

Notification of Workshop and Request for Nominations

Workshop for the South Atlantic (between the African and American coasts)
and the Wider Caribbean regions



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



17-21 August 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, for the South Atlantic (between the African and American coasts) and the Wider Caribbean regions.

Purpose and Objective of the Workshop

The five-day regional 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 at 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.

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.

Application must be submitted to the Regular Process secretariat **no later than 8 July 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/>