

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

22 to 26 May 2023
United Nations Headquarters, New York

Information for participants

Background

Pursuant to article 36 of the Agreement, the Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement was convened for the first time at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 22 to 26 May 2006. The Review Conference was subsequently resumed, from 24 to 28 May 2010, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 63/112 of 5 December 2008 and resolution 64/72 of 4 December 2009, and from 23 to 27 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/75. As per General Assembly resolution 77/118, the Review Conference on will be resumed at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 22 to 26 May 2023.

The resumed Review Conference will meet in Conference Room 4 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, starting at 10am on Monday 22 May 2023.

Working documents

The Provisional agenda ([A/CONF.210/2023/L.1](#)) and the Provisional organization of work ([A/CONF.210/2023/L.2](#)) for the resumed Review Conference, as well as the report of the Secretary-General to the resumed Review Conference (forthcoming) and other relevant documents will be made available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS) at:
www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/review_conf_fish_stocks.htm.

Side events

A list of lunch-time side events scheduled to take place during the resumed Review Conference is available on the website of DOALOS at:
https://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/RRC23SideEvents.pdf. Lunch-time side events will be held in Conference Rooms 4 and E from 1:15pm to 2:30pm.

Credentials

In accordance with rule 7 of the Provisional rules of procedure of the Review Conference (document A/CONF.210/2006/6), the original of credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers who will form part of the Government's delegation have to be submitted to the Office of Legal Affairs (Room DC2-0450, United Nations, New York, NY 10017), if possible no later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the resumed Review Conference. The

credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Pending the submission of credentials, Governments are invited to communicate to the Office of Legal Affairs, by **8 May 2023**, the names of their representatives attending the Conference, preferably in electronic form (e-mail: doalos@un.org, with a copy to amerim@un.org). **Such information should be communicated in a duly signed letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission or other relevant authority, designating the representatives.**

Credentials of representatives to the resumed Review Conference will be examined by the Credentials Committee and reported to the meeting. In 2016, the Credentials Committee of the Review Conference consisted of the following eight States Parties to the Agreement: Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Uruguay.

Passes for intergovernmental organizations

To the extent possible, accredited intergovernmental organizations should avail themselves of the procedures set out at <https://edelegate.un.int>. The names and contact details of representatives obtaining their ground passes through this procedure should also be communicated to the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, by email (doalos@un.org, with a copy to amber.maggio@un.org) by 1 May 2023.

In cases where intergovernmental organizations cannot avail themselves of the above-mentioned procedure, such organizations are required to register through the Indico portal. Representatives may do so by creating an account at <https://indico.un.org/register> and proceeding to register for the Conference at <https://indico.un.org/event/1004003/>. Requests for registration must be received by 1 May 2023.

Please note that such participants must also upload a formal letter signed by the head of their organization to the Indico portal.

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea will communicate directly to participants, approximately one week before the meeting, where and when to pick up the United Nations grounds pass arranged by the Division. A government issued ID with photograph (e.g., passport) must be presented at the time of pickup.

Intergovernmental organizations having a Liaison Office in New York should obtain their United Nations grounds pass through their Liaison Office.

Passes for non-governmental organizations

To the extent possible, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council or on the roster of the Commission on Sustainable Development should avail themselves of the procedures set out at <http://csonet.org/?menu=86>. The names and contact details of the representatives obtaining their grounds passes through this procedure should also be communicated to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, by e-mail (doalos@un.org, with a copy to amber.maggio@un.org) by 1 May 2023.

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Secretariat

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will carry out the secretariat functions for the meeting. Requests for further information can be sent by e-mail to doalos@un.org with a copy to Mr. Dmitry Gonchar, Secretary of the resumed Review Conference (gonchar@un.org), or to Mr. Michele Ameri, Deputy-Secretary of the resumed Review Conference (amerim@un.org), using the subject: "Resumed Review Conference".