

**REGULAR PROCESS FOR THE GLOBAL REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SOCIOECONOMIC ASPECTS**

**Workshop to support the Regular Process: Auckland, 18 – 19 October 2017**

**(South Pacific)**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

*First day – Wednesday 18 October 2017*

1. Welcome addresses.
2. Adoption of Agenda for the Workshop.
3. Presentation by a representative of the secretariat of the Regular Process on current developments in global ocean policies.
4. Presentation by a member of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process on the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment – World Ocean Assessment I, and discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the Assessment.
5. Presentation by Alan Simcock (Joint Coordinator of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process) of a document on the possible structure of the assessment or assessments to be prepared under the Regular Process in the second cycle, running until the end of 2020.
6. Review of assessments that have been carried out in the South Pacific since 2012 and that are proposed to be carried out within the region in the period 2017 – 2020, in order to identify how the assessment(s) under the Regular Process can best build on them.

*Participants in the workshop are requested to be prepared to make short presentations on the assessments with which they have been concerned.*

7. Establishment of break-out groups.

*The purpose of the break-out groups is to enable as many people as possible to contribute to the discussion. The membership of the break-out groups could be by area or by discipline.*

***Lunch-break***

8. Break-out groups meet to discuss:
  - (a) Possible structures of the assessment(s) of the second cycle;
  - (b) Regional priorities for the assessment(s) of the second cycle;
  - (c) How to make the assessment(s) of the second cycle most helpful to policy-makers in the region with their tasks, including implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

***Second day – Thursday 19 October***

9. Report-back session for the break-out groups and discussion of their conclusions.
10. Consideration of what steps might be taken within the region in the period 2017 – 2020 to support contributions to the assessment(s) under the Regular Process in the second cycle. This consideration will be broken down into separate discussions of:
  - (a) What increased cooperation or coordination between processes already under way in the region could assist in providing the information required for such assessment(s);

- (b) What can be done in relation to issues on which relevant data and/or information is known to be available for the region or parts of it, but where it has not been fed into any assessment;
- (c) What can be done to provide data and/or information by 2020 on issues relevant to the region where data and/or information are currently lacking;
- (d) How to improve arrangements for networking between experts and organizations taking part in each workshop, and the Group of Experts and the secretariat of the Regular Process.

***Lunch-break***

11. The Secretariat of the Regular Process will present information and material relevant to the database on capacity-building needs and opportunities and to the Capacity-Building Partnership Event and Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (to be held later in 2017), as well as the identification of best practices and the role of the workshops and participants therein in awareness-raising and outreach.

12. Consideration of how capacities to achieve integrated assessments of the marine environment can be improved.

*Participants in the workshop are requested to be prepared to make short presentations on their ideas.*

13. Consideration of what steps could be taken, either within the region or at a global level:

- (a) To improve the information available for the assessment(s) of the second cycle;
- (b) To improve the information available for future assessments.

*Participants in the workshop are requested to take account of the information gaps identified in World Ocean Assessment I in formulating ideas on these questions.*

14. Oral presentation by the Chair and the Joint Coordinators of the main elements that have emerged from the workshop.

15. Closure of the Workshop.