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Workshops for the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI region to be held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania (19 to 27 July 2022)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea as the secretariat for the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (Regular Process), wishes to invite the nomination of experts to participate in the Workshops for the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI area which will be held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 19 to 27 July 2022, as follow:

Workshop I

The workshop on Ocean Governance and the science-policy interface will be held from Tuesday, 19 July to Friday, 22 July 2022.

Purpose and objective

The scope of this workshop is 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. The programme will also include contributions from experts on relevant ocean sectors, including regarding the work of intergovernmental organizations. In addition, the programme will introduce concepts related to the blue economy and ocean finance, and considerations on how these relate to ocean affairs frameworks. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be introduced in the context of ocean affairs. Cross-cutting topics such as the science-policy interface, marine special planning, and others relevant to the region will also be addressed throughout the programme and discussion sessions.

This workshop will reinforce the knowledge and capacities of government officials from the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), 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.

Workshop II

The workshop on the scoping of the next assessment(s) of the United Nations Regular Process will be held from Monday, 25 July until Wednesday, 27 July 2022.

Purpose and objective

The scope of this workshop is to inform the scoping exercise and the development of annotated outline(s) of the next assessment(s) to be produced during the third cycle of the UN Regular Process, collect regional-level data, raise awareness and provide information on the Regular Process, and generate interest from the scientific community in contributing to the drafting of the assessment(s).

The Workshops are organized under the auspices of the United Nations, in coordination with the secretariat of the Regular Process, represented by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations (the “Division”) and with the assistance of members of the Group of Experts and Pool of Experts, as appropriate.

Participation and registration

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 submit a nomination form for their technical experts via email to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (temnova@un.org, with a copy to akhmad.sani@un.org, doalos@un.org, maria.rodriguezchaves@un.org and khan42@un.org), as soon as possible and **no later than Friday, 10 June 2022**. The nomination form can be found on the Regular Process website (www.un.org/regularprocess/). Each of the nominated technical experts must then fill in an online application form (click [here](#)). Nominations should have due regard to the need for gender balance.

Technical experts that are not representing any State or organization can nominate themselves by filling in an online application form (click [here](#)).

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 non-governmental organizations may request an invitation to participate.

It is noted that relevant members of the Group of Experts and of the Pool of Experts for the Regular Process, will be invited to participate.

In selecting participants, priority will be given to nominees from the host country and from States from the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI area.

Funding for participation

Funding will be provided by the United Nations (flight ticket and Daily Subsistence Allowance) upon a selection process by the United Nations, with priority given to the experts from developing countries.

All documents concerning the Workshop in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, will be made available on the website of the Division in due course at:
www.un.org/regularprocess/first-round-regional-workshops