



**Updated Information on logistical and procedural aspects  
for the first part of the twenty-seventh session of the Council  
(21 March-1 April 2022)**

*Hybrid format*

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**A. Introduction**

1. The meetings of the Council for the first part of the twenty-seventh session of the Authority (21 March-1 April 2022) will be held in a hybrid format.
2. This note aims at providing additional information to delegations mostly on the modalities, including for virtual participation.

**B. In-person participation**

3. Delegations opting to participate in-person should familiarize themselves with the entry requirements to Jamaica. The Government of Jamaica has announced that effective from this month, the requirement to obtain a travel authorisation through the JamCOVID and Visit Jamaica platforms are eliminated, including the elimination of travel-related quarantine requirements. Further, it has announced that a negative PCR or antigen test conducted within three days prior to travel is still required to come into Jamaica. Delegates are asked to check the airline regarding requirements for the outgoing trip. Once in Jamaica, delegates can book covid tests online (<https://themdlink.com/p/sign-up> or <https://www.nurseheals.com/>). Persons will need to sign up first and then book the test indicating preferred day, time, and location.
4. It is up to each delegation to determine the number of representatives per delegation attending in-person.
5. All persons in attendance will be required to wear a face mask. Hand sanitizers will be provided by the entrance to the meeting room.
6. Owing to the ongoing renovation works at the Jamaica Conference Centre, delegates maybe inconvenienced in the use of the facilities.

***Access for people with disabilities***

7. Representatives with disabilities who require accessible seating during the meetings are kindly requested to bring this to the attention of the Secretariat at the soonest time possible via email at [secretary-general@isa.org.jm](mailto:secretary-general@isa.org.jm).

### **C. Virtual participation**

8. For any delegation opting to participate only virtually or both in-person and virtually, the Head of delegation will be required to inform the secretariat ([secretary-general@isa.org.jm](mailto:secretary-general@isa.org.jm)) no later than 14 March 2022 at 12:00 pm (Kingston time) one email address only to which the access token for the delegation to the online platform will be communicated before the start of the meetings. When logging in, it is necessary that the Delegation only enters the name of the State or the observer entity.

### **D. Procedural aspects of the Meeting**

#### ***Credentials***

9. Delegations are kindly requested to submit their credentials in pdf format to the secretariat via email to [secretary-general@isa.org.jm](mailto:secretary-general@isa.org.jm) as soon as possible and in the following formats:

- a scanned copy of the formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or a person authorized by the Minister; or
- a scanned copy of a duly signed communication such as a note verbale from either the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or the Permanent Mission to the International Seabed Authority or the Permanent Mission to the United Nations, containing provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-seventh session, pending the submission of the formal credentials.

10. Members of the Authority attending in-person are kindly requested to bring original hardcopy credentials to the secretariat on the first day of the Meeting. Submission of original credentials will be at a desk located in the Protocol and Credentials area at the first floor of the secretariat Building. Members who will only attend virtually are kindly requested to submit their original credentials by mail to the secretariat no later than 21 March 2022.

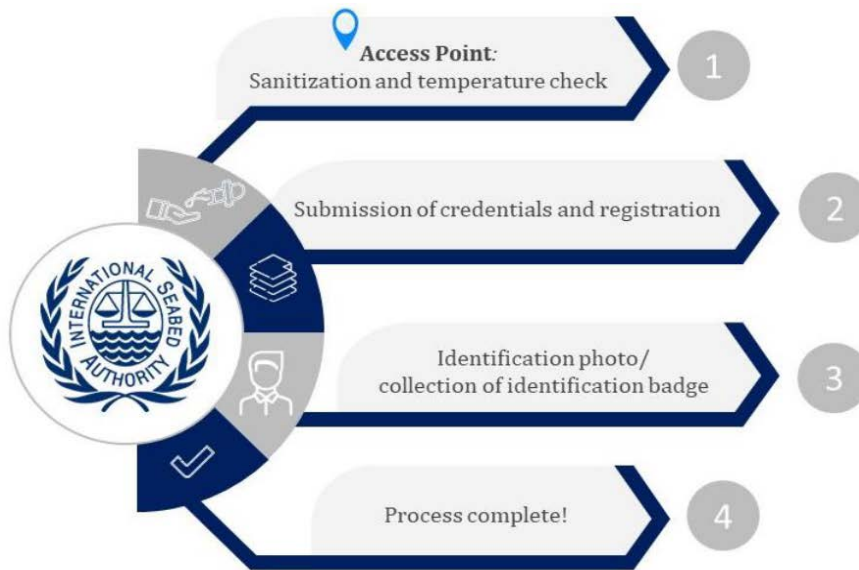
#### ***Observers***

11. Observers referred to in rule 82 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly are invited to transmit by email to the secretariat at [secretary-general@isa.org.jm](mailto:secretary-general@isa.org.jm) the name of the representative who will form part of the delegation, as soon as possible and no later than 12:00pm on 14 March 2022 (Kingston time). Observers are also invited to indicate by that date and time whether the representative will participate in-person or virtually in the meetings of the Council. Please refer to Section III above for details on virtual participation. For any specific questions on accreditations, please kindly contact the secretariat by email at [secretary-general@isa.org.jm](mailto:secretary-general@isa.org.jm). Observers are advised that the note verbale no. ISA/OLA/2022/037 of 16 February 2022 which was sent to Members and copied to Observers serve as notification of both for invitation purposes.

#### ***Pass***

12. For access to the secretariat building and the Jamaica Conference Centre, it is necessary to have a valid pass. Delegations are reminded to collect their passes for in person participation at the desk in the Protocol and Credentials area of the first floor of the secretariat building.

**Overview of delegation submission of credentials and registration workflow  
(in-person participation)**



**Documentation and interpretation**

13. The meetings of the 27th session will be paperless. Delegates are invited to use their portable devices to access all documentation. Pre-session and in-session documents will be made available on the Authority's website (<https://isa.org.jm/sessions/27th-session-2022>). Access to a secured WiFi connection will be provided.

**Statements**

14. In line with past practice, statements made during the meetings shared with the Secretariat ([council2022@isa.org.jm](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm)), including longer versions, will be posted on the website of the Authority, unless indicated otherwise.

15. The President of the Council may announce additional information to Delegations on the organization of the discussions once the meetings begin.

**E. Meeting services and other arrangements**

**Meeting Journal**

16. The journals for the meetings of the Council will be posted on the Authority's website <https://isa.org.jm/sessions/27th-session-2022> at 8 pm daily.

**ISA Web TV**

17. The meetings of the Council will be streamed online, and in all official languages of the Authority, at <https://www.isa.org.jm/index.php/web-tv>.

**F. Arrangements for meetings**

18. Provisions will be made for regional group meetings.

19. Due to the reduced use of facilities at the Jamaica Conference Centre in view of paragraph 6 above, no side events will be organized during the March session at the Centre. For delegations

wishing to organize a side event during the March session, options could be explored in one of the hotels in town.

**G. Medical services**

20. During the meetings, a medical team will be on standby to assist delegates. Delegates are kindly encouraged to notify the Security and Facilities Department of the Authority by telephone at 876-838-3902 or email [sphinn@isa.org.jm](mailto:sphinn@isa.org.jm) and the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) Jamaica email: [Lincoln.campbell@un.org](mailto:Lincoln.campbell@un.org) or [Lance.smith@un.org](mailto:Lance.smith@un.org).

**H. Transportation**

21. There will be a daily shuttle service, properly identified, offering transportation to and from the Pegasus at a rate of 15 USD/2,000 JAD for round trip and 10 USD/1,500 JAD for a one-way trip. In the mornings, a 9:00 a.m. departure is schedule from the Pegasus Hotel to the Jamaica Conference Centre and in the evenings, a 6:00 p.m. departure is schedule from the Jamaica Conference Centre to the Pegasus Hotel.

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