

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY
INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK¹, v. 13 July 2025.
SECOND PART OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION, 7-18 July 2025.

WEEK 1 (7-11 JULY 2025)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 7 July 2025	10 am – 1 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 1</u>: Resumption of the session. • <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area (ISBA/30/C/CRP.1). - Environmental Compensation Fund (Completion of Section 4, DR² 54-56, Friends of the President, Mexico). - Part V. Review and modification of a Plan of Work. ○ DR 57, Friends of the President, UK. ○ DR 58.
	3 – 6 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. - Closure plans (DRs 59-61). - Part VII. Financial terms of an Exploitation Contract. Section I. General (DR 62).
Tuesday 8 July 2025	10 am – 1 pm Conference Room #4	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <i>Informal working group.</i> Equalization measure (DR 64bis and Standard, Australia).
	Plenary	- Part VII. Financial terms of an Exploitation Contract. - Section I. General (DR 63). - Section II (DR 64).

¹ Based on the agenda of the Council ([ISBA/30/C/1](#)) and the roadmap endorsed by the Council during its July 2024 meetings ([ISBA/29/C/9/Add.1](#), Annex III).

² DR = draft regulation

	3 – 6 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. - Section 3. Royalty returns and payment of royalty (DRs 66-73bis). - Section 4. Records and audit (DRs 74-76). - Section 5. Anti-avoidance measures (DRs 77-78). - Section 6. Interest and penalties (DRs 79-80). - Section 8. Payments to the Authority (DRs 83-83bis). Part VIII. Annual, administrative and other applicable fees. - Section 1 (DR 84).
Wednesday 9 July 2025	10 am – 1 pm Conference Room #4	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <i>Informal meeting.</i> Section 7. Review of payment mechanism (DRs 81-82, Friends of the President, Canada). Part VIII. Annual, administrative and other applicable fees. - Section 1 (DR 85). - Section 2 (DRs 86-87). Part VIII. Annual, administrative and other applicable fees. - Section 3 (DR 88). Part IX. Information-gathering and handling (DR 89).
	3 – 6 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 14</u>: Report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the second part of its thirtieth session (ISBA/30/C/4/Add.1). – Oral report by the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission. – Draft revised standardized procedure for the development, establishment and review of regional environmental management plans (ISBA/30/C/3) and draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority for the adoption of the Revised Standardized Procedure for the Development, Establishment and Review of Regional Environmental Management (ISBA/30/C/L.3).
Thursday 10 July 2025	10 am – 1 pm Conference Room #4	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <i>Informal meeting.</i> Part XI. ICE mechanism (DR 102, informal working group, Norway).
	3 – 6 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. Part IX. Information-gathering and handling (DR 89). Part IX. Information-gathering and handling (DRs 90-92bis). Part X. General procedures, Standards and Guidelines (DRs 93-93bis).
Friday 11 July 2025	10 am – 1 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. Part X. General procedures, Standards and Guidelines (DRs 93ter-94).

	3 – 6 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. Part X. General procedures, Standards and Guidelines (DRs 94-95). Part XI. ICE mechanism (DRs 96-96bis).
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WEEK 2 (14-18 JULY 2025)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 14 July 2025	9:00 – 9:55 pm Conference Room #4	<i>Informal meeting. Informal Working Group on Environmental Management and Monitoring.</i>
	10 am – 1 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 5</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council. • <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 (ISBA/30/C/13). • <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 (Addendum) (ISBA/30/C/2/Add.1 and ISBA/30/C/2/Add.2). – Report on the relinquishment of the area allocated to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation under the contract for exploration for cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts between the Ministry and the International Seabed Authority (ISBA/30/C/7). • <u>Item 8</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the status of national legislation relating to deep seabed mining and related matters (ISBA/30/C/9). • <u>Item 13</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the decision of the Council in 2024 relating to the reports of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission (ISBA/30/C/10). • <u>Item 16</u>: Report of the Secretary-General concerning the operationalization of the Economic Planning Commission. – Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority on the operationalization of the Economic Planning Commission (ISBA/30/C/11). • <u>Item 14</u>: Report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the second part of its thirtieth session (ISBA/30/C/4/Add.1). – Draft decision of the Council on the deferral of the schedule of relinquishment upon request by the Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer (ISBA/30/C/4/Add.1, Annex I). – Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority on the deferral of the schedule of relinquishment upon request by the Government of Poland (ISBA/30/C/4/Add.1, Annex II). <u>Item 15</u>: Report of the Interim Director-General of the Enterprise (ISBA/30/A/5-ISBA/30/C/8).
	3 – 6 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 18</u>: Cooperation with other relevant international organizations. • <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. - Part XI. ICE mechanism (DRs 96bis-105bis). - Part XII. Settlement of disputes (DR 106). - Part XIII. Review of these Regulations (DR 107). - Annexes.
Tuesday 15 July 2025	10 am – 1 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. - Annexes and Schedule.

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	2:00 – 2:55 pm Conference Room #4	<i>Informal meeting. Informal Working Group on Reference to regional environmental management plans.</i>
	3 – 6 pm Room to be confirmed by facilitators/Friends of Presidents	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <i>Focused discussions.</i> - Submarine Cable Protection (Friends of the President, Singapore) - 1.5 hours. - Environmental Compensation Fund (Friends of the President, Mexico) - 1.5 hours.
Wednesday 16 July 2025	10 am – 1 pm Room to be confirmed by facilitators/Friends of Presidents	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <i>Focused discussions.</i> - Effective control (informal working group, Chile/Costa Rica) – 1.5 hours. - Underwater cultural heritage (informal working group, Brazil/Greece/Micronesia) – 1.5 hours.
	3 – 6 pm Room to be confirmed by facilitators/Friends of Presidents	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <i>Focused discussions.</i> Rights and interests of coastal States (informal working group, Portugal/Singapore).
Thursday 17 July 2025	10 am – 1 pm Room to be confirmed by facilitators/Friends of Presidents	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <i>Focused discussions.</i> Environmental management and monitoring (informal working group, Norway).
	3 – 6 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 14</u>: Report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the second part of its thirtieth session. – Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority for the adoption of the Revised Standardized Procedure for the Development, Establishment and Review of Regional Environmental Management (ISBA/30/C/L.3) - Draft revised standardized procedure for the development, establishment and review of regional environmental management plans (ISBA/30/C/3). • <u>Item 17</u>: Report of the Finance Committee (ISBA/30/C/12). - Draft decision of the Council relating to financial and budgetary matters (ISBA/30/C/L.2). • <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <i>Focused discussions.</i> Closure plan (informal working group).
Friday 18 July 2025	10 am – 1 pm Room to be confirmed by facilitators/Friends of Presidents	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <i>Focused discussions.</i> Test mining (informal working group, Belgium/China/Germany).

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	3 – 6 pm Plenary	• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. - Discussion on updated list of standards and guidelines. - Review of the status of advancement on draft regulations (including text proposals by informal working groups and by Friends of the President) and next steps. • Adoption of draft decisions (as required), including adoption of the regulations (in the event that they are ready for adoption)³. • <u>Item 19</u>: Dates of the next session. • <u>Item 20</u>: Other matters. • End of the thirtieth session.

13 July 2025.

³ According to the roadmap approved by the Council ([ISBA/28/C/24, Annex](#)).