

REGULAR PROCESS FOR THE GLOBAL REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SOCIOECONOMIC ASPECTS (REGULAR PROCESS)

Workshop to support the Regular Process DRAFT AGENDA

The following is the list of proposed agenda items. The final list and the distribution of items to meeting days will be done in consultation with the host.

1. Welcoming remarks.
2. Adoption of the Agenda for the Workshop.
3. Presentation on the Regular Process on Global Reporting and Assessment of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects by the Group of Experts
4. Presentation by the Secretariat of the Regular Process on current developments in global ocean policies.
5. Presentation by the Group of Experts of the Regular Process on the structure and content of the Second World Ocean Assessment and discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the Assessment, including thematic gaps.
6. Presentation by the Group of Experts of the Regular Process on the proposed outputs of the 3rd Cycle and the Concept Note to guide the scoping process for the Assessment(s) of the state of the marine environment, including socioeconomic aspects
7. Regional perspectives on a global assessment and needs for decision-making

Participants from regional management organizations and country representatives are invited to prepare short presentations (5-10 minutes, depending on final format either presented live or being prerecorded).

8. Review of assessments, relevant projects and programmes that have been carried out in the region since 2017 and that are proposed to be carried out within the region in the period 2022 – 2025, in order to identify how the assessment(s) under the Regular Process can best build on them.

Participants in the workshop are invited to prepare short presentations (5-10 minutes depending on final format either presented live or being prerecorded) on relevant assessments. Presentation of preliminary overall results collected through the registration form.

9. Establishment of break-out groups

The purpose of the break-out groups is to enable as many people as possible to contribute to the discussion. Groups will be formed by randomly assigning participants.

Break-out groups meet to discuss in two parts:

Part I:

- (a) Identifying key issues, including knowledge gaps and capacity needs for the region (WOA II topics can serve as input);
- (b) Prioritize issues identified in step (a);

Part II:

Based on the prioritization in Part I, address the following questions:

- * Identifying the regional processes and intergovernmental organizations and key institutes/research organizations that should be involved in furthering the assessment(s);*
- * How to make the assessment(s) of the third cycle most helpful to policy-makers in the region with their tasks, including implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda.*

Report-back session for the break-out groups and discussion of their conclusions.

10. Consideration of what steps might be taken within the region in the period 2022 – 2025 to support contributions to the assessment(s) under the Regular Process in the third cycle.
This consideration will be broken down into separate discussions of:
 - (a) What increased cooperation or coordination between processes already under way in the region could assist in providing the information required for such assessment(s) including between the relevant stakeholders (research, government, communities, NGOs, intergovernmental organizations);
 - (b) How can we leverage other relevant processes and activities, such as the Ocean Decade, the 2030 Agenda, and the IPCC to support the Regular Process particularly in bringing information from outside traditional research areas into assessments (e.g., socio-economic information, indigenous and traditional owner knowledge and perspectives)?
 - (c) What can be done in relation to issues on which relevant data and/or information is known to be available for the region or parts of it, but where it has not been fed into any formal and publicly available process;
 - (d) What can be done to provide data and/or information by 2025 on issues relevant to the region where data and/or information are currently lacking focus both on generation of new data as well as on making historical data available;
 - (e) How to increase and strengthen the Pool of Experts and to improve arrangements for networking between experts and organizations taking part in each workshop, and the Group of Experts and the secretariat of the Regular Process.
 - (f) How to improve outreach and communication of findings from WOA III to the region across stakeholders and local and particularly indigenous communities and furthering science-policy interfaces in the region?
11. The Secretariat of the Regular Process will present information and material relevant to the database on capacity-building needs and opportunities as well as the identification of best practices, e.g. making data/information available, preparing data/information for input into assessments, and the role of the workshops and participants therein in awareness-raising and

outreach.

12. Consideration of how capacities to perform integrated assessments of the marine environment can be improved.
13. Consideration of what steps could be taken, either within the region or at a global level:
 - (a) To improve the information available for the assessment(s) of the third cycle;
 - (b) To improve the information available for future assessments.
 - (c) To improve the science-policy interface and outreach.

Participants in the workshop are invited to take account of the information gaps identified in World Ocean Assessment II in formulating ideas on these questions.

14. Oral presentation by the Group of Experts of the main elements that have emerged from the workshop.
15. Closure of the Workshop.

Participants are invited to answer a questionnaire to evaluate the workshop (what worked/what didn't work, what was most useful)