



**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

United Nations Headquarters, New York

29 to 30 July 2019

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Monday, 29 July 2019

10am-1pm

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 2017–2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process.

6. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the information provided.

Item 5. Second round of regional workshops held in 2018

7. The second round of regional workshops of the second cycle consisted of seven workshops which were held in 2018 to, inter alia, inform the collection of regional-level information and data for the preparation of the second world ocean assessment. The regional workshops also served as an opportunity for a number of the proposed writing teams of the second world ocean assessment to meet and finalize the structure of their chapters. Since the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, six regional Workshops were held, namely: in Malta, from 27 to 28 August 2018, Odessa, Ukraine, from 17 to 18 October 2018, Bali, Indonesia, from 8 to 9 November 2018, Doha, from 28 to 29 November 2018, Accra, from 3 to 4 December 2018, and Guayaquil, Ecuador, from 17 to 18 December 2018.

8. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts, Mr. Renison Ruwa and Mr. Alan Simcock, will present an overview of the above-mentioned Workshops 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 the information provided.

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Item 6. Information from the Group of Experts regarding implementation of the revised preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the second cycle of the Regular Process

10. At its eleventh meeting on 23 and 24 August 2018, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole requested its Bureau to consider and adopt a revised preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the second cycle of the Regular Process.

11. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts, Mr. Renison Ruwa and Mr. Alan Simcock, will present a report on progress in the implementation of the revised preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the second cycle of the Regular Process.

12. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the information provided.

Item 7. Outcome of the Multi-stakeholder Dialogue and Capacity-building Partnership Event

13. The Multi-stakeholder Dialogue and Capacity-building Partnership Event was held from 24 to 25 January 2019 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Event provided an opportunity to build awareness and collaboration with respect to

capacity-building in support of the Regular Process, including with respect to building capacity to participate in, and make use of, integrated assessments. During the event, experts from around the world gathered to discuss the importance of integrated assessments for decision-making, the capacity gaps and needs related to the conduct of integrated assessments, and opportunities, best practices and lessons-learned for enhancing the science-policy interface. The Event generated several recommendations on how to enhance capacity-building.

14. The Co-Chairs will present the outcome of the Multi-stakeholder Dialogue and Capacity-building Partnership Event.

15. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the outcome of the Multi-stakeholder Dialogue and Capacity-building Partnership Event, and recommend next steps regarding capacity-building for the Regular Process to the General Assembly.

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Item 7. Outcome of the Multi-stakeholder Dialogue and Capacity-building Partnership Event (Cont.)

Item 8. Third cycle of the Regular Process

16. Mindful of the need for a seamless transition to the third cycle of the Regular Process following the conclusion of the second cycle in 2020, and considering the advance preparation that would be required before the General Assembly can take a decision on this issue, the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole has, with the support of the secretariat and the Group of Experts, prepared a document with proposed outcomes and building blocks of the third cycle of the Regular Process.

17. The Co-Chairs will present the proposed outcomes and building blocks of the third cycle of the Regular Process.

18. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and approve the outcomes and building blocks of the third cycle of the Regular Process.

19. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will also be invited to provide guidance on the development of a programme of work for the third cycle of the Regular Process.

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Item 9. Adoption of recommendations to the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly

20. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and adopt recommendations to the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, for consideration for submission under the agenda item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”.

Item 10. Other matters

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

Item 11. Closure of the meeting

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