

Notification

Eighteenth Meeting of the 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

The eighteenth meeting of the 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 (the “Regular Process”), will be held from **27 to 28 March 2023 at United Nations Headquarters**. The meeting is convened in accordance with paragraph 352 of General Assembly resolution 77/248 of 30 December 2022 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”.

In that resolution, the General Assembly recalled that the Regular Process shall be overseen and guided by its Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, and decided that the Working Group shall facilitate the delivery of the outputs of the third cycle as outlined in the programme of work for the period 2021-2025 for the third cycle of the Regular Process.

The eighteenth meeting will consider, inter alia, the following documents prepared by the Group of Experts:

- The proposed scope of the next World Ocean Assessment(s);
- The comprehensive annotated outline of the World Ocean Assessment(s) containing a summary of content and format;
- The list of expertise needed for the writing teams;
- The assessment of potential gaps and overlaps in expertise and the way to manage them.

Documentation for the eighteenth meeting, including the provisional agenda and the provisional organization of work, will be made available on the website of the Regular Process (<https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/adhoc>).

Participants

All Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations, specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are kindly requested to communicate to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, the names of their representatives attending the eighteenth meeting **by 17 March 2023**.

Other Non-governmental organizations, that is relevant scientific institutions and major groups identified in Agenda 21, wishing to attend the eighteenth meeting should send a request for a formal invitation to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, **by 10 March 2023**, indicating the name(s) of their representatives who would attend the meeting.

United Nations grounds passes

The “Information for participants”, which will also be posted on the website of the Regular Process at <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/adhoc>, specifies the procedure for obtaining United Nations grounds passes to access the meeting premises.