



International Seabed Authority
28th Session 2023

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK/REV.1¹

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION, PART I, 16-31 March 2023

WEEK 1 (16-17 March 2023)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Thursday 16 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 1</u>: Opening of the session.• <u>Item 2</u>: Adoption of the agenda (ISBA/28/C/L.1).• <u>Item 3</u>: Election of the President.• <u>Item 4</u>: Election of the Vice-Presidents.• <u>Item 10</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area: <p>Organization of work</p> <p>Seventh Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, paragraph 1 of Annex III to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and under section 8 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (OEWG): Chair's Briefing Note (ISBA/28/C/OEWG/CRP.1) and Negotiations on the Chair's revised text (ISBA/28/C/OEWG/CRP.2).</p>

¹ Based on the provisional agenda of the Council ([ISBA/28/C/L.1](#)) and on the roadmap for the twenty-eighth session ([ISBA/27/C/21/Add.2](#)).

	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Seventh Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, paragraph 1 of Annex III to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and under section 8 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (OEWG): Continued negotiations on the Chair's revised text.
Friday 17 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Seventh Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, paragraph 1 of Annex III to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and under section 8 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (OEWG): Continued negotiations on the Chair's revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Seventh Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, paragraph 1 of Annex III to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and under section 8 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (OEWG): Continued negotiations on the Chair's revised text.

WEEK 2 (20-24 March 2023)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 20 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Negotiations on the Facilitator's further revised text (ISBA/28/C/IWG/ENV/CRP.1).
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator's further revised text.
Tuesday 21 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator's further revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator's further revised text.

Wednesday 22 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
Thursday 23 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement: Negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text (ISBA/28/C/IWG/ICE/CRP.1).
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
Friday 24 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<u>Item 10</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Oral report by the OEWG Chair</i> - <i>Review of progress</i> - <i>Intersessional dialogue</i>

WEEK 3 (27-31 March 2023)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 27 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 5</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council. • <u>Item 7</u>: Status of contracts for exploration and related matters: ISBA/28/C/3. • <u>Item 12</u>: Consideration of matters relating to the Enterprise: ISBA/28/C/2; ISBA/28/C/L.2. • <u>Item 13</u>: Operationalization of the Economic Planning Commission.

	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters: Negotiations of the Co-facilitators’ revised text [direct link to the text – when ready].
Tuesday 28 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters: Continued negotiations of the Co-facilitators’ revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters: Continued negotiations of the Co-facilitators’ revised text.
Wednesday 29 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters: Continued negotiations of the Co-facilitators revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: President’s text (Compilation for resumed reading from Draft regulation 31): ISBA/28/C/WOW/CRP.1
Thursday 30 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: President’s text: continued reading.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: President’s text: continued reading.
Friday 31 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oral reports delivered by IWG Facilitators. - Agreement on intersessional work. • <u>Item 14</u>: Interim reporting of the work of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the first part of its twenty-eighth session, including on relinquishment matters.
	3 – 6 pm	<p>Adoption of draft decisions (as required). End of the first part of the twenty-eighth session.</p>

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