



27th Session 2022

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY
INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK/REV. 2¹
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">• <u>Item 1</u>: Opening of the session.• <u>Item 2</u>: Adoption of the agenda (ISBA/27/C/L.1).• <u>Item 3</u>: Election of the President.• <u>Item 4</u>: Election of the Vice-President.• <u>Item 6</u>: Election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission.• <u>Item 11</u>:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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); ISBA/27/C/13- 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).
		4 th Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, paragraph 1 of Annex III to the United Nations Convention on	Adoption of the agenda.

¹ Based on the provisional agenda of the Council ([ISBA/27/C/L.1](#)) and on the roadmap for the 27th session ([ISBA/26/C/13/Add.1](#)).

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		the Law of the Sea and under section 8 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 ² (OEWG)	Briefing Note prepared by the Chair of the Open-ended Working Group. Continued discussions on options for the payment system and rates.
Monday 21 March	3 pm – 6 pm	4 th Meeting of the OEWG	Continued.
Tuesday 22 March	10 am – 1 pm	4 th Meeting of the OEWG	Continued.
	3 pm – 6 pm	4 th Meeting of the OEWG	Recommendations to the Council.
Wednesday 23 March	10 am-1 pm	Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment ³	Negotiations on the Facilitator’s text.
	3 pm – 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 pm – 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	Negotiations on the Facilitator’s text.
Friday 25 March	3pm – 6 pm	Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment	Consideration of the relevant phase one standards and guidelines:

² Documents for the Open-ended Working Group [Provisional agenda](#), [Briefing note](#), [Joint summary](#), [MIT report](#) and [additional background information](#) are available on the ISA website under the documents section of the 27th session of the Council.

³ Documents for the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment [Facilitator's Text \(ISBA/27/C/IWG/ENV/CRP.1\)](#), [Regulation by Regulation compilation](#), [Summary](#) are available on the ISA website under the documents section of the 27th session of the Council.

Date	Time	Meeting	Agenda Item
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft standard and guidelines for the environmental impact assessment process (ISBA/27/C/4); - Draft guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements (ISBA/27/C/5); - Draft guidelines for the preparation of environmental management and monitoring plans (ISBA/27/C/6), ISBA/27/C/6/Corr.1.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft guidelines for the establishment of baseline environmental data (ISBA/27/C/11).
	3pm – 6 pm	Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement ⁴	Introduction to the work of the IWG by the Facilitator, outlining scope of work and discussion of modalities
Tuesday 29 March	10 am – 1 pm	Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement	Continued.
	3pm – 6 pm	Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters ⁵	Introduction to the work of the IWG by the Facilitator, outlining scope of work and discussion of modalities.
Wednesday 30 March	10 am - 1 pm	Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 5</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council.

⁴ Facilitator's [briefing note](#) for the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement available on the ISA website under the documents section of the 27th session of the Council.

⁵ Co-facilitators' [briefing note](#) for the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters is available on the ISA website under the documents section of the 27th session of the Council.

		Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 (ISBA/27/C/16; ISBA/27/C/17). • <u>Item 9</u>: Consideration, with a view to approval, of an application for extension of a contract for exploration (ISBA/27/C/15; ISBA/27/C/L.2). • <u>Item 6</u>: Election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission.
	3pm – 6 pm	Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters	Continued.
Thursday 31 March	10 am – 1 pm	Plenary	<p>Oral reports of Facilitators.</p> <p>Negotiations relating to other topics than those allocated to the Open-ended Informal Working Group and the Informal Working Groups.</p>
	3pm – 6 pm	Plenary	<p>Continued.</p> <p>Review of progress on roadmap.</p> <p>Agreement on necessary intersessional work.</p>
Friday 1 April	10 am – 1 pm	Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 6</u>: Election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission. • <u>Item 18</u>: Report on matters relating to the Enterprise (ISBA/27/C/14).
	3 pm – 6 pm	Plenary	Continued.

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