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

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## MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING PARTNERSHIP EVENT

### **Two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event: invitation to participate and register**

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) 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 you to a two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event (the "Event"), which will be held from 24 to 25 January 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

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.

The draft agenda and concept note of the Event, which have been approved by the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process held in New York from 23 to 24 August 2018, have been made available on the website of DOALOS (<https://www.un.org/regularprocess/>).

### *Participation*

Member States of the United Nations, members of United Nations specialized agencies and relevant organizations, bodies, funds or programmes within the United Nations system, relevant intergovernmental organizations and other stakeholders e.g., industry and civil society representatives, are invited to register for the Event in order to provide information on relevant capacity-building activities they are undertaking, including lessons-learned and best-practices.

The secretariat would greatly appreciate if the name(s) of representative(s) who will attend the Event could be communicated to DOALOS ([doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org), with copy to [temnova@un.org](mailto:temnova@un.org)) by 21 December 2018.

### *Side Events*

An information note for participants, including as regards the procedure for requesting side events and relevant timelines, will be posted on the Division's website.

Delegations are kindly invited to regularly consult the Division's website for additional information for participants, including as regards the procedure for requesting side events and relevant timelines. **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/>.**