

# Notification of Workshop and Request for Nominations

Regional Workshop on ocean governance and the science-policy interface (component I) and in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment (component II) for the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI regions.



Mahe, Seychelles



30 July - 4 August 2023



[Application Form](#)

*The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, as the secretariat of the UN Regular Process and implementing partner for the Programmes of Assistance to Meet the Strategic Capacity Needs of Developing States in the Field of Ocean Governance and the Law of the Sea, solicits the nomination of experts to participate in a two-part Workshop: part one - workshop on ocean governance and the science-policy interface (30 July-1 August 2023) and part two - workshop in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment (2-4 August 2023) for the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, and the ROPME/RECOFI regions. The Workshop is convened by the Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention - UNEP.*

## **Purpose and Objective of the Workshop**

**Component I (30 July-1 August 2023):** The first component of this workshop aims to provide an introduction to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and related agreements, and an overview of the legal and institutional frameworks for the management of oceans at the global, regional, and national levels. This workshop will also reinforce the knowledge and capacities of government officials from the regions, and other relevant stakeholders, on the science-policy interface and the integrated and inclusive ocean governance frameworks upon which the ocean-based economic sectors can be developed in a sustainable manner.

**Component II (2-4 August 2023):** The second component of the workshop will focus on the thematic elements of the third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III) and consist of two parts with a focus on: (i) component parts of the steps in developing sustainability pathways for the chapters in section 5A of the [annotated outline of WOA III](#); (ii) the cross-cutting themes of equity, gender and Indigenous Traditional owner and Local community Knowledge (ITLK) for contributing to the chapters in section 5B of the annotated outline (One health) and components of the chapters and sub-chapters of section 5A of the annotated outline (Sustainable and inclusive ocean economies)

## **Participation and Registration in the Workshop**

Member States of the United Nations, members of United Nations specialized agencies and relevant organizations, bodies, funds or programmes within the United Nations system are kindly invited to nominate their experts, who will need to fill out the application form. Please complete the application form as soon as possible and no later than **12 June 2023, 23:59 EDT**.

Nominations should have due regard to the need for gender balance.

Experts from relevant regional intergovernmental organizations, including regional seas organizations, regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, relevant regional intergovernmental marine science organizations and intergovernmental organizations and arrangements undertaking work in relation to large marine ecosystems, are encouraged to participate. Relevant experts from non-governmental organizations may request an invitation to participate.

Experts who are not representing a State or organization can nominate themselves by completing the application form no later than **12 June 2023, 23:59 EDT**. Experts from countries requiring a visa to enter the host country are kindly invited to submit their applications the soonest.

**Funding will be provided by the United Nations (flight ticket and Daily Subsistence Allowance) for selected experts from within and outside of the regions, with priority given to experts from developing countries.**

All documents concerning the Workshop in Mahe, Seychelles will be made available on the website of the Division in due course at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/second-round-regional-workshops-2023>