



**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 Eighteenth Meeting

United Nations Headquarters, New York

27 to 28 March 2023

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Co-Chairs will open the proceedings and make opening remarks.
2. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel or his designated representative will make opening remarks.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

3. 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 invited to consider and adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Item 3. Organization of work

4. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting. The agenda items may be advanced depending on the progress made in the discussions. Delegations will be given the opportunity to make General Statements.

Item 4. Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

5. The Co-Chairs will report on the activities of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process since the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, in particular regarding progress in the delivery of the programme of work for the period 2021–2025 for the third cycle of the Regular Process.

Item 5. Information from the Group of Experts regarding implementation of the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the third cycle of the Regular Process

6. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts, Ms. Karen Evans and Mr. Roberto De Pinho, will present a report on progress in the implementation of the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the third cycle of the Regular Process.

7. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and take note of the progress made.

Item 6. Consideration of documents prepared by the Group of Experts on the next World Ocean Assessment(s):

8. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts, Ms. Karen Evans and Mr. Roberto De Pinho, will introduce: (i) the proposed scope of the assessment(s); (ii) the comprehensive annotated outline of the assessment(s) containing a summary of content and format; (iii) the list of expertise needed for the writing teams; and (iv) the assessment of potential gaps and overlaps in expertise and the way to manage them, and will be invited to respond to any comments or questions raised by participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

9. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and approve (i) the proposed scope of the assessment(s); (ii) the comprehensive annotated outline of the assessment(s) containing a summary of content and format; (iii) the list of expertise needed for the writing teams; and (iv) the assessment of potential gaps and overlaps in expertise and the way to manage them.

Item 7. Other matters

10. Delegations will be invited to raise any other matters if they so wish.

Item 8. Closure of the meeting

11. The meeting will be closed by the Co-Chairs.