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Overview of Evolution and Structure of the Regular Process



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General Concerns

- State of the world's oceans and seas is deteriorating
- No system of assessments that gives a global picture of the state of the marine environment or of socio-economic aspects
- Approach to understanding the oceans needs to be integrated and not sectoral
- Oceans issues are interlinked including with social and economic development on land
- Need for a more effective interface between scientific knowledge and decision-making

History of

the Regular Process

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- Preparatory phase (2002-2005): Proposals for modalities
- Start-up phase (2005-2009): "Assessment of Assessments" (A/64/88)
- Operationalization (2009-2010): Framework, First cycle (2010-2014), Modalities
- First phase of the first cycle (2010-2012): Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to oversee and guide the Regular Process

Mandate of the Regular Process

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Framework

Overall objectives
Scope
Principles
Capacity-building and
technology transfer
Modalities

First 5-year
cycle
(2010-2014)

2010 – 2012
Development of a strategy for an
integrated assessment
Contribution towards promotion
and facilitation of capacity-building
through international cooperation
2013 – 2014
Production of the first global
integrated marine assessment

Institutional Arrangements

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General Assembly

**Ad Hoc Working Group
of the Whole**

Bureau

Group of Experts

Secretariat

Pool of Experts

Next Steps

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Bureau of the Regular Process established

- 3 Member States per Regional Group
- Co-Chair + 5

Pool of Experts of the Regular Process

- 200 experts per Regional Group
- Criteria (A/66/189)

Complete Workshops

- Chile, China, Belgium
- USA, Mozambique, Australia and
- ?

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- Outline, Inventory, Terms of Reference, Guidance for contributors, Website

The Voluntary Trust Fund

- Established by the General Assembly in resolution 64/71 of 4 December 2009
- For assistance to the members of the Group of Experts from developing countries
- Member States, international financial institutions, donor agencies, IGOs, NGOs and natural and juridical persons may contribute
- In 2013: US\$ 60,000 is needed for meetings of the Group of Experts

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UNCLOS at 30

THE CONVENTION AND THE RELATED AGREEMENTS

- [United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea](#)
- [Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention](#)
- [1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement](#)
- [Review Conference](#)

OCEANS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- [United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process](#)
- [Reports of the Secretary-General](#)
- [General Assembly resolutions](#)
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BODIES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION

- [Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf](#)
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- [International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea](#)

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- [Choice of procedure under article 287 of the Convention](#)
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THE DIVISION, ITS FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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