

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

Odessa, Ukraine, 17 to 18 October 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 to be held 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 Ukraine offered to host a Workshop in support of the Regular Process, from 17 to 18 October 2018, in respect of the North Atlantic, the Baltic Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea region. The Workshop will be held under the auspices of the United Nations and is organized by the Government of Ukraine.

5. The Workshop will take place at the Odessa I. I. Mechnikov National University from 9:00 am on October 17, 2018, to 6:00 pm on October 18, 2018.

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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 Ukraine 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 the 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 Ukraine, 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 Odessa, Ukraine and local transportation

17. "Odessa" International airport is located in the southwestern part of Odessa, 7,5 km away from the city center.

Public transport

Bus № 117

If you prefer traveling by public transport, you can take bus № 117, in order to reach the city center as well as return to the airport. The bus stop is located on the right, opposite to the airport terminal complex. It takes about 1 hour to reach the city center by bus. The bus ticket costs - 7 UAH (payment may be made to the driver while exiting the bus).

Trolleybus № 14

The trolleybus stop at the Airport is located to the right of the terminal complex, behind the bus stop.

Trolleybus №14 has a route "Airport - Railway Station". Travel time from the airport to the railway station is approximately 20-35 minutes. Except weekends, trolleybus № 14 operates from 6.47 am (from the Airport).

On weekends, trolleybus № 14 operates from 7.02 am until 7.23 pm from the airport to the railway station, and from 7.37 am until 7.58 pm, from the railway station to the airport. The trolleybus ticket costs - 3 UAH.



Taxi

It takes about 20 – 30 min to get to the city center by taxi.

X. Climate and clothing

18. In October the average daytime temperature in Odessa is around 13°C. Rain and fog can be expected.

XI. Voltage

19. The standard voltage in Ukraine is 220 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Ukraine, if the standard voltage in your country is between 220 - 240 V (as in the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa). If the standard voltage in your country is in the range of 100 V - 127 V (as in the United States, Canada and most South American countries), you need a voltage converter in Ukraine. The type of plug in use in Ukraine is the standard European/German Schuko model with round plugs. Please note that in some places the power outlets may be of an older model which accept thinner plugs than the European standard. You can also consider a combined power plug adapter/voltage converter.



XII. Currency

20. Hryvnia (also pronounced as Grivna) is an official Ukrainian currency.

The approximate exchange rate is the following: 28 UAH to 1 US Dollar and 32 UAH to 1 Euro. You can easily exchange money in numerous exchange offices.

XIII. Hotel accommodation

21. A suggested list of hotels is provided below. Participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation:

- i. Mozart Hotel ****, Lanjeronovskaya Street, 13, Odessa, 65026, Ukraine
- ii. Continental Business Hotel ****, Deribasovskaya Street, 5, Odessa, 65026, Ukraine
- iii. Amsterdam Hotel ***, Derybasivska Street, 14, Odessa, 65026, Ukraine
- iv. Odesskiy Dvorik ****, Uspenskaya Street, 19, Odessa, 65014, Ukraine
- v. Black Sea Hotel Rishelievskaya ***, Rishelievskaya Street, 59, Odessa, 65012, Ukraine
- vi. KADORR Hotel Resort & Spa *****, Frantsusky Boulevard, 66/3, Odessa, 65058, Ukraine
- vii. La Gioconda Boutique Hotel *****, Lermontovskiy Lane 1, Odessa, 65014, Ukraine
- viii. Gagarinn ****, Gagarin Plato 55 (B), Odessa, 65009, Ukraine
- ix. Vintage Hotel, Uspenskaya Street, 55, Odessa, 65125, Ukraine
- x. Vintage, Frantsuskiy Boulevard, 13a, Odessa, 65058, Ukraine

XIV. Health

22. All participants are required to obtain medical insurance for the duration of the Workshop.

Make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation. If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 103 and ask for an ambulance. You should contact your insurance/medical assistance company promptly if you are referred to a medical facility for treatment.

No additional vaccination is required.

XV. Additional information

23. Information on the Workshop can be accessed through the Internet at the following website:

<https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/second-round-regional-workshops>.

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.