

Summary of discussions of the regional workshop held under the auspices of the United Nations in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, Including Socioeconomic Aspects

New York, United States, 27-29 November 2023

I. Overview

The present document provides an overview of the workshop held as part of the second round of regional workshops in support of the third cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (“Regular Process”), for the region of the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the ROPME/RECOFI area. Particular effort was made to bring participants from the Pacific, as well as experts from other regions to gather a diversity of views and insights. The workshop was held in New York, United States, from 27 to 29 November 2023, focusing on supporting the development of the third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III).

This summary provides a general overview of the discussions and presentations from the workshop. The following elements were discussed:

- a) The Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the Marine Environment, including socioeconomic aspects - WOA and its upcoming WOA III
- b) Overview of the 2023 regional workshops: Background, objectives, and structure of the workshops
- c) Nomination process to the Pool of Experts and opportunities for contributing to the third World Ocean Assessment
- d) Background to sustainability pathways
- e) Brief presentations on the cross-cutting themes of WOA III, namely equity, gender and Indigenous, Traditional owner and local community knowledge (ITLK)
- f) Next steps:
 - i. An outline of how the outputs from the group discussion components will be utilised in the third World Ocean Assessment
 - ii. A summary of the outputs from the previous workshop, highlighting similar themes and differences between workshops
 - iii. An overview of the production of an account/summary of the workshop – process, timeline and availability

The annexes to the present summary of discussions provide other details of the workshop, including the annotated agenda and timetable, the list of participants, and the post-workshop survey results.

II. Background

The 18th meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process held on 27 March 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York endorsed the following documents pertaining to the development of WOA III:

- The proposed scope of WOA III
- The comprehensive annotated outline of WOA III, containing a summary of the content and format, which will form Output 1 of the programme of work for the third cycle
- The list of expertise needed for the writing teams
- The assessment of potential gaps and overlaps in expertise and the way to manage them.

Five scoping workshops were held during the second half of 2022 to support the development of the four documents endorsed at the 18th meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole. These workshops identified regional perspectives on next assessment's content and format, information and expertise that might contribute to the third cycle, and facilitated outreach and awareness-raising of the Regular Process and WOA II.¹

Following the 2022 regional workshops, five regional workshops were held in 2023. According to the "[Concept note for the 2023 regional workshops in support of the third World Ocean Assessment](#)," the 2023 regional workshops focused on the thematic elements of WOA III, such as:

- Component parts of the steps in developing sustainability pathways for the chapters in section 5A of the [annotated outline](#) of WOA III
- Cross-cutting themes of equity, gender and Indigenous traditional owner and local community knowledge (ITLK) for contributing to the chapters in section 5B (One health) of the [annotated outline](#) of WOA III and components of the chapters and sub-chapters of section 5A (Sustainable and inclusive ocean economies) of the [annotated outline](#) of WOA III

The 2023 regional workshops outputs comprised:

- Compilation of the sustainability pathways recommendations from the various regions
- Summary of the main points identified by workshop participants in responding to the guiding questions provided on equity, gender and ITLK

All outputs from each of the workshops will be provided to the relevant writing teams of the chapters and sub-chapters of sections 5A and 5B of the [annotated outline](#) of WOA III. Each workshop in 2023 has been provided with a summary of the outputs from prior regional workshops conducted in that year. The outputs were provided at the end of every workshop to provide participants with some context for their discussions, highlighting similar themes and differences between the discussions held and points raised in the various workshops.

III. Conduct of the workshop

The workshop in New York, United States, was held under the auspices of the United Nations, represented by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs, which also serves as the secretariat for the Regular Process.

¹ [Programme of Work 2021-2025, paragraph 8.](#)

The workshop was attended by 35 participants (see Annex I – List of Participants), 11 of whom identified as female, with nationalities of various countries from within and outside of the region, such as Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Timor-Leste, UK, and USA. The participants came from national organizations, non-governmental organizations, and academic research institutions.

The Regular Process was represented by members of the Group of Experts (Mr. Chang-Ik Zhang, Ms. Maria João Bebianno, Mr. Donovan Campbell, Mr. Roberto De Pinho, Mr. Enrique Marschoff, Mr. Eric Ochieng Okuku, and Ms. Maria Amalia Rodríguez Chaves) and DOALOS as the secretariat of the Regular Process (Mr. Dmitry Gonchar, Mr. Marco Boccia, Ms. Jisun Hwang, and Mr. Akhmad Sani).

Welcoming remarks at the opening ceremony were delivered by Ms. Kimberly Louis, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process, Mr. Dmitry Gonchar, Principal Legal Officer, DOALOS, followed by Mr. Roberto De Pinho, who represented the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process.

The workshop was conducted in accordance with the annotated agenda and timetable (see Annex 2 – Annotated Agenda and Timetable). The structure of the workshop primarily involved discussions within small groups with a focus on generating outputs that would be of use to the writing teams of the relevant chapters in WOA III. The input from each small group was then presented back to the plenary. At the end of the workshop, the participants completed a post-workshop survey which aimed to capture their feedback on the format and structure of the workshop as well as points for improvement (see Annex 3 – Post-workshop survey results). Closing remarks at the end of the workshop were conveyed by Mr. Eric Ochieng Okuku on behalf of the GOE, followed by Mr. Dmitry Gonchar, Principal Legal Officer, DOALOS.

IV. Summary of presentations and discussions

1. Overview of the Regular Process, third World Ocean Assessment, and 2023 Regional Workshops

Ms. Maria João Bebianno delivered a presentation on “The Regular Process and WOA III.” Ms. Bebianno explained the entities and structure of the Regular Process, consisting of all UN Member States, Bureau, Group of Experts, Pool of Experts, National and Intergovernmental Focal Points, and the secretariat managed by DOALOS, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat. She noted the importance of the socio-economic aspects of the ocean and how these components would be covered in WOA III. The presentation highlighted the assessment process, engagement with experts, and the establishment of communities of practice.

Mr. Marco Boccia gave a presentation on the “Overview of 2023 regional workshops,” including “Nomination to the Pool of Experts.” Mr. Boccia highlighted that the 2023 regional workshops were held in different regions to gather contributions for the assessment and to discuss the key topics and focus areas, including sustainable pathways and several cross-cutting themes such as equity, gender, and Indigenous, Traditional, and Local Community Knowledge (ITLK). Participants were encouraged to contribute

actively by drawing upon their respective expertise to ensure inclusivity and compiling of diverse perspectives for sustainable solutions.

2. Background to sustainability pathways

Mr. Donovan Campbell delivered a presentation on “Background to sustainability pathways.” Mr. Campbell underlined a novel approach adopted for the third cycle, including the incorporation of sustainability pathways in addressing marine ecosystem degradation. He noted that the UN had proclaimed the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), aimed at supporting knowledge generation and tools essential for sustainability. It was stressed that various solutions need to be explored for evaluating different future options for achieving sustainability. The introduction of "sustainability pathways" for the third cycle, thus aims to address the serious degradation of marine ecosystems in a forward-looking manner and achieve a more sustainable future for ocean sectors based on equity and inclusivity.

Following the presentation, the participants conducted a small group exercise. They were divided into several small groups and each small group used an Excel spreadsheet template to identify motivations and challenges related to sustainability in specific chapters and sub-chapters of section 5A in the [annotated outline](#) for WOA III.

Each group focused on a subset of chapters, aiming to identify high-level motivations/drivers and challenges. The participants completed separate spreadsheets for motivations/drivers and challenges/barriers in six categories for each chapter/sub-chapter topic, referring to provided examples. A nominated rapporteur from each group then captured the group's perspectives on motivations/drivers and challenges/barriers for their assigned chapters/sub-chapters and presented them back to the plenary. The chapters/sub-chapters that were discussed during the workshop were:

- Sub-chapter 1a: Medium and large-scale fishing
- Sub-chapter 1b: Small-scale fishing including subsistence fishing
- Sub-chapter 1c: Medium and large-scale aquaculture
- Sub-chapter 1d: Small-scale aquaculture
- Sub-chapter 1e: Food processing
- Sub-chapter 1f: Trade
- Chapter 2: Recreational Fishing
- Chapter 3a: Renewable (Energy)
- Chapter 3b: Non-renewable (Energy)
- Chapter 4: Tourism
- Chapter 5: Use of genetic resources and biotechnology
- Chapter 6: Shipping
- Chapter 7: Mineral Resources
- Chapter 8: Desalination and salt production
- Chapter 9: Coastal development
- Chapter 10: Geoengineering

The responses from the small groups were compiled into one main spreadsheet, which can be accessed here: [Sustainability Pathways spreadsheet](#).

The inputs provided in this workshop were analysed in comparison to those that emanated from other regional workshops held in 2023, so that participants of this workshop had the opportunity to be provided with a broader perspective on motivations/drivers and challenges/barriers across different regions. Outputs from the 2023 regional workshops will be collated and synthesised to be provided to the specific sustainability pathways workshop scheduled to be held in Berlin in December 2023 and to the writing teams to support the development of WOA III.

3. Ocean equity, gender, and Indigenous, Traditional, and Local Knowledge (ITLK)

Ms. Maria Amalia Rodríguez Chaves, Mr. Donovan Campbell, and Mr. Roberto De Pinho delivered presentations on the Cross-cutting themes of WOA III, covering “Gender,” “Ocean Equity,” and “Indigenous, Traditional, and Local Knowledge (ITLK),” respectively. The presentations emphasised the importance of fair distribution of benefits and costs in managing ocean resources among different actors. They also explored governance structure for supporting inclusiveness, questioning decision-making processes and stakeholder representation while identifying challenges and initiatives for enhancing equitable access. The recognition of diversity and cultural values in ocean governance was highlighted, underscoring the need for policy frameworks that protect cultural heritage and promote inclusive partnerships and capacity building for equitable resource management.

Following the presentations, the participants conducted a small group exercise associated with each of the cross-cutting themes. Each small group was provided with three sets of guiding questions on the topics. Similar to the Sustainability Pathways exercise, one person from each small group was nominated to be the rapporteur for the group and captured the group’s responses to each of the questions associated with each of the three cross-cutting themes of gender, equity and ITLK. Each rapporteur then presented the inputs from their group to the plenary at the end of the small group exercise on cross-cutting themes.

The responses from the small groups were compiled into one file and can be accessed here: Cross-cutting themes outputs ([Gender](#), [Equity](#), and [ITLK](#)).

4. Analysis of workshop outputs and regional comparison

Before the closing of the workshop, Ms. Maria João Bebianno provided a summary of the workshop outputs, in comparison with those produced by other regional workshop held in 2023, emphasising similarities that were consistently evident across all five workshops. Mr. Marco Boccia outlined the forthcoming steps from the Regular Process secretariat's perspective for advancing the workshop's outputs, including the conveying of the consolidated workshop outputs to the writing teams to support the drafting WOA III. Closing remarks were provided by Mr. Eric Ochieng Okuku and Mr. Dmitry Gonchar. They reiterated the significance of integrating gender, equity, and ITLK into WOA III, representing ocean science excellence under the broader framework of the UN Decade on Ocean Science. They also extended their warm appreciation to participants for contributing their insights and ideas on these aspects. The workshop brought attention to opportunities for international collaboration, particularly in research exchanges and fellowships.

V. Post-workshop survey

In total, 25 submissions (71% of workshop participants) were received from the workshop participants (see Annex 3 – Post-Workshop Survey). These submissions identified that:

- More than 60% of respondents came into the workshop with some defined expectations.
- More than 50% of respondents considered the workshop was above or far above their expectations.
- More than 95% of respondents considered that their opinions were always heard and respected.
- All respondents thought that all voices present in the meetings were heard and represented in the presentations.
- More than 80% of respondents thought the workshop covered all the topics presented adequately.
- All respondents would be willing to attend another workshop on the Regular Process and its associated assessments.
- 15 respondents would like to be informed about the next steps in the third cycle of the Regular Process via newsletters, 13 respondents via LinkedIn, 6 respondents via Twitter, 5 respondents via Instagram, 4 respondents via email, and 1 respondent via Facebook.

Annex I: List of Participants²

No.	First and middle names	Surname	Country of nationality
1	Alix Léocadie Marie	WILLEMEZ	France
2	Ann Ida-Maja	Hassellöv	Sweden
3	Archis Ramesh	Ambulkar	USA
4	ASHRAF ALI	SEDDIQUE	Bangladesh
5	Benjie Salmorin	Quinisio	Philippines
6	Chang-Ik	Zhang	GOE/Republic of Korea
7	CHUL-GUE	MAENG	Republic of Korea
8	Constantina Skanavis	Mrs	Greece
9	Dahai	Liu	CHINA
10	David	Poka	Papua New Guinea
11	Donovan	Campbell	GOE/Jamaica
12	Ellen Andrea	Johannesen	Canada
13	Ellinor Ma-Difon	Forje	Sweden
14	Enrique Ricardo	Marschoff	GOE/Argentina
15	Eric Ochieng	Okuku	GOE/Kenya
16	Intan Suci	Nurhati	Indonesia
17	Jae Ryoung	OH	Republic of Korea
18	Joaquim	Chaves	Timor-Leste
19	Jonathan	Heimer	Germany
20	Kalaiyarasan	Nagarajan	Sweden
21	karen loreley	breier	Argentina
22	Karla Elena	Gallegos	Ecuador
23	KAUNG	HTET	Myanmar
24	KEVIN ALEXIS	MINDIOLA REYES	ECUADOR
25	KONSTANTINOS	MICHAILIDIS	GREECE
26	Louis	Celliers	South Africa
27	Maria Amalia	Rodriguez Chaves	GOE/Costa Rica
28	Maria João	da Anunciação Franco Bebiano	GOE/Portugal
29	Md Mostafa	Monwar	Bangladesh
30	MOHAMAD SAUPI	ISMAIL	Malaysia
31	Momchil Stoyanov	Terziev	Bulgaria
32	Nair Sumie	Yokoya	Brazil
33	Pascal Zawadi	Thoya	Kenya
34	Presa Martínez	Pablo	Spain

² This list includes the seven members of the GOE (Group of Experts) who guided participants at this workshop.

No.	First and middle names	Surname	Country of nationality
35	Punyasloke	Bhadury	India
36	Roberto	Dantas de Pinho	GOE/Brazil
37	Ronaldo Adriano	Christofoletti	Brazil
38	Sabine	Knapp	Austria
39	Tymon, Przemysław	Zieliński	Poland
40	Youngdawng	Moh	Republic of Korea
41	Yrhen Bernard Sabanal	Balinis	Philippines
42	Zoe Louisa	Jacobs	UK

Annex II: Annotated agenda and timetable

Annotated Agenda

Regional workshop in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

New York, United States (27-29 November 2023)

1. Welcoming remarks (*Representatives from the Secretariat of the Regular Process/DOALOS and the Group of Experts*)
2. Adoption of the Agenda for the Workshop (*Secretariat of the Regular Process/DOALOS*)
3. Overview of the Regular Process, the programme of work for the third cycle, and the annotated outline of the third World Ocean Assessment (*Representative of the Group of Experts*)
4. Background, objectives, and structure of the workshop (*Secretariat of the Regular Process/DOALOS*)
5. The process to join the Pool of Experts (*Secretariat of the Regular Process/DOALOS*)
6. Presentation on the development of sustainability pathways associated with sectors of the ocean economy (*Representative of the Group of Experts*)
7. Identification of motivations and challenges to achieving sustainability
Participants will be divided into small groups, moderated by representatives of the Group of Experts and the Secretariat of the Regular Process. The purpose of the small groups exercise is to enable as many people as possible to contribute to the discussion. Small groups will be provided with an excel spreadsheet template that

they need to fill out.

Part 1 - Small groups undertake the following exercise:

Groups will be tasked with identifying the key motivations and challenges to achieving sustainability for ocean sectors identified by each of the chapters/sub-chapters from section 5A of the [annotated outline](#) of the third World Ocean Assessment. The number of participants in each group will depend on the number of participants attending each workshop. Each group participants will be assigned four chapters and sub-chapters (one per discussion group session). One spreadsheet for each chapter/sub-chapter topic is to be filled out identifying at least 4-6 motivations/drivers and at least 4-6 challenges/barriers and their associated categories. A rapporteur (not the moderator) in each group will collate input from the group into each spreadsheet and a reported (not the rapporteur or moderator) will report back to plenary in part 2.

Part 2 - Report-back session for the small groups

Each small group will present each of the motivations and challenges identified for each of the chapters/sub-chapters assigned to the group back to the workshop.

8. Presentations on the topics of equity, gender, and Indigenous, Traditional Owner, and Local Community Knowledge

Representatives of the Group of Experts will provide an overview of the third World Ocean Assessment cross-cutting themes of equity, gender and Indigenous, Traditional Owner and local community knowledge and the small group exercise.

9. Discussion on the themes of equity, gender, and Indigenous, Traditional Owner, and Local Community Knowledge

Participants will be divided into three small groups, moderated by representatives of the Group of Experts and the Secretariat of the Regular Process. The purpose of the small groups exercise is to enable as many people as possible to contribute to the discussion.

Part 1 - Small groups undertake the following exercise:

Groups will be tasked with a set of questions focused on elements of the [annotated outline](#) of the third World Ocean Assessment associated with equity, gender and Indigenous, Traditional Owner and local community knowledge. A separate set of questions will be provided to participants on each of the three themes with groups rotating through the questions associated with each theme to ensure adequate time for responding to the questions. A rapporteur (not the moderator) in each group will

collate input from the group against each of the questions and a reporter (not the rapporteur or moderator) will present the input back to the plenary in part 2.

Part 2 - Report-back session for the small groups and discussion of their conclusions:

Each small group will present to the workshop their discussions to provide their perspectives on the cross-cutting themes of equity, gender and Indigenous, Traditional Owner and local community knowledge in response to the guiding questions provided.

10. Next steps:
 - (a) A summary of the outputs from previous workshops, highlighting similar themes and differences between workshops (*Representative of the Group of Experts*)
 - (b) An overview of the production of an account/summary of the workshop – process, timeline and availability (*Secretariat of the Regular Process/DOALOS*)
11. Closure of the Workshop (*Representative of the Secretariat of the Regular Process/DOALOS and the Group of Experts*)

Timetable

Regional workshop in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, Including Socioeconomic Aspects

New York, United States (27-29 November 2023)

Monday, 27 November

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Coordinator
08.30 – 09.00	Venue: UN HQ bldg conference room 11 Registration	❖ Representative of the Secretariat of the Regular Process/ DOALOS
09:00 – 10:00	Venue: UN HQ bldg conference room 11 Welcoming remarks and adoption of the annotated agenda	❖ Representative of the Secretariat of the Regular Process/ DOALOS ❖ Mr. Roberto De Pinho, Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process
10:00 – 10:15	Venue: UN HQ bldg conference room 11 Background on Regular Process / World Ocean Assessment and presentation on nominating to the Pool of Experts and opportunities for contributing to the third World Ocean Assessment	❖ Ms. Maria João Bebianno, Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process
10:15 – 10:25	Venue: UN HQ bldg conference room 11 Overview of the 2023 regional workshops: Background, objectives, and structure of the workshop	❖ Representative of the Secretariat of the Regular Process/ DOALOS
10:25 – 10:50	Venue: UN HQ bldg conference room 11 Q&A	❖ Ms. Maria João Bebianno & Representative of the Secretariat of the Regular Process/ DOALOS
10:50 – 11:00	Venue: UN HQ bldg conference room 11 Group photo	❖ Representative of the Secretariat of the Regular Process/ DOALOS
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	Note: Coffee and snacks are not provided
11:30 – 12:00	Venue: UN HQ bldg conference room 11 Background to developing sustainability pathways and the small group exercises	❖ Mr. Donovan Campbell, Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process
12:00 – 13:00	Early lunch (we suggest eating at Mona Kitchen)	
13:00 – 14:00	Venue: DOALOS small meeting rooms Small group exercise: Sustainability pathways (Part 1)	Small group moderators:

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Coordinator
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representatives of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process ❖ Representative of DOALOS
14:00 – 15:30	Venue: DOALOS small meeting rooms Small group exercise: Sustainability pathways (Part 2)	Small group moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process ❖ Representative of DOALOS
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	Note: Coffee and snacks are not provided
16:00 – 17:30	Venue: DOALOS small meeting rooms Small group exercise: Sustainability pathways (Part 3)	Small group moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process ❖ Representative of DOALOS

Tuesday, 28 November

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Coordinator
09:00 – 10:30	Venue: DOALOS small meeting rooms Small group exercise: Sustainability pathways (Part 4)	Small group moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process ❖ Representative of DOALOS
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	Note: Coffee and snacks are not provided
11:00 – 12:30	Venue: DOALOS conference room Small group presentations on motivations and challenges to achieving sustainability for each group's assigned chapters/subchapters to the plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chair: Mr. Donovan Campbell, Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process ❖ Presenters: workshop participants
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (we suggest eating at Mona Kitchen)	
13:30 – 15:30	Venue: DOALOS conference room Cross cutting theme discussion group exercise (part 1): Gender Background to the topic and exercise and an intervention from a regional expert followed by small group discussions	GOE presentation: Ms. Maria Amalia Chaves Rodríguez, Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process Participant intervention: Ms. Ellen Johannesen Small group moderators:

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Coordinator
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process ❖ Representative of DOALOS
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	Note: Coffee and snacks are not provided
16:00 – 17:30	Venue: DOALOS conference room Cross cutting theme discussion group exercise (part 2): Equity Background to the topic and exercise followed by small group discussions	GOE presentation: Mr. Donovan Campbell, Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process Small group moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process ❖ Representative of DOALOS

Wednesday, 29 November

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Coordinator
09:00 – 11:00	Venue: DOALOS conference room Cross cutting theme discussion group exercise (part 3): Indigenous, Traditional owner and Local community Knowledge Background to the topic and exercise and an intervention from a regional expert, followed by small group discussions	GOE presentation: Mr. Roberto De Pinho, Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process Participant intervention: Mr. David Poka Small group moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process ❖ Representative of DOALOS
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	Note: Coffee and snacks are not provided
11:30 – 13:00	Venue: DOALOS conference room Presentations from each small group on each topic of the cross-cutting themes to the plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chair: Mr. Roberto De Pinho, Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process ❖ Presenters: workshop participants
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (we suggest eating at Mona Kitchen)	
14:00 – 16:00	Venue: HQ bldg conference room 11 Next steps:	Workshop summaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ms. Maria João Bebianno, Representative of the

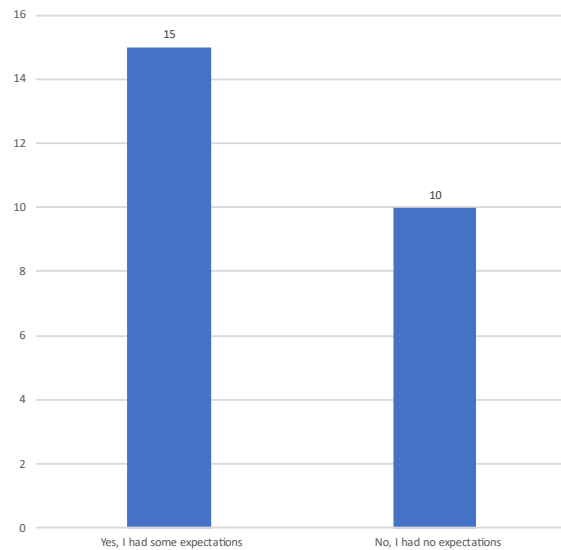
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	(a) A summary of the outputs from previous workshops, highlighting similar themes and differences between workshops (b) An overview of the production of an account/summary of the workshop – process, timeline and availability	Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process Production of workshop report: ❖ Representative of the Secretariat of the Regular Process/ DOALOS
16:00 – 17:00	Venue: HQ bldg conference room 11 Closing remarks	❖ Representative of the Secretariat of the Regular Process/ DOALOS ❖ Mr. Eric Ochieng Okuku, Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process

Annex III: Post-workshop survey

Post-workshop Survey

Workshop in support of the third World Ocean Assessment
Third cycle of the Regular Process
New York, United States (27-29 November 2023)

Did you come to the workshop with some defined expectations?



Respondents : 25

What were your expectations?

Some of the responses

Contribution to knowledge and discussion

- "To contribute scientific knowledge on marine fisheries to the Regular Process."
- "To contribute as much as possible to the workshop objectives."

Networking and collaboration

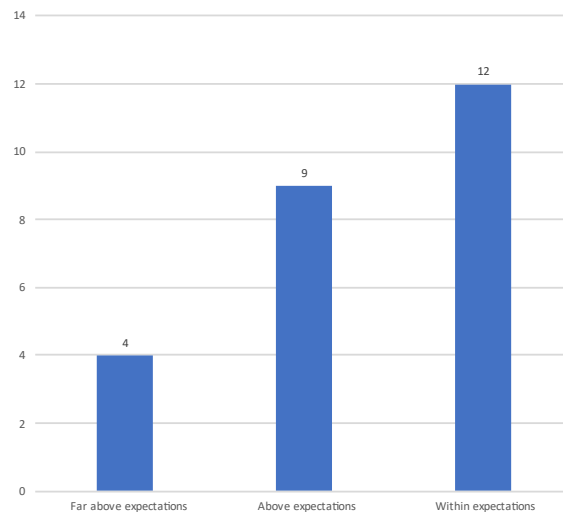
- "Networking, contributing to the discussions, exchange of knowledge."
- "International collaboration and cross continent learning in ocean space."

Understanding and engaging with the workshop's process and content

- "Extensive discussions on WOA 3rd cycle NY workshop agenda topics, collaborations, exchange of ideas, outputs."
- "In depth discussions on the topics in the annotated outline of the WOAIII."

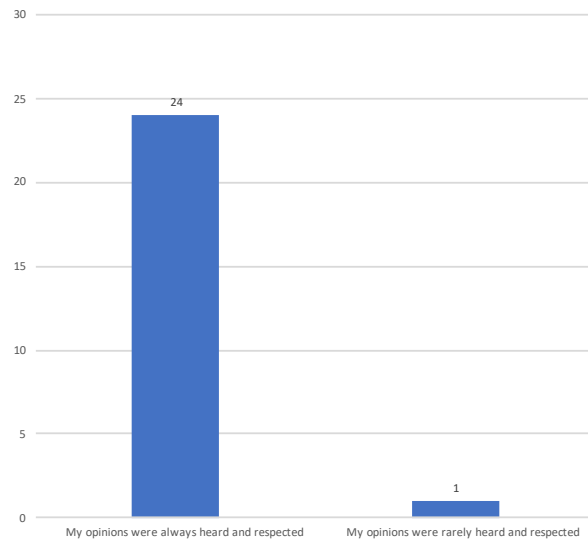


Comparing your expectations at the beginning of the workshop and your opinion of it now. How well did the workshop meet your expectations?



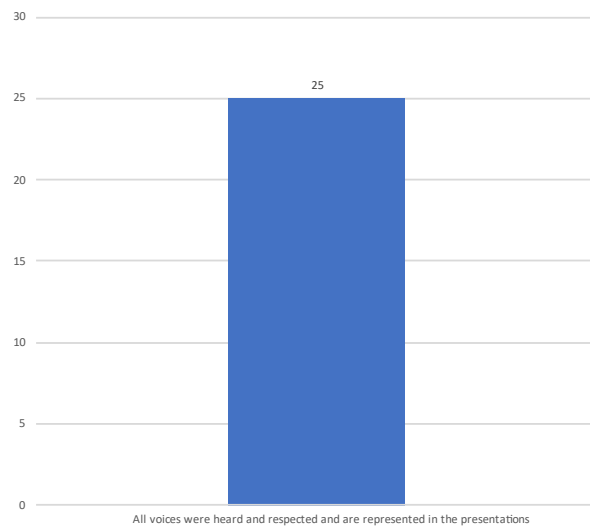
Respondents : 25

Do you consider that your opinions were heard and respected?



Respondents : 25

The Workshop's design aimed to give all participants a voice, having a balance between participating countries. Were all the voices present in the meetings heard and represented in the presentations?



Respondents : 25

What parts of the workshop worked particularly well?

Some of the responses

Group discussions and collaborative work

- "The breakout groups worked well and the discussions were useful. It is difficult to evaluate the level of detail needed."
- "Dedicated interactive group based sessions."

Diversity of opinions and regional representation

- "Discussion on the involvement of indigenous community in the assessment."
- "Exchange of diverse opinions."

Contentspecific discussions and interactive elements

- "Renewable energy."
- "All participants had voice and shared opinions and examples of their countries."



Some of the responses

What could be improved?

Logistical and organizational improvements

- "Coffee and snacks should be provided" & "venue access."
- "This workshop could last two days. A lot of dead time."

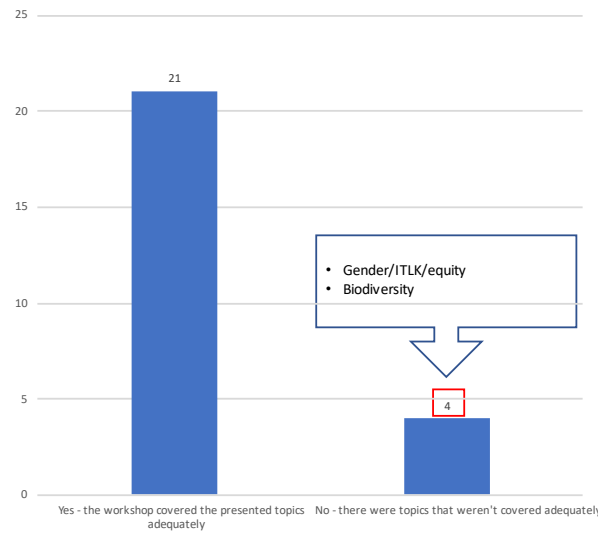
Content and structure of the workshop

- "I am afraid that the group task trigger questions were too vague and complicated, they often didn't really touch the core of the issues."
- "More discussion in plenary" & "More efficient reporting back."

Diversity and expertise in discussions

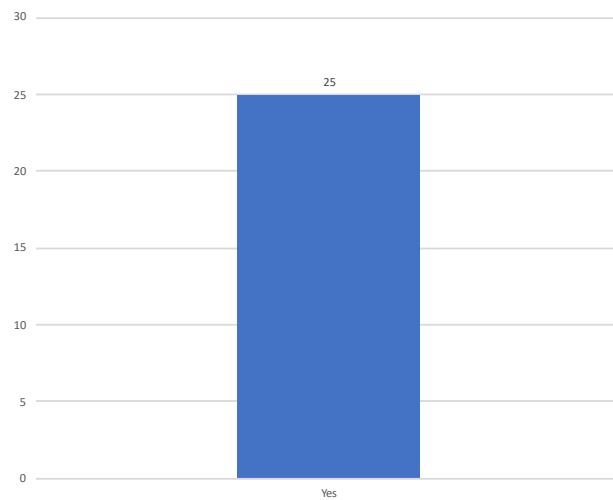
- "I understand the idea of having mixed groups on e.g. the gender, equity and ITLK discussions were challenging. I think we could have come further if there had been at least a few experts within these domains in the group, that could have elicited the rest of the participants."
- "More representatives from respective countries in the Indian Ocean."

In your opinion, did the workshop cover all the presented topics adequately?



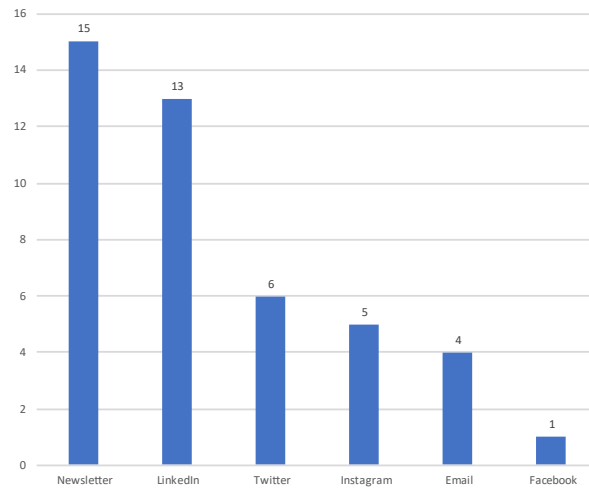
Respondents: 25

Would you attend another workshop on the Regular Process and its associated assessments?



Respondents: 25

How would you like to keep informed about the next steps in the third cycle of the Regular Process?



Any further comments

Some of the responses

Appreciation for the workshop experience

- "Thank you very much for a very well arranged workshop. You really succeeded in creating an open and friendly atmosphere and a respectful discussion climate, which is fantastic."
- "The workshop was very well organized, and I congratulate DOALOS and all involved in the organization."

Value of networking and professional growth

- "Thank you - a very enjoyable workshop excellent opportunity to meet new Ocean professionals."
- "Thank you for having the younger maritime professionals represented! I look forward in engaging more especially coming from a maritime and ECOP perspective."

Looking forward to future engagement and contributions

- "All the best for the endeavour of the workshop and looking forward to contribute more for the objectives."
- "Best wishes for the next workshop as well as the writing the third world assessment report."

Thank You

