

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, and the North and South Pacific



Bangkok, Thailand



9 - 11 December 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. The Workshop will cover the region of the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the ROPME/RECOFI area, and the North and South Pacific.

The Workshop is held from 9 to 11 December 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Purpose and Objective of the Workshop

The three-day regional scoping 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). 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 **5 October 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/>