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

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING PARTNERSHIP EVENT

24-25 January 2019

Two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event: Information for participants

Background

A two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event (the “Event”), will be held at the United Nations Headquarters from 24 to 25 January 2019.

The Event is being held in accordance with the programme of work for the period 2017–2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/257 of 23 December 2016 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”.

Purpose and objectives

The Event aims to increase awareness of the importance of the Regular Process and more generally the science-policy interface at all levels. It also seeks to highlight the importance of capacity-building in support of the Regular Process, including regarding the preparation of integrated assessments which are important to inform decision-making by policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders. It will allow for in-depth multi-stakeholder dialogues on current opportunities, gaps and needs in capacity, and will seek to foster cooperation and coordination amongst stakeholders to address these.

Draft agenda and Concept note

The draft agenda and concept note for the Event are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS):
<https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/multi-stakeholders>.

Panellists and Moderators

A list of panellists will be published on the website of the Division in due course. Each Segment and the presentations thereunder, will be presided over by a moderator

Trust Fund

The attention of participants is drawn to the fact that, other than to support the participation of a limited number of panelists, the Regular Process Voluntary Trust Fund is not in a position to provide assistance to participants. Application packages will be provided to those panellists who are invited by the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process to make presentations during the meeting.

Please note that the United Nations does not arrange accommodation or visas for participants to the Event.

UN Grounds Passes

Intergovernmental organizations

To receive a grounds pass which will allow access to the United Nations Headquarters complex, representatives from intergovernmental organizations should communicate their request to attend the meeting to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (doalos@un.org, with a copy to lika.diouf@un.org). Communications should include the names and contact details of the representatives of the intergovernmental organization concerned, and must be received no later than 16 January 2019.

Representatives from intergovernmental organizations having a Liaison Office in New York should obtain their United Nations grounds pass with the assistance of that Office.

DOALOS will communicate directly to representatives of intergovernmental organizations where and when their United Nations grounds pass may be picked up. An official document (e.g., passport) identifying the representative should be presented at the time of pick-up of the grounds pass.

Non-governmental organizations and relevant scientific institutions and major groups identified in Agenda 21

For the issuance of United Nations grounds passes for non-governmental organizations with consultative status with ECOSOC, please visit <http://csonet.org/?menu=86>.

The names and contact details of representatives of other non-governmental organizations, including representatives of relevant scientific institutions and major groups identified in Agenda 21, attending the Event should be communicated to DOALOS (doalos@un.org, with a copy to lika.diouf@un.org) for issuance of United Nations grounds passes in order to have access to United Nations premises, no later than 16 January 2019.

DOALOS will communicate directly to the non-governmental organization representatives where and when their United Nations grounds pass may be picked up. An official document (e.g., passport) identifying the representative should be presented at the time of pick-up of the grounds pass.

Side Events

Requests to hold side events during the Event must be communicated in writing to the secretariat, (doalos@un.org, with a copy to temnova@un.org), no later than 11 January 2019. All requests should be made by filling in the dedicated request form available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (<https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/multi-stakeholders>).

The subject of the message should specify the following: "Request for side event: Multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event". Side events are expected to be held each day, during lunch time, from 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm. Owing to the limited number of time slots available, the Division may not be able to accommodate all requests for side events or preferred dates. It, therefore, reserves the right to suggest the organization of joint side events should competing requests be received for the same day. Should the number of requests exceed the number of available days, the Division may also exercise its discretion in selecting side events with a view to ensuring variety in the topics covered by the side events.

Applicable United Nations rules and regulations require payment for services rendered by the Facilities and Commercial Services Division, Department of Management, when holding side events. Booking of side events will be considered final by the secretariat only upon the fulfillment of all necessary requirements by the sponsor(s) of the event.

Delegations are kindly invited to regularly consult the Division's website for additional information for participants. **All additional documents concerning the Event will be made available on the website of the Division in due course at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/>.**