



Supplementary information on logistical and procedural aspects for the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

1. This note has been prepared upon request from the President of the Assembly for the twenty-sixth session, after consultation with the bureau, concerning the modalities for the in-person meetings of the Assembly from 1 to 5 August 2022.
2. This note is to be read in conjunction with the information on logistical and procedural aspects for the twenty-seventh session of the Council (Part II) and the Assembly to be held in Kingston, Jamaica from 18 July to 5 August 2022.¹
3. At a request from the Government of Jamaica as the host country, a special event will be held on the afternoon of 1 August 2022, during the twenty-seventh session, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the adoption and opening for signature of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. It may be noted that the same date marks the sixtieth anniversary of independence of Jamaica. For this event, a separate list of speakers will be established. Statements are encouraged to be made only by ministers, regional groups and (if time allows) permanent representatives to the International Seabed Authority, with a maximum time limit of 5 minutes per statement.
4. On an exceptional basis, considering the potential need for remote participation in the special event and the space limitation at the alternative meeting venue at the Knutsford Court Hotel, remote participation will be facilitated for the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly. This will not constitute a precedent for future meetings nor an amendment to the rules of procedure of the Assembly.
5. To allow the secretariat sufficient time to make the necessary preparations for remote participation, the head of delegation will be required to inform the secretariat (secretary-general@isa.org.jm) no later than 29 July 2022 at 12:00 pm (Kingston time), communicating one email address only to which the access token to the online platform will be sent 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.
6. As to the list of speakers, in line with the usual practice of the meetings of the Assembly, a preliminary list of speakers will be established for the provisional agenda item 2 “Annual Report of the Secretary General”. No preliminary list of speakers will be maintained for other provisional agenda items. For delegations wishing to speak under an agenda item, the floor may be requested after the President has opened the floor. Delegations attending virtually will have access to a “raise your hand” feature to request the floor. Once the President grants the floor, the speaker of the Delegation will turn on the camera and unmute.

¹ https://isa.org.jm/files/files/documents/Information_on_logistical_and_procedural_aspects_0.pdf

7. Credentials submitted in electronic version (“E-Credentials”) can be sent to the secretariat via email to secretary-general@isa.org.jm no later than 24 hours before the commencement of the meetings of the Assembly.

8. For delegates physically present for whom seating cannot be accommodated in the main and secondary meeting rooms, due to the limitations in the venue’s seating capacity, limited free seating is available at various locations on the premises (outside of the meeting rooms) where delegates can interact, mingle and work.

9. Additional information on the organization of the discussions may be announced once the meetings begin.

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