

Notification of Workshop and Request for Nominations

Workshop of the third cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, for the region of the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, and the ROPME/RECOFI area in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment



New York, United States



27-29 November 2023



Application Form

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, as the secretariat of the UN Regular Process, solicits the nomination of experts to participate in the workshop in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment for the region of the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, and the ROPME/RECOFI area.

Purpose and Objective of the Workshop

The Workshop will focus on the thematic elements of the third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III) and consist of two parts with a focus on: (i) component parts of the steps in developing sustainability pathways for the chapters in section 5A of the annotated outline of WOA III; (ii) the cross-cutting themes of equity, gender and Indigenous Traditional owner and Local community Knowledge (ITLK) for contributing to the chapters in section 5B of the annotated outline (One health) and components of the chapters and sub-chapters of section 5A of the annotated outline (Sustainable and inclusive ocean economies). The annotated outline for the third World Ocean Assessment can be found here: [Outline](#). The list of expertise needed for writing teams or peer-reviewers can be found here: [List of expertise](#).

Participation and Registration in the Workshop

Member States of the United Nations, members of United Nations specialized agencies and relevant organizations, bodies, funds or programmes within the United Nations system are kindly invited to nominate their experts, who will need to fill out the [application form](#). Please complete the application form as soon as possible and no later than **8 October 2023, 17:00 ET**. Nominations should have due regard to the need for gender balance.

Experts from relevant regional intergovernmental organizations, including regional seas organizations, regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, relevant regional intergovernmental marine science organizations and intergovernmental organizations and arrangements undertaking work in relation to large marine ecosystems, are encouraged to participate. Relevant experts from non-governmental organizations may request an invitation to participate.

Experts who are not representing a State or organization can nominate themselves by completing the [application form](#) no later than **8 October 2023, 17:00 ET**. Experts from countries requiring a visa to enter the host country are kindly invited to submit their applications the soonest.

Funding will be provided by the United Nations (flight ticket and Daily Subsistence Allowance) for selected experts from within and outside of the region, with priority given to experts from developing countries.

All documents concerning the Workshop in New York, United States, will be made available on the website of the Division in due course at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/second-round-regional-workshops-2023>.