

# Call for Expressions of Interest for Collaboration in the Digitalization of WOA III

## Digitalization of WOA III

The third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III) will be presented in an interactive, web-based format. As described in the [annotated outline of WOA III](#), the interactive version of WOA III may allow for the linking of content to core datasets, repositories, data providers, and literature databases, thereby improving accessibility to the content of each section of the assessment. The WOA III digital platform will be mobile-compatible to enable policymakers and decision makers to quickly access relevant information through mobile devices, instead of scanning through multiple pages of a document, providing credible sources of information at their fingertips.

## Calls for Expression of Interest

The secretariat of the Regular Process invites governments to propose governmental entities, non-government organizations, and individuals with relevant expertise to submit their expression of interest (Eol) to collaborate in the digitalization of WOA III. The purpose of this call for Eol is to provide the Regular Process with a roster of potential contributors that could support various elements of the digitalization of the WOA III content. The types of in-kind contributions sought include, inter alia, advice, platform design (back and front end), data hosting, programming, author support, content creation, and other technical support.

The scope of work of the collaborations may cover some or all of the following elements, but are not limited to:

- Analysis and planning: Understanding the WOA III digital platform requirements;
- WOA III digital platform user interface/user experience design;
- Hosting of digital/data assets; and
- Development and deployment of the WOA III digital platform.

The Eol should be submitted by governments by **30 June 2024**, and include the following:

- Name and contact point of the entity;
- Information about the entity, including specific examples of similar work done; and
- Type and scope of contribution proposed.

Sending an Eol does not constitute a commitment on behalf of the respective governments. Questions are welcome from interested entities, but the expression of interest is to be submitted to the secretariat of the Regular Process on their behalf by governments. Questions and submission may be addressed to Mr. Akhmad Sani ([akhmad.sani@un.org](mailto:akhmad.sani@un.org)), with subject line: **"Eol: Digitalization of WOA III"**.

## Regular Process and WOA III

In resolution 74/19, the General Assembly decided to launch the third cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (Regular Process) to cover five years, from 2021 to 2025. The programme of work of the third cycle has determined that one of its main outputs will be an Assessment(s) of the state of the marine environment, including socioeconomic aspects, also known as the World Ocean Assessment (WOA). The 18th meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, which represents the UN Member States, intergovernmental organizations, and other UN bodies, has approved the [annotated outline of the third World Ocean Assessment \(WOA III\)](#), which foresees the digitalization of WOA III