

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

Workshop to support the Regular Process: Zanzibar, 14 to 15 December 2017

(Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI area)

hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme through its Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean

DRAFT AGENDA

First day – Thursday 14 December 2017

1. Welcome addresses.
 - a) Opening by a representative of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania.
 - b) Remarks by a representative of the Nairobi Convention Secretariat.
 - c) Remarks by a representative of the secretariat of the Regular Process.
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 Renison Ruwa (Joint Coordinator of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process) or 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 on behalf of Alan Simcock (Joint Coordinator of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process) of a document on the possible structure of the assessment 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 Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI area to date.

Participants in the workshop are requested to be prepared to make short presentations on any assessments which they have been involved in, with the suggested format of one presentation from each of the following regions: the Western Indian Ocean; other parts of the Indian Ocean; the Arabian Sea; the Gulf of Aden; the ROPME/RECOFI area etc.

7. Establishment of break-out groups.

The purpose of the break-out groups is to enable as many participants 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 structure of the assessment of the second cycle;

- (b) Regional priorities for the assessment of the second cycle;
- (c) How to make the assessment of the second cycle most helpful to policy-makers in the region with their tasks, including implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

Second day – Friday 15 December 2017

9. Report-back session for the break-out groups and discussion of their conclusions.
10. Presentations on proposed assessments to be carried out within the region in the period 2017 – 2020, in order to identify how the assessment under the Regular Process can best build on them, and consideration of what steps might be taken within the region in the period 2017 – 2020 to support contributions to the assessment 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 an assessment;
 - (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 in 2018), 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, including of what steps could be taken to achieve the capacities.

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 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 Coordinator(s) of the main elements that have emerged from the workshop.

15. Closure of the Workshop.