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Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly

The Twenty-fourth Meeting

United Nations Headquarters, New York

3 – 4 September 2026

FORMAT

Methods of work

1. The twenty-fourth meeting of the General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 80/110 of 9 December 2025 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”. In paragraph 325 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene, in 2026, up to two meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of no more than two days of total duration each.
2. The twenty-fourth meeting will be held from 3 to 4 September 2026 with a view to, inter alia, consider the: **(i) Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole; (ii) Information from the Group of Experts regarding implementation of the programme of work of the fourth cycle of the Regular Process; (iii) Awareness raising activities related to the launch of the Third World Ocean Assessment; (iv) The draft recommendations to the eighty-first session of the General Assembly for consideration for submission under the agenda item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”, on the Regular Process.** The General Assembly encourages the widest possible attendance of participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group.
3. Pursuant to paragraph 204 of General Assembly resolution 65/37 A of 7 December 2010 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”, the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole are open to Member States and observers of the United Nations. In accordance with past practice of the United Nations, relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will be invited to participate in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. Relevant scientific institutions, and major groups identified in Agenda 21 may request an invitation to participate in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.



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4. The meeting will be coordinated by the Co-Chairs, Ms. Kimberly Louis (Saint Lucia) and Ms. Bahia Tahzib-Lie (The Netherlands), appointed by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with regional groups.

Agenda

5. The Co-Chairs will propose a provisional agenda, a provisional annotated agenda and an organization of work, including a timetable, for the meeting.

Outcome

6. In accordance with the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, a report of the twenty-fourth meeting will be prepared and issued by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group which will reflect the decisions made during the meeting.