

**Meeting of the Coordinating Authors of the Third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III)
Lisbon, Portugal (19-20 February 2024)**

**Information for participants
Note by the secretariat of the Regular Process**

I. Background

1. The programme of work for the period 2021-2025 for the third cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the “Regular Process”), endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly, includes in the activities for 2024 the holding of a meeting of the Coordinating Authors of the Third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III)

II. Host, venue and date of the Meeting

2. The Government of Portugal offered to host the Meeting of the Coordinating Authors of the Third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III), from 19 to 20 February 2024.
3. The Meeting will take place at Oceanário de Lisboa and will start at 9:00 am on 19 February and end at 6:00 pm on 20 February 2024.
Venue: Oceanário de Lisboa
Address: Esplanada Dom Carlos I s/nº, 1990-005 Lisboa, Portugal
Website: <https://www.oceanario.pt/en/>

III. Agenda of the Meeting

4. The provisional agenda of the Meeting, together with relevant documentation, will be posted prior to the Meeting on the website of the Regular Process: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/Coordinating-Authors-Meeting>.

IV. Interpretation

5. The Meeting will be conducted in English.

V. Preliminary information and output of the Meeting

7. The official documentation of the Meeting will be issued in English.
8. The presentations delivered will be made publicly available on the Regular Process website: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/Coordinating-Authors-Meeting>.

VI. List of participants

9. The secretariat of the Regular Process, with the support of the Government of Portugal, will publish a list of participants at the Meeting.

VII. Visa requirements

10. Please check visa requirements, as applicable, for Portugal. It is the responsibility of participants to advise the secretariat of the Regular Process if further assistance is required.

VIII. Climate and clothing

11. The climate of Lisbon, Portugal, generally falls within the cool to mild range in February, with the average temperatures ranging from 9°C (low) to 16°C (high).

IX. Voltage

12. Portugal operates on 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. There are two associated plug types, types C and F.



X. Currency

13. The official currency of Portugal is the Euro.

XI. Health

14. It is the participant's responsibility to find out whether they need medical insurance for the duration of the Meeting.
15. You are solely responsible for ensuring that you meet the requirements for both proof of COVID-19 vaccination and pre-travel COVID-19 testing established by the airlines, as well as by the Government of Portugal for entry into the country. Please note that the secretariat of the Regular Process cannot answer your questions about vaccination and entry requirements. Should you not be in a position to travel to Portugal, please inform the secretariat of the Regular Process immediately, and before your ticket is issued.

XII. Additional information

16. Information on the Meeting can be accessed at the Regular Process website: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/Coordinating-Authors-Meeting>.
17. For participants whose travel is funded by the United Nations, additional information regarding travel arrangements will be communicated directly to them by the secretariat of the Regular Process.

XIII. Arrival in Lisbon, and local transportation

18. Participants are kindly requested to make their transportation arrangements from the airport to their hotel and during their stay in Portugal.

XIV. Directions from the airport to the venue

19. Oceanário de Lisboa is located at Esplanada Dom Carlos I s/nº, 1990-005 Lisboa, in Parque das Nações. Further information can be found here: <https://www.oceanario.pt/en/visit/plan-your-visit/how-to-get-there/>.
 - When arriving at the **Aeroporto Humberto Delgado** (Lisbon International Airport), you can find access to the metro. A single underground ticket costs around €2.

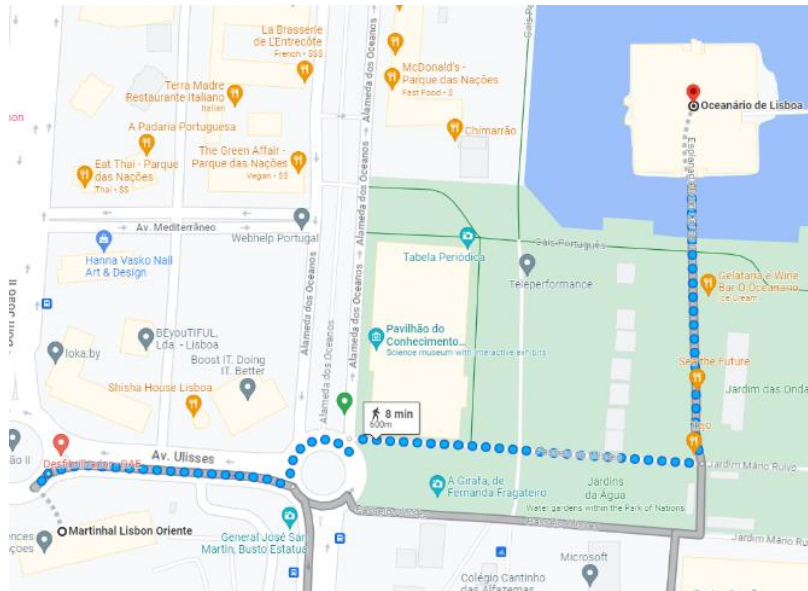
From the **Airport Station**, you can take the metro (**red line - direction S. Sebastião Station**) and exit at "**Oriente Station**", where you will be at walking distance (~10 min) to the Meeting venue.

- Taxis and other private transportation (Uber, Bolt, etc.) are also available from the Humberto Delgado Airport.

XV. Hotel accommodation

20. Suggested hotels close to the venue are as follows:

- **Martinhal Lisbon Oriente** – www.martinhal.com/pt/resorts/martinhal-residences/
(10% discount over Best Available Rate for participants)
 - o **Contact:** Ms. Patrícia Rodrigues – patricia.rodrigues@martinhal.com;
+351 911 931 732
 - o **Address:** Praça do Príncipe Perfeito, 1990-221 Lisboa.



- **Tivoli Oriente Lisboa Hotel** – www.tivolihotels.com/en/tivoli-oriente
(10% discount over Best Available Rate for participants)
 - o **Contact:** Ms. Ana Paula Correia – a.correia@tivoli-hotels.com;
+351 213 198 322
 - o **Address:** Av. Dom João II, 1990-083 Lisboa.

