

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK¹

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION, PART I, 16-31 March 2023

WEEK 1 (16-17 March 2023)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Thursday 16 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 1</u>: Opening of the session. • <u>Item 2</u>: Adoption of the agenda (ISBA/28/C/L.1). • <u>Item 3</u>: Election of the President. • <u>Item 4</u>: Election of the Vice-President. • <u>Item 9</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area: <p>Organization of work</p> <p>Seventh 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 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 1982² (OEWG): Negotiations on the Chair’s revised text [direct link to the revised text – when ready].</p>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Seventh 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 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 (OEWG): Continued negotiations on the Chair’s revised text.

¹ Based on the provisional agenda of the Council (ISBA/28/C/L.1) and on the roadmap for the twenty-eighth session (ISBA/27/C/21/Add.2).

² Documents relevant for the Open-ended Working Group are available in this hyperlinked folder on the ISA website: [OEWG](#).

Friday 17 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Seventh 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 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 (OEWG): Continued negotiations on the Chair’s revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Seventh 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 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 (OEWG): Continued negotiations on the Chair’s revised text.

WEEK 2 (20-24 March 2023)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 20 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment³: Negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text [direct link to the further revised text – when ready].
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
Tuesday 21 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.

³ Documents relevant for the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment are available in this folder on the ISA website: [IWG ENVIRONMENT](#).

Wednesday 22 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
Thursday 23 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement⁴: Negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text [link to the further revised text – when ready].
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
Friday 24 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement: Continued negotiations on the Facilitator’s further revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<u>Item 9</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Review of progress</i> - <i>Intersessional dialogue</i>

WEEK 3 (27-31 March 2023)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 27 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 5</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council. • <u>Item 11</u>: Consideration of matters relating to the Enterprise. • <u>Item 12</u>: Operationalization of the Economic Planning Commission.

⁴ Documents relevant for the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement are available in this folder on the ISA website: [IWG ICE](#) .

	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters⁵: Negotiations of the Co-facilitators’ revised text [direct link to the text – when ready].
Tuesday 28 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters: Continued negotiations of the Co-facilitators’ revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters: Continued negotiations of the Co-facilitators’ revised text.
Wednesday 29 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: Fourth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters: Continued negotiations of the Co-facilitators revised text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: President’s text⁶: Resumed reading.
Thursday 30 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: President’s text: continued reading.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: President’s text: continued reading.
Friday 31 March 2023	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 9</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oral reports delivered by OEWG Chair and IWG Facilitators. - Agreement on intersessional work. • <u>Item 13</u>: Interim reporting of the work of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the first part of its twenty-eighth session, including on relinquishment matters.
	3 – 6 pm	<p>Adoption of draft decisions (as required). End of the first part of the twenty-eighth session.</p>

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⁵ Documents relevant for the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters are available in this folder on the ISA webpage: [IWG INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS](#).

⁶ Documents relevant for the President’s text are available in this folder on the ISA webpage: [PRESIDENT’S TEXT](#).