other provisions on financial resources and mechanism (Cluster III, Issue 10)</i>
Wednesday, 27 August 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Reporting back on parallel meetings</i> <i>Financial Rules governing the funding of the COP and the funding of the secretariat and any subsidiary bodies (Cluster III, Issue 8)</i> <i>[Meeting to be held in CR1]</i>	
Wednesday, 27 August 3–6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (Cluster I: Issue 1)</i>	Item 5 (continued) <i>Operationalization of other provisions on financial resources and mechanism (Cluster III, Issue 10)</i>
Thursday, 28 August 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Reporting back on parallel meetings</i>	

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Thursday, 28 August 3–6 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Arrangements for the functioning of the secretariat, including its seat (Cluster I, Issue 4)</i>	Item 5 (continued) <i>Reporting requirements (Cluster I: Issue 5)</i>
Friday, 29 August 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 5 (continued) <i>Reporting back on parallel meetings</i> <i>Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties (Cluster I: Issue 1)</i>	
Friday, 29 August 3–6 p.m.	Credentials of representatives (item 6) Other matters (item 7) Closure (item 8)	