



27<sup>th</sup> Session 2022

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK<sup>1</sup>

TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION, PART I, 21 March-1 April 2022

**WEEK 1 (21-25 MARCH 2022)**

Date	Time	Meeting	Agenda Item
Monday 21 March	10 am -1 pm	Plenary	<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-President.</li><li>• <u>Item 6</u>: Election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission.</li><li>• <u>Item 11</u>:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Organization of work and introduction of remaining elements of the draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area (ISBA/25/C/WP.1 and ISBA/26/C/17 – Draft Annex VI);</li><li>- Consideration of the Legal and Technical Commission Chair's Report annexing all draft phase one standards and guidelines (ISBA/27/C/2; ISBA/27/C/3 to ISBA/27/C/12).</li></ul></li></ul>
		4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in respect of the development and negotiation of the terms of a contract	Adoption of the agenda. Briefing Note prepared by the Chair of the Open-ended Working Group. Continued discussions on options for the payment system and rates.

<sup>1</sup> Based on the provisional agenda of the Council (ISBA/27/C/L.1) and on the roadmap for the twenty-seventh session (ISBA/26/C/13/Add.1).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
Monday 21 March	3 – 6 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in respect of the development and negotiation of the terms of a contract	Continued.
Tuesday 22 March	10 am – 1 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Open-ended Informal Working Group in respect of the development and negotiation of the terms of a contract	Continued.
	3 – 6 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in respect of the development and negotiation of the terms of a contract	Recommendations to the Council.
Wednesday 23 March	10 am-1 pm	Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment	Negotiations on the Facilitator's text.
	3 – 6 pm	Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment	Negotiations on the Facilitator's text.
Thursday 24 March	10 am – 1 pm	Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment	Negotiations on the Facilitator's text.
	3 – 6 pm	Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment	Negotiations on the Facilitator's text.
Friday 25 March	10 am – 1 pm	Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment	<p>Consideration of the relevant phase one standards and guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft standard and guidelines for the environmental impact assessment process (ISBA/27/C/4);</li> <li>- Draft guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements (ISBA/27/C/5);</li> <li>- Draft guidelines for the preparation of environmental management and monitoring plans (ISBA/27/C/6);</li> <li>- Draft guidelines for the establishment of baseline environmental data (ISBA/27/C/11).</li> </ul>

Date	Time	Meeting	Agenda Item
Friday 25 March	3 – 6 pm	Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <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-seventh session.</li> <li>• <u>Item 8</u>: Consideration, with a view to approval, of applications for a plan of work for exploration.</li> <li>• <u>Item 9</u>: Consideration, with a view to approval, of an application for extension of a contract for exploration.</li> <li>• <u>Item 6</u>: Election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission.</li> </ul>

**WEEK 2 (28 MARCH – 1 APRIL 2022)**

Date	Time	Meeting	Agenda Item
Monday 28 March	10 am - 1 pm	Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment	Continued.
	3 – 6 pm	Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment	Continued.
Tuesday 29 March	10 am – 1 pm	Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement	Introduction to the work of the IWG by the Facilitator, outlining scope of work and discussion of modalities.
	3 – 6 pm	Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement	Continued.
Wednesday 30 March	10 am - 1 pm	Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters	Introduction to the work of the IWG by the Facilitator, outlining scope of work and discussion of modalities.
	3 – 6 pm	Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters	Continued.
Thursday 31 March	10 am – 1 pm	Plenary	Oral reports of Facilitators. Negotiations relating to other topics than those allocated to the Open-ended Informal Working Group and the Informal Working Groups.
	3 – 6 pm	Plenary	Continued. Review of progress on roadmap. Agreement on necessary intersessional work.

Friday 1 April	10 am – 1 pm	Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 6</u>: Election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission.</li> <li>• <u>Item 18</u>: Report on matters relating to the Enterprise.</li> <li>• <u>Item 19</u>: Cooperation with other relevant international organizations.</li> <li>• <u>Item 21</u>: Other matters.</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	Plenary	Continued.

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