



**Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects**

**– Call for Appointments of additional experts to the Pool of Experts –**

In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly launched the second cycle of the Regular Process to cover the period from 2016 to 2020. The major output of the second cycle will be to produce a second world ocean assessment, building upon the baseline established by the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment.

The Group of Experts of the Regular Process have primary responsibility for the preparation of the second world ocean assessment. In preparing the assessment and to provide effective peer-review to ensure the high quality of the output, a much larger Pool of Experts will be needed to support the work of the Group of Experts

The Office of Legal Affairs notes that appointments of experts to the Pool of Experts are to be made by States in accordance with the mechanism for the appointment of experts to the Pool of Experts (available at [http://www.un.org/depts/los/global\\_reporting/8th\\_adhoc\\_2017/mech.pdf](http://www.un.org/depts/los/global_reporting/8th_adhoc_2017/mech.pdf)), including upon the basis of recommendations of relevant intergovernmental organizations (IGOs).

In order to facilitate the identification of relevant experts, a list of expertise needed in the Pool of Experts for the second cycle has been developed by the Group of Experts of the Regular Process and can be found in the Personal History Form (available at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/pool-experts>).

Moreover, in response to a request from the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process, held from 23 to 24 August 2018, the Joint Coordinators of the Regular Process have prepared a list of gaps of expertise in the Pool of Experts based upon a review of the present membership of the Pool of Experts in relation to the list of chapters contained in the outline for the second world ocean assessment (also attached to the Personal History Form). In making their appointments and recommendations, States and Intergovernmental organizations respectively, are therefore invited to consult this list, while also giving due regard to the need for expertise in the socioeconomic field, as well as to the need for gender balance<sup>1</sup>.

Appointments by States via note verbale and recommendations by relevant Intergovernmental organizations should be made as soon as possible as soon as possible, to the secretariat, in electronic format to [doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org) with a copy to [temnova@un.org](mailto:temnova@un.org), and must include a completed Personal History Form (attached), as well as contact information of the experts and their curriculum vitae. Appointed

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that self-nominations will not be accepted. Moreover, recommendations by relevant intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) will be reviewed by the secretariat in order to determine whether the IGOs meet the United Nations criteria regarding qualification as an IGO.

experts will be added to the database on the Pool of Experts (available at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/content/pool-experts>).

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