

Regular Process Workshop in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment (component I) and on capacity building (component II) for the North and South Pacific regions and the Wider Caribbean area.

Kingston, Jamaica, 12 16 June 2023

**Information for participants
Note by the secretariat of the Regular Process**

I. Background

1. The programme of work for the period 2021-2025 for the third cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the “Regular Process”), endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly, includes in the activities for 2023 the holding of regional workshops in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment (component I) and on capacity-building aimed at strengthening the science-policy interface (component II).

II. Host, venue and date of the Workshops

2. The International Seabed Authority offered to host the Workshop from 12 to 16 June 2023. The Workshops will cover the **North and South Pacific regions and the Wider Caribbean area**. The Workshops are convened by the International Seabed Authority (ISA), in collaboration with the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations (DOALOS) and with the assistance of members of the Group of Experts, as appropriate.
3. The Workshops will take place at the Headquarters of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, and will start at 9:00 am on 12 June and end at 6:00 pm on 16 June 2023. The first workshop in support of the development of the third World Ocean Assessment will be held from 12 to 14 June 2023. Meanwhile, the second workshop on ocean governance and the science-policy interface will be held from 15 to 16 June 2023

III. Agenda of the Workshops

4. The provisional agenda of the Workshops, together with relevant documentation, will be posted prior to the Workshops on the website of the Regular Process: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/second-round-regional-workshops-2023>.

IV. Interpretation

5. The Workshop will be conducted in English.
6. Any participant may make a statement in a language other than English. In that case, the participant must provide either interpretation services or a written text of the statement in English. The interpreted version of the statement or the translated version of the written text submitted in English will be considered to be the official text of the statement.

V. Preliminary information and output of the Workshops

7. The official documentation of the Workshops will be issued in English.
8. The output of the Workshops will take the form of a summary of the discussions and presentations taking place in the Workshops.
9. The secretariat of the Regular Process will play an important role in ensuring that the outputs of the workshops are captured and presented in a way which will support the work of the third cycle of the Regular Process.
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VIII. Arrival in Kingston, Jamaica, and local transportation

13. Given its proximity to the venue, it is recommended that participants travelling to Jamaica using air transportation to enter via the Norman Manley International Airport located in Kingston. Participants are also required to make their own transportation arrangements to and from the airport, as well as during their stay in Jamaica. There are plenty of transportation options that are readily available, whether renting a car or chartering commute. Popular hackney carriage companies (that are unaffiliated to ISA) include Uber Jamaica, JUTA, JCAL, On Time Taxi Service, Apollo Taxi Service, and many others. If participants opt to rent a car, please note that driving is done on the left side of the road.

IX. Climate and clothing

14. The climate of Kingston, Jamaica is tropical. The average daily temperature in June is 31°C (88°F), with high humidity. It is therefore recommended that participants opt for lightweight, breathable fabrics when choosing their clothing.

X. Voltage

15. Jamaica operates on a 110V supply voltage, and the electrical frequency is 50Hz. If your appliances have a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.



XI. Currency

16. The official currency of Jamaica is the Jamaican dollar. Licensed cambio centers and commercial banks are easily accessible in Kingston. The official currency exchange rates vary daily. However, most ATMs and point of sale machines accept international bank cards, with Visa, MasterCard, Cirrus and Plus logos.

XII. Health

17. It is participants' responsibility to find out whether they need medical insurance for the duration of the Workshops.
18. Though Jamaica no longer has any COVID-19 related travel restrictions, participants are solely responsible for ensuring that they meet the requirements for both proof of COVID-19 vaccination and pre-travel COVID-19 testing established by the airlines

ROK Hotel (downtown Kingston) USD \$196.39 for standard room including breakfast for one, and USD 220.59 for deluxe rooms including taxes and breakfast for one. For reservation, click this link: [ROK Hotel Kingston - International Seabed Authority March 2023](#)

AC Hotels (Lady Musgrave Rd) USD258 inclusive of taxes for single or double occupancy (room only): <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/kinar-ac-hotel-kingston-jamaica/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>. For reservations, send an_email to reservations@achotelsjm.com. Indicate “ISA rate” in your request.

XV. Lunch options

22. Below are lunch options within walking distance of the workshop venue:

Victoria Pier, Ocean Boulevard	Seafood and other local options	Instagram: Gloria’s Seafood City Ja Telephone: 876 619 7905
Ribbiz Ocean Lounge Victoria Pier, Ocean Blvd	Local and international options	Instagram: Ribbiz Ocean Restaurant Telephone: 876 404 8116
F&B Downtown 107 Harbour Street	Local and International offerings	Instagram: fnb_downtown Telephone: 876 922 1109
42-56 Harbour St	Breakfast and Lunch offerings, local and international	Instagram: Danya’s Coffee Barrel Telephone: 876 603 0405
ROK Hotel Palate - A La Carte indoors Rokstone – Pool deck	Jamaican and international dishes	Instagram: @rokhotelkingston
Burger King	Fast Food	Corner of Church and Harbour Streets

Online Options: Deliveries may take at least one hour and the processing/delivery fees can be up to USD 7.00:

QuickCart <https://www.quickcartonline.com/>

7Krave <https://www.7krave.com>

Cutdiline / Doorstep Jamaica <https://www.doorstepja.com/en/>

Please note that the locations listed above do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of ISA and is only presented for information purposes only.

XVI. Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

23. Please note the following points regarding your Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for accommodation and meals:

You are entitled to receive \$290 per day (standard DSA for UN events in Kingston, Jamaica), as a participant in the workshop. 75% of your standard DSA will be provided in advance before you travel, and the rest (25%) will be sent to you after you complete the workshop and send copies of your boarding passes to DOALOS.

The ISA has provided several recommended hotels that you can select. If you have any questions, you can reach out to one of the following DOALOS team members:

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