

Notification of Workshop and Request for Nominations

Workshop for the region of the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI area

 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



28 Sept - 2 Oct 2026



[Application form](#)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, as the secretariat of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, (Regular Process), solicits the nomination of experts to participate in a workshop to support the implementation of the fourth cycle of the Regular Process, including capacity-building components. The Workshop will cover the region of the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI area.

The Workshop is held in collaboration with the Nairobi Convention and co-hosted by the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) from 28 September to 2 October 2026 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, back-to-back with The Twelfth Conference of Parties to the Nairobi Convention (COP 12).

Purpose and Objective of the Workshop

The five-day regional scoping and capacity-building workshop will support the collection of region-specific information and data as part of the scoping phase for developing the annotated outline of the fourth World Ocean Assessment (WOA IV). Through a combination of lectures and interactive sessions, it will also strengthen regional capacity in ocean governance and on the science-policy interface. In addition, the workshop will raise awareness of the Regular Process and the World Ocean Assessments, while encouraging experts to contribute to the preparation of WOA IV. The draft agenda will be shared once available.

Participation and Registration in the Workshop

Member States of the United Nations, members of United Nations specialized agencies, and relevant organizations, bodies, funds, or programmes within the United Nations system are kindly invited to share this notification with experts, who will be required to submit an application form directly to the Regular Process secretariat.

Experts from relevant regional intergovernmental organizations, including regional seas organizations, regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, regional intergovernmental marine science organizations, and intergovernmental organizations and arrangements, are encouraged to participate.

Online applications must be submitted to the Regular Process secretariat through [this application form](#) no later than **27 August 2026**.

Limited funding may be available from the United Nations (flight ticket and Daily Subsistence Allowance) for selected experts from within and outside of the region, with priority given to experts from developing countries.

Selected participants are responsible for the obtention of necessary visas and are strongly encouraged undertake the necessary application procedures as soon as possible.

All documents concerning the Workshop will be made available on the website of the Division in due course at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/node/1266/>