

Second round of regional workshops in support of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (Regular Process)

Regional Workshop for the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI region to be held in Doha, State of Qatar (28 - 29 November 2018)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea as the secretariat for the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (Regular Process), wishes to invite the nomination of experts to participate in the Regional Workshop for the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI area which will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Doha, State of Qatar, from 28 to 29 November 2018. The Workshop is the second of two regional workshops that will be held in respect of the region. The first Workshop in respect of the region will be held in Bali, Indonesia, from 8 to 9 November 2018.

The Guidelines for the second round of Workshops in 2018 to Assist the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (“the Guidelines”)¹ set out the purpose and objectives, number and locations, timing, activities, hosts, participation, Chair and secretariat, output and follow-up to the workshops.

According to the Guidelines, the Workshop is organized under the auspices of the United Nations, in coordination with the secretariat of the Regular Process, represented by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations (the “Division”) and with the assistance of members of the Group of Experts and Pool of Experts, as appropriate.

Purpose and objectives

The Workshop is held in accordance with the programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process and is intended to support the development of the second world ocean assessment by enabling the collection of regional-level data and enabling relevant members of writing teams to meet.

Participation

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 submit the attached nomination form for their technical expert to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (temnova@un.org, with a copy to marco.boccia@un.org and

¹ Available at http://www.un.org/depts/los/global_reporting/10th_adhoc_2018/Elements.pdf.

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doalos@un.org), as soon as possible and no later than Thursday, 18 October. Nominations should have due regard to the need for gender balance and should take into account the Guidelines, in particular the section on “Purpose and objectives”.

Relevant regional intergovernmental organizations, including regional seas organizations, regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, relevant regional intergovernmental marine science organizations and intergovernmental organizations and arrangements undertaking work in relation to large marine ecosystems, are encouraged to participate. Relevant non-governmental organizations specified in the Guidelines may request an invitation to participate.

It is noted that relevant members of the Group of Experts and of the Pool of Experts for the Regular Process, as well as relevant members of the writing teams will be invited to participate.

In selecting participants, priority will be given to nominees from the host country and from States from the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the ROPME/RECOFI area, as well as to relevant members of the writing teams, including with regard to funding of experts from developing countries.

All documents concerning the Workshop in Doha, State of Qatar, will be made available on the website of the Division in due course at: <http://www.un.org/depts/los/rp>.