



# INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

## 29<sup>TH</sup> SESSION 2024

**COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY**  
INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK<sup>1</sup>, v. 15 March 2024.  
FIRST PART OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION, 18-29 March 2024.

### WEEK 1 (18-22 March 2024)

Date	Time	Provisional Agenda Item
Monday 18 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Item 1</u>: Opening of the session.</li><li>• <u>Item 2</u>: Adoption of the agenda.</li><li>• <u>Item 3</u>: Election of the President.</li><li>• <u>Item 4</u>: Election of the Vice-Presidents.</li><li>• <u>Item 6</u>: Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.</li><li>• <u>Item 14</u>: Preliminary oral 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.</li><li>• <u>Item 10</u>: Presentation of the consolidated text of the draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.</li></ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Item 10</u>: Tenth Meeting of the <b>Open-ended Working Group</b> 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: <b>The royalty mechanism and review mechanism.</b></li></ul>
Tuesday 19 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Item 10</u>: Tenth Meeting of the <b>Open-ended Working Group</b> 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: <b>The royalty mechanism and review mechanism (continued).</b></li></ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Item 10</u>: <i>Informal informals</i>. Topic for discussion: <b>Equalization measures</b>. Rapporteur: Australia.</li></ul>
Wednesday 20 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Item 10</u>: Tenth Meeting of the <b>Open-ended Working Group</b> 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</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Based on the provisional agenda of the Council ([ISBA/29/C/L.1](https://www.isba.org/2024/03/15/indicative-programme-of-work-v-15-march-2024/)).

		Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the UNCLOS 1982. Topic for discussion: <b>Environmental externalities.</b>
	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> : <i>Informal informals</i> . Topic for discussion: <b>The inspection mechanism</b> . Rapporteur: Norway.
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 20</u> : Report of the Secretary-General on incidents in the <b>NORI-D</b> contract area in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone.

### WEEK 2 (25-29 March 2024)

Date	Time	Provisional Agenda Item
Monday 25 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on <b>Institutional Matters</b> . Topic for discussion: <b>Effective control</b> .
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Tuesday 26 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the <b>Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment</b> . Topic for discussion: <b>Environmental Compensation Fund</b> .
Wednesday 27 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the <b>Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment</b> . Topics for discussion: <b>EIA/EIS process and REMPs</b> .
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the <b>Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment</b> . Topic for discussion: <b>Test mining</b> (2 hours). • <u>Item 10</u> : <i>Informal informals</i> . Topic for discussion: <b>Intangible Cultural Heritage definition</b> . Rapporteur: Federated States of Micronesia (1 hour).
Thursday 28 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <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. - 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. - Development of a standardized procedure for the development, approval, and review of Regional Environmental Management Plans (REMPs).

	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <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.</li> <li>• <u>Item 7</u>: Report on the relinquishment of areas under contract for exploration for polymetallic sulphides (IFREMER).</li> </ul>
Friday 29 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 10</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitators and rapporteurs reporting to the President.</li> <li>- Review on the progress on the regulations.</li> <li>- Agreement on necessary intersessional work.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of draft decisions (as required).</li> <li>• <u>Item 22</u>: Other matters.</li> <li>• End of the first part of the twenty-ninth session.</li> </ul>

15 March 2024.