

**Workshop in Support of the Second Cycle of the Regular Process
Malta, 27 – 28 August 2018
DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Welcome and opening remarks by representatives of the Maltese Government and of the United Nations Secretariat Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea and the Co-Chairs of the Workshop.
2. Adoption of Agenda for the Workshop.
3. Presentation by one of the Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process of the Outline for World Ocean Assessment 2 and the Timetable and Implementation Plan, and discussion of general issues related to them.
4. Review of the outcome of the Workshop for the North Atlantic held in Lisbon in September 2017:
 - (a) Introduction by one of the Co-Chairs of that Workshop;
 - (b) Consideration of regional information sources identified in that Workshop and progress in making them available for World Ocean Assessment 2;
 - (c) Consideration of further information sources that might be made available;
 - (d) Discussion of other aspects of the report of the outcome of the Workshop.
5. Presentation by one of the Joint Coordinators of the intended structure of the various chapters (and sections of chapters) of World Ocean Assessment 2, namely:
 - (a) A one-paragraph abstract of the chapter or section;
 - (b) A very short summary of the situation recorded in the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment (World Ocean Assessment I);
 - (c) A description of environmental changes between 2010 and 2020;
 - (d) A description of the economic and social consequences and/or of the other economic or social changes (including, where appropriate, changes in global distribution of benefits and disbenefits and issues relating to concepts of natural capital);
 - (e) A description of the main information gaps in relation to the subject matter;
 - (f) A description of the main capacity-building gaps in the field
6. Consideration in the light of this structure for selected chapters and sections of chapters of the Outline for World Ocean Assessment 2, including possible chapter frameworks. These discussions may take place in parallel groups and should review the substance of the following chapters and related capacity-building needs:
 - (a) Chapter 6: Trends in the biodiversity of main taxa of marine biota (discussion led by Chul Park);
 - (b) Chapter 8: Trends in the state of human society in relation to the ocean: (a) Coastal communities; (b) Human health as affected by the ocean; (c) Maritime industries; (d) Maritime cultural services (discussion led by Alan Simcock and Anastasia Strati);
 - (c) Chapter 11: Changes in liquid and atmospheric inputs to the marine environment from land (including through groundwater), ships and offshore installations: (a) Persistent organic pollutants (including run-off from the use of agricultural pesticides); (b) Metals; (c) Radioactive substances (including naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM));

(d) Personal care products, pharmaceuticals and nutraceuticals; (e) Atmospheric pollutants (NO_x (but not in its role as a nutrient) and SO_x); (f) Hydrocarbons from terrestrial sources, ships and offshore installations (including arrangements for response to spills and discharges); (g) Other substances used on, and discharged from, offshore installations; (h) Distribution of, and trends in, contaminant concentrations (discussion led by Maria Bebiano and Alan Simcock);

(d) Chapter 15: Changes in capture fisheries and harvesting of wild marine invertebrates (discussion led by Michelle McClure and Essam Mohammed);

(e) Chapter 26: Developments in exploration and use of marine genetic resources (discussion led by Sanae Chiba).

7. Presentation on important issues in other chapters that members of the Group of Experts present wish to emphasise and discussion of issues on other chapters that the members of the Workshop wish to raise.

8. Presentation by a member of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process on integrated assessment covering environmental, social and economic aspects.

9. Consideration of what learning points/needs and resources may be relevant to the inventory of capacity-building opportunities relevant for the Regular Process being compiled and maintained by the secretariat, and to the multi-stakeholder dialogue (case studies of good practices) and capacity-building partnership event, to be held on 23-24 January 2019.

10. Overview of the outcome of the Workshop presented by the Co-Chairs and the Joint Coordinators.

11. Closure of the Workshop.