

Draft programme

International symposium of the United Nations Regular Process (World Ocean Assessment) on strengthening the ocean science-policy interface

Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea
in collaboration with
IOC of UNESCO

Paris, France (12-13 December 2023)
UNESCO Headquarters

Tuesday, 12 December

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Coordinator
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	❖ Representative of IOC-UNESCO ❖ Representatives of DOALOS
09:00 – 09:05	Regular Process promo video 1	❖ DOALOS
09:05 – 09:30	Welcoming and Opening remarks, focusing on intended outcomes: increased <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awareness on the importance of the science-policy interface for ocean governance;• Understanding and knowledge on the science-policy interface through dialogue among multiple stakeholders from all levels;• Identification of regional and global lessons learned and priorities in reinforcing the science-policy interface;• Awareness on the importance of compatibility and synergies between assessments at the global and regional levels within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030)	❖ Representative of IOC-UNESCO ❖ Representative of DOALOS ❖ Representative of the Group of Experts (GOE) of the Regular Process (TBC)
09:30 – 10:25	Overview of global ocean governance and importance of science-policy interface with theories and practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation: 15 min., focusing on showcasing capacity-building programmatic achievements, inter alia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Co-production of knowledge through multi-stakeholder partnerships○ Translation of data into policy-relevant information and knowledge○ Engagement of the scientific community and ocean users in policymaking processes	❖ Representative of DOALOS (CB) ❖ Representative of IOC-UNESCO

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IOC's Capacity-Development initiatives on science • Q & A: 10 min. 	
10:25 – 10:50	Background on Regular Process / World Ocean Assessment and presentation on nominating to the Pool of Experts and opportunities for contributing to the third World Ocean Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: 15 min. • Q & A: 10 min. 	❖ Representative of DOALOS (RP)
10:50 – 11:00	Group photo	❖ IOC-UNESCO photographer
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 11:35	Regular Process promo video 2	❖ DOALOS
11:35 – 13:05	Regional deep dive on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned 1: the North Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 keynote presentations (30 min.) • Panel discussion (30 min.) • Q&A with the audience (30 min.) 	❖ Co-Chairs: Representatives of the Group of Experts (GOE) & IOC-UNESCO ❖ Representatives from the region
13:05 – 14:05	Lunch/parallel with a side event	
14:05 – 14:10	Regular Process promo video 3	❖ DOALOS
14:10 – 15:40	Regional deep dive on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned 2: the South Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 keynote presentations (30 min.) • Panel discussion (30 min.) • Q&A with the audience (30 min.) 	❖ Co-Chairs: GOE & IOC-UNESCO ❖ Representatives from the region
15:40 – 16:10	Coffee break	
16:10 – 17:40	Regional deep dive on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned 3: the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, and the ROPME/RECOFI area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 keynote presentations (30 min.) • Panel discussion (30 min.) • Q&A with the audience (30 min.) 	❖ Co-Chairs: GOE & IOC-UNESCO ❖ Representatives from the region

Wednesday, 13 December

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09:00 – 10:30	Regional deep dive on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned 4: the North Atlantic, the Baltic Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Black Sea	❖ Co-Chairs: GOE & IOC-UNESCO ❖ Representatives from the region

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 keynote presentations (30 min.) • Panel discussion (30 min.) • Q&A with the audience (30 min.) 	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Regional deep dive on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned 5: the South Atlantic (between the African and American coasts) and the wider Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 keynote presentations (30 min.) • Panel discussion (30 min.) • Q&A with the audience (30 min.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Co-Chairs: GOE & IOC-UNESCO ❖ Representatives from the region
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch/parallel with a side event	
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Importance of science communication and Ocean Literacy as a key element of the science-policy interface:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges: global/regional • Best practices in ocean science communication cases/initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Facilitated by IOC-UNESCO ❖ Panel session with experts and Q&A ❖ Representative of DOALOS
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Ocean Decade: WOA's support on the Decade's mission to generate and use knowledge for the transformational action needed to achieve a healthy, safe and resilient ocean for sustainable development by 2030 and beyond</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of IOC-UNESCO
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of IOC-UNESCO ❖ Representative of DOALOS ❖ Representative of the GOE (TBC)