



**Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State
of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects**

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly

United Nations Headquarters, New York

23 to 24 August 2018

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Thursday, 23 August 2018

10am-1pm

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Co-Chairs will open the proceedings and make opening remarks.
2. The Secretary-General or his representative will make opening remarks.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the “Regular Process”) will be invited to consider and adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Item 3. Organization of work

4. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting. The agenda items may be advanced depending on the progress made in the discussions.

Item 4. Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole

5. The Co-Chairs will report on the activities of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process since the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, including in relation to the second round of regional workshops, and the draft agenda and draft concept note for the multi-stakeholder dialogue (with case studies of good practices) and capacity-building partnership event to be held in early 2019.
6. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and take note of the report.

Item 5. Information from the Group of Experts regarding implementation of the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the second cycle of the Regular Process

7. At its tenth meeting on 28 February and 1 March 2018, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole took note of the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the second world ocean assessment prepared by the Group of Experts in consultation with the secretariat of the Regular Process.
8. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts, Mr. Renison Ruwa and Mr. Alan Simcock, will present a report on progress in the implementation of the preliminary timetable and implementation plan for the second cycle of the Regular Process.
9. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and take note of the report.

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Item 6. Annotated outline for the second world ocean assessment

10. At its tenth meeting on 28 February and 1 March 2018, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole approved the outline for the second world ocean assessment, and requested the Group of Experts to prepare an annotated outline for the second world ocean assessment for the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process.
11. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts, Mr. Renison Ruwa and Mr. Alan Simcock, will present a note providing an update on the development of the annotated outline.
12. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and take note of the progress made.

Item 7. Second round of regional workshops

13. The second round of workshops of the second cycle to be held in 2018 will serve to, inter alia, inform the collection of regional-level information and data for the preparation of the second world ocean assessment. At its tenth meeting, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole noted the various offers to host workshops for the second round of regional workshops and requested its Bureau to decide on the location of the five regional workshops on the basis of the formal offers, taking into account costs and ease of access to the venues. The Bureau was also requested to finalize and adopt the guidelines for the second round of workshops in 2018 to assist the Regular Process, to be prepared by the Group of Experts in consultation with the secretariat, taking into account the guidelines for the first round of workshops of the second cycle of the Regular Process.

14. In the intersessional period, the Bureau decided that all the offers to host regional workshops would be accepted. The first workshop of the second round was held in Koror, Palau, from 7 to 8 August, and the second workshop will be held in Valletta, Malta, from 27 to 28 August 2018.

15. The Joint Coordinators of the Group of Experts, Mr. Renison Ruwa and Mr. Alan Simcock, will present an overview of the first workshop held in Palau and will be invited to respond to any comments or questions raised by participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

16. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and take note of the information.

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Item 8. Multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event

17. At its tenth meeting, the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole requested its Bureau, in consultation with the Group of Experts and the secretariat, to submit to its eleventh meeting a draft annotated agenda for the multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event to be held in early 2019, taking into account inputs from States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the discussions from the first round of regional workshops in support of the second cycle of the Regular Process.

18. Based on the inputs received from the first round of regional workshops regarding capacity-building, as well as the discussions during the tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, the secretariat, on behalf of the Bureau, circulated to delegations a draft concept note and draft agenda for the multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event scheduled to be held in January 2019 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

21. The Co-Chairs will present the concept note and draft agenda of the multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event.

22. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and approve the concept note and draft agenda

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Item 9. Adoption of recommendations to the seventy-third session of the General Assembly

23. The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole will be invited to consider and adopt recommendations to the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, for consideration for submission under the agenda item entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”. The General Assembly would be invited to also take note of the guidance to the Bureau, secretariat and Group of Experts, adopted by the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

Item 10. Other matters

24. Delegations will be invited to raise any other matters if they so wish.

Item 11. Closure of the meeting

25. The meeting will be closed by the Co-Chairs.