



INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

29TH SESSION 2024

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK¹, rev.1.
FIRST PART OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION, 18-29 March 2024.

WEEK 1 (18-22 March 2024)

Date	Time	Provisional Agenda Item
Tuesday 19 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Tenth Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, para. 1 of Annex III to the UNCLOS and under section 8 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the UNCLOS 1982. Topic for discussion: The royalty mechanism and review mechanism (continued) .
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Thematic discussion: Equalization measures . Rapporteur: Australia.
Wednesday 20 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Tenth Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, para. 1 of Annex III to the UNCLOS and under section 8 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the UNCLOS 1982. Topic for discussion: Environmental externalities . • <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Thursday 21 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Friday 22 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Thematic discussion: The inspection mechanism . Rapporteur: Norway.
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 20</u> : Report of the Secretary-General on incidents in the NORI-D contract area in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone.

¹ Based on the agenda of the Council (ISBA/29/C/1).

WEEK 2 (25-29 March 2024)

Date	Time	Provisional Agenda Item
Monday 25 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters. Topic for discussion: Effective control.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Tuesday 26 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment. Topic for discussion: Environmental Compensation Fund.
Wednesday 27 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment. Topics for discussion: EIA/EIS process and REMPs.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment. Topic for discussion: Test mining (2 hours). • <u>Item 10</u>: Thematic discussion: Intangible Cultural Heritage definition. Rapporteur: Federated States of Micronesia (1 hour).
Thursday 28 March 2024	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 18</u>: Cooperation with other relevant international organizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memorandum of understanding between the International Seabed Authority and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). • <u>Item 19</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation with the OSPAR Commission. • <u>Item 14</u>: Report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the first part of its twenty-ninth session.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 7</u>: Report on the status of the contracts for exploration and periodic reviews of the implementation of plans of work for exploration. • <u>Item 7</u>: Report on the relinquishment of areas under contract for exploration for polymetallic sulphides (IFREMER).
Friday 29 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitators and rapporteurs reporting to the President. - Review on the progress on the regulations. - Agreement on necessary intersessional work.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of draft decisions (as required). • <u>Item 22</u>: Other matters. • End of the first part of the twenty-ninth session.

Revised on 19 March 2024.