

**International symposium of the
United Nations Regular Process on
strengthening the ocean science-policy interface**

Paris, France (12-13 December 2023)

**Information for participants
Note by the secretariat of the Regular Process**

I. Background

1. The programme of work for the period 2021-2025 for the third cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the “Regular Process”), endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly, includes in the activities for 2023 the holding of a two-day international symposium on strengthening the ocean science-policy interface. The intended outcomes of the symposium are:
 - a. Increased awareness on the importance of the science-policy interface for ocean governance;
 - b. Enhanced understanding and knowledge on the science-policy interface through dialogue among multiple stakeholders from all levels;
 - c. Improved identification of regional and global lessons learned and priorities in reinforcing the science-policy interface; and
 - d. Strengthened awareness on the importance of compatibility and synergies between assessments at the global and regional levels within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030)

II. Host, venue, and date of the symposium

2. The symposium will be held from 12 to 13 December 2023, hosted by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (IOC-UNESCO).
3. The Symposium will take place at the facilities of the IOC-UNESCO and will start at 9:00 am on 12 December and end at 5:00 pm on 13 December 2023.

Venue: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, Paris, France

Address: 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris Cedex 07 SP, France

Website: <https://www.ioc.unesco.org/en>

III. Agenda of the symposium

4. The provisional agenda of the symposium, together with relevant documentation, will be posted prior to the symposiums on the website of the Regular Process: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/Symposium>.

IV. Interpretation

5. The symposium will be conducted in English.
6. Any participant may make a statement in a language other than English. In that case, the participant must provide either interpretation services or a written text of the statement in English. The interpreted version of the statement or the translated version of the written text submitted in English will be the official text of the statement.

V. Preliminary information and output of the symposium

7. The official documentation of the symposium will be issued in English.
8. The presentations delivered will be made publicly available on the Regular Process website.

VI. List of participants

9. The secretariat of the Regular Process will publish a list of participants at the symposium.

VII. Visa requirements

10. Please check your visa requirements for the entry in France. It is the responsibility of participants to notify the secretariat of the Regular Process that you need the French visa and timely apply for it, indicating to us where you will be submitting your visa application. Once you provide your visa to the secretariat, your travel will be processed. The secretariat does not help with the visa applications. The invitation letters will be provided to the participants if needed.

VIII. Climate and clothing

11. December is one of the coldest months of the year in Paris with an average temperature of just 5°C, warm clothes and umbrellas are a must.

IX. Voltage

12. The electric voltage in France is 230V and the frequency is 50 Hz. there are two associated plug types, types C and E.



X. Currency

13. The official currency of France is the euro.

XI. Health

14. It is participants' responsibility to find out whether they need medical insurance for the duration of the symposium.
15. You are solely responsible for ensuring that you meet the requirements for both proof of COVID-19 vaccination and pre-travel COVID-19 testing established by the airlines, as well by France for entry into the country. Please note that the secretariat of the Regular Process cannot answer your questions about vaccination and entry requirements. Should you not be able to travel, please inform the secretariat of the Regular Process immediately, and before your ticket is issued.

XII. Additional information

16. Information on the symposium can be accessed at the Regular Process website: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/Symposium>.
17. For participants whose travel is funded by the United Nations, additional information regarding travel arrangements will be communicated directly to them by the secretariat of the Regular Process.

XIII. Arrival in Paris, and local transportation

18. Participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements from the airport to their hotel and during their stay in Paris.

XIV. Hotel accommodation

19. Please see below an indicative list of suggested hotels for your stay in Paris:

Price (euros): \$ = below 100 | \$\$ = 100-150 | \$\$\$ = 150-200 | \$\$\$\$ = above 200 per night

Note: Rates may vary depending on the reservation period.

Hotel name	Address	Walking distance	Prices
Best Western Hotel Eiffel Cambronne****	46, rue de la Croix Nivert, 75015 Paris	10 mn	\$
Hôtel Eiffel Turenne**	20, avenue de Tourville, 75007 Paris	14 mn	\$
Hôtel Bailli de Suffren***	149, avenue de Suffren 75015 Paris	3 mn	\$\$
Hôtel de France Invalides****	102, boulevard de la Tour Maubourg, 75007 Paris	11 mn	\$\$
Hôtel Eiffel Petit Louvre***	1, rue de Lourmel, 75015 Paris	16 mn	\$\$
Hôtel Tourisme Avenue***	66, avenue de la Motte-Picquet, 75015 Paris	9 mn	\$\$
Ibis Tour Eiffel Cambronne****	2, rue Cambronne, 75015 Paris	6 mn	\$\$
First Hotel*****	2, boulevard Garibaldi, 75015 Paris	6 mn	\$\$\$
Hôtel Ares Paris*****	7, rue du General de Larminat, 75015 Paris	9 mn	\$\$\$
Hôtel Le Marquis*****	15, rue Dupleix, 75015 Paris	9 mn	\$\$\$
Hôtel La Comtesse by Elegancia*****	29, Avenue de Tourville, 75007 Paris	13 mn	\$\$\$
Hôtel de la Motte Picquet***	30, avenue de la Motte Picquet, 75007 Paris	16 mn	\$\$\$
Hôtel Duquesne Eiffel***	23, avenue Duquesne, 75007 Paris	4 mn	\$\$\$\$
Hôtel le Tourville*****	16, avenue de Tourville, 75007 Paris	14 mn	\$\$\$\$
Hôtel Le Walt*****	37, avenue de la Motte Picquet, 75015 Paris	10 mn	\$\$\$\$
Hôtel Villa Saxe Eiffel*****	9, Villa de Saxe, 75007 Paris	7 mn	\$\$\$\$
Le Cinq Codet*****	5, rue Louis Codet, 75007 Paris	9 mn	\$\$\$\$
Mercure Paris Tour Eiffel Grenelle Hôtel*****	64, boulevard de Grenelle, 75015 Paris	9 mn	\$\$\$\$
Pullman Paris Tour Eiffel*****	18, avenue de Suffren 75015 Paris	16 mn	\$\$\$\$