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29TH SESSION 2024

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY
INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK¹, v. 15 February 2024.
FIRST PART OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION, 18-29 March 2024.

WEEK 1 (18-22 March 2024)

Date	Time	Provisional Agenda Item
Monday 18 March 2024	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.• <u>Item 3</u>: Election of the President.• <u>Item 4</u>: Election of the Vice-Presidents.• <u>Item 6</u>: Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.• <u>Item 14</u>: Preliminary oral report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the first part of its twenty-ninth session.• <u>Item 10</u>: Presentation of the consolidated text of the draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Tenth Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, para. 1 of Annex III to the UNCLOS and under section 8 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the UNCLOS 1982. Topic for discussion: The royalty mechanism and review mechanism.
Tuesday 19 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Tenth Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, para. 1 of Annex III to the UNCLOS and under section 8 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the UNCLOS 1982. Topic for discussion: The royalty mechanism and review mechanism (continued).
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: <i>Informal informals</i>. Topic for discussion: Equalization measures. Rapporteur: Australia.
Wednesday 20 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Tenth Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms of a contract under article 13, para. 1 of Annex III to the UNCLOS and under section 8 of the

¹ Based on the provisional agenda of the Council ([ISBA/29/C/L.1](#)).

		Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the UNCLOS 1982. Topic for discussion: Environmental externalities .
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Thursday 21 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Friday 22 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : <i>Informal informals</i> . Topic for discussion: The inspection mechanism . Rapporteur: Norway.
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 20</u> : Report of the Secretary-General on incidents in the NORI-D contract area in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone.

WEEK 2 (25-29 March 2024)

Date	Time	Provisional Agenda Item
Monday 25 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters . Topic for discussion: Effective control .
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Tuesday 26 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment . Topic for discussion: Environmental Compensation Fund .
Wednesday 27 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment . Topics for discussion: EIA/EIS process and REMPs .
	3 – 6 pm	• <u>Item 10</u> : Seventh Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment . Topic for discussion: Test mining (2 hours). • <u>Item 10</u> : <i>Informal informals</i> . Topic for discussion: Intangible Cultural Heritage definition . Rapporteur: Federated States of Micronesia (1 hour).
Thursday 28 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	• <u>Item 5</u> : Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council. • <u>Item 18</u> : Cooperation with other relevant international organizations. - Memorandum of understanding between the International Seabed Authority and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). • <u>Item 19</u> : Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation with the OSPAR Commission. • <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-ninth session. - Development of a standardized procedure for the development, approval, and review of Regional Environmental Management Plans (REMPs).

	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 7</u>: Report on the status of the contracts for exploration and periodic reviews of the implementation of plans of work for exploration. • <u>Item 7</u>: Report on the relinquishment of areas under contract for exploration for polymetallic sulphides (IFREMER). • <u>Item 9</u>: Consideration of an application from the Government of India for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic sulphides. • <u>Item 9</u>: Consideration of an application from the Government of India for approval of a plan of work for exploration for cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts.
Friday 29 March 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitators and rapporteurs reporting to the President. - Review on the progress on the regulations. - Agreement on necessary intersessional work.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of draft decisions (as required). • <u>Item 22</u>: Other matters. • End of the first part of the twenty-ninth session.

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