

How to join the Pool of Experts

Following the [identification of expertise needed](#) for the development of the Third World Ocean Assessments (WOA III), the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), as the secretariat of the Regular Process, solicits nomination of experts to join the Pool of Experts of the Regular Process for the development of the Third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III).

Nominations can be submitted by:

- States of nationality of the experts

Recommendations for nomination can be submitted by:

- States (even if they are not the State of nationality of the expert)
- Intergovernmental organizations, the funds, bodies and programmes of the United Nations and the secretariats of relevant global and regional conventions and intergovernmental processes
- Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council
- Members of the [Group of Experts](#) of the Regular Process
- Interested individuals with the expertise needed for the assessments(s) of the third cycle, including scientists and holders of traditional, indigenous, and local knowledge (**Self-recommendation**)

Nominated, recommended or self-recommended experts must complete the online application form and send their CVs to the secretariat (to: doalos@un.org, cc: akhmad.sani@un.org) using an email subject "**WOA3: CV for the Pool of Experts**" by **31 July 2023**. The online application form can be found here: [Application form](#).

The profiles of **recommended** or **self-recommended** experts will be reviewed by their governments (State of nationality) or the Bureau of the Regular Process. Recommended or self-recommended experts will receive confirmation of their inclusion in the Pool of Experts from the secretariat. Only experts included in the Pool of Experts can be selected by the Group of Experts to be a writing team member or peer-reviewer of the Third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III). To learn more about the writing team member or peer-reviewer role, please see this [guidelines](#).

Third cycle of the Regular Process

The Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (Regular Process), is recognized as the global mechanism for reviewing the state of the marine environment, including socioeconomic aspects, on a continual and systematic basis. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly following the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg, South Africa (A/RES/57/141).

In resolution 74/19, the General Assembly decided to launch the third cycle of the Regular Process, to cover five years, from 2021 to 2025. One of the outputs of the programme of work for the period 2021-2025 is an Assessment(s) of the state of the marine environment, including socioeconomic aspects or also known as the World Ocean Assessment (WOA).

Based on the [outline](#) of the Third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III), the Group of Experts undertook a review of the list of expertise for the third cycle to identify those categories that are relevant to the Third World Assessment (WOA III) and to add additional expertise categories that will be needed to write the chapters of the assessment and facilitate peer review of the assessment. Hundreds of experts are required to support the preparation of the assessments conducted under the Regular Process and contribute as members of writing teams. The list of expertise needed can be found here: [List of expertise](#).