

Workshop under the auspices of the United Nations, in support of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

Koror, Palau, 8 to 9 August 2018

Information for participants

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. The programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, developed by the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole during its seventh meeting held in New York from 3 to 9 August 2017 and endorsed by the General Assembly later that year, includes in the activities for 2018 the holding of a second round of regional workshops, which are to begin in 2018. The workshops are intended to support the development of the second world ocean assessment by enabling the collection of regional-level data and enabling relevant members of writing teams to meet.
2. In accordance with the guidance to the Bureau adopted by the tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 1 March 2018, the Bureau has finalized Guidelines for the second round of Workshops in 2018 to Assist the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the “Guidelines”). Pursuant to the Guidelines, workshops are organized under the auspices of the United Nations, in coordination with the secretariat of the Regular Process, represented by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations (the “Division”) and with the assistance of members of the Group of Experts and Pool of Experts, as appropriate.
3. According to the Guidelines, the objectives of the workshops are to:
 - (a) Support the development of the second world ocean assessment by enabling the collection of regional-level information and data for the preparation of the second world ocean assessment and to enable relevant members of writing teams for specified chapters⁴ to meet, and to interact with experts from the region in the fields covered by those chapters;
 - (b) Enable the regional experts to understand better the approaches of the Regular Process and to develop their skills in integrated assessment, covering environmental, social and economic aspects;
 - (c) Enable the writing teams for the chapters selected for the workshop, with the help of the Joint Coordinators and the members of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process (“the Group of Experts”) who are present, to discuss the structure of their chapter, its relationship with the other chapters of the Outline for the second world ocean assessment (“the Outline”) and responsibilities for developing the chapter text;

- (d) Provide opportunities for the members of the Group of Experts present to highlight important issues within the Outline other than those of the selected chapters, in order to broaden understanding of the full range of the Regular Process;
- (e) Consider what learning points / needs and resources may be relevant to the inventory of capacity-building inventory of needs and 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 in early 2019.
- (f) Consider what capacity-building steps might be taken, both at global and regional levels, in relation to the issues covered by the selected chapters.

II. Host, venue and date of the Workshop

- 4. The Government of Palau offered to host a Workshop in support of the Regular Process, from 8 to 9 August 2018. It will cover the North Pacific. The Workshop will be held under the auspices of the United Nations and is organized by the Government of Palau.
- 5. The Workshop will take place at the Palau International Coral Reef Center, in Koror, Palau, and will start at 9:00 am on 8 August 2018 and end at 6:00 pm on 9 August.

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Address: P.O. Box 7086, Koror, Republic of Palau 96940
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III. Chair(s) and secretariat support

- 6. Pursuant to the Guidelines, the host will designate a Chair (or Co-Chairs) of the Workshop. The Government of Palau may consider inviting a member of the Group of Experts and, as appropriate of the Pool of Experts, to be the Chair, or a Co-Chair, of the Workshop. The host may provide guidance, where needed, on what the priorities for the region are, as well as on potential participants and other modalities for the Workshop.

IV. Agenda and activities of the Workshop

- 7. The provisional agenda of the Workshop, together with relevant documentation, will be posted prior to the Workshop on the website of the Division: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los/rp>.
- 8. Capacity-building is one of the core objectives of the Regular Process. Pursuant to the Guidelines, an important part of the Workshop will be the 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 in early 2019.

V. Interpretation

9. The Workshop will be conducted in English.
10. 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 considered to be the official text of the statement.

VI. Preliminary information and output of the Workshop

11. The official documentation of the Workshop will be issued in English.
12. The output of the Workshop will take the form of notes by the writing teams on the issues discussed in relation to each of the chapters selected for the workshop. To deliver these, each writing team will be asked to designate one of its members to take responsibility for the production of these notes.

The output will also take the form of a summary of other discussions and presentations taking place in the workshop. The member(s) of the Group of Experts, of the Pool of Experts, as appropriate, and the secretariat of the Regular Process will help to produce this summary. Provision will be made for participants to comment on a draft of the summary and for the final version to be revised by the chair(s) and representative(s) of the Group of Experts and of the Pool of Experts, as appropriate, in the light of such comments.

13. The secretariat of the Regular Process will play an important role in ensuring that the output of each workshop is captured and presented in a way which will support the work of the second cycle of the Regular Process.
14. The final version of the summary of discussions, which could include (subject to the discretion of the relevant writing team) the notes on specific chapters, will be made publicly available on the Regular Process website.

VII. List of participants

15. The secretariat of the Regular Process, with the support of the Government of Palau, will publish a list of participants to the Workshop.

VIII. Visa requirements

16. It is the responsibility of participants to establish visa requirements for the host country and any transit countries as may be necessary, including the securing of such visas.

IX. Arrival in Koror, Palau and local transportation

17. Many transport options are available for getting from Koror International Airport to the Palau International Coral Reef Center. Transportation will be provided by the Government of Palau from/to the airport and to/from the Workshop site for all participants. There are also several bus, shuttle and taxi services which can be utilized. Some options are listed below but more detailed information is available on the Koror International Airport website: <https://www.romantmetuchlinternational.com>. Most hotels also provide transportation from the airport to the hotels and hotels to the airport.

Taxis and shuttles

For further information on pricing, please visit our website: <https://www.pristineparadisepalau.com/visiting-palau/getting-around>

X. Climate and clothing

18. Palau weather is warm and humid. The average daily temperature for the third quarter of the year in Koror is 28 Degrees Celsius. When visiting Koror, it's a good idea to pack island casual, but please no swimming suits or short shorts/skirts in towns or villages. Annual rainfall is 150 inches so it is advised to bring a waterproof raincoat.

XI. Voltage

19. Electricity throughout Palau is a Single Phase 60 cycles and is supplied at a nominal voltage of 110 **volts**. Outlets are similar to those of the United States.



XII. Currency

20. The official currency of Palau is the US Dollar.
All major credit cards and traveller's cheques are widely accepted at banks, hotels, restaurants and shopping centres. There are FDIC insured banks and major hotels with limited foreign currency exchange and ATM machines. In addition, wire transfers can be done through Bank Institutions.

XIII. Hotel accommodation

21. Accommodations include resorts with luxuries spas, hotels, motels, bungalows, cottages and guest houses. Several live-aboards are available for diving vacations. Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations directly with a hotel (the attached list is provided for reference).

XIV. Health

22. All participants are required to obtain medical insurance for the duration of the Workshop. Palau has one hospital, the Belau national Hospital for outpatient and emergency cases. For diving emergencies, there is an operational Hyperbaric Chamber which is also located at the BNH. There are Ministry of Health dispensaries in Babeldaob, Peleliu, Anguar, and Kayangel. Palau also has three private medical clinics, one of which is open evenings.

Cholera and Yellow Fever immunizations are required for those arriving from infected areas.

XV. Additional information

23. Information on the Workshop can be accessed through the Internet at the following website:
<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/rp>.
24. For participants, whose travel is being funded by the United Nations, additional information regarding travel arrangements will be communicated directly to them by the secretariat.

HOTEL	STANDARD PRICE/NIGHT (August)	WEBSITE
Palau Pacific Resort	\$470.05	www.palauppr.com
Palau Royal Resort	\$380.00	https://www.palau-royal-resort.com/en/default.html
Palasia Hotel	\$135.00	http://www.palasia-hotel.com/
Palau Central Hotel	\$125.00	https://palaucentral.com/
Palau Plantation Resort	\$216.00	http://www.palauplantationresort.com/
Landmark Marina Hotel	\$220.00	
DW Motel	\$102.00	http://www.dwmotel-palau.com/
Cove Resort Palau	Price Range \$240-\$320 Depending on the building level	www.coveresortpalau.com
Lehns Motel	\$80.00	www.lehnshotel.com
Island Paradise	Booking.com for prices	http://www.iprcpalau.com/
Airai View Hotel	\$160.00	http://www.airaiwaterparadise.com/
West Plaza Hotel (By the Sea, Malakal) <i>Promo</i>	\$108.00	www.wphpalau.com
West Plaza Hotel (Deseke, Downtown, Coral Reef)	\$124.00	www.wphpalau.com
Penthouse Hotel	\$109.20	www.penthousepalau.com
Garden Palace Hotel	\$185.00	https://garden-palace-palau.com/