



INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

29TH SESSION 2024



COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY
INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK¹, rev. 2.
SECOND PART OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION, 15-26 July 2024.

WEEK 1 (15-19 July 2024)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 15 July 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 1</u>: Resuming of the session.• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Thematic discussion: Equalization measures. Rapporteur: Australia.• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Tuesday 16 July 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Wednesday 17 July 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Thursday 18 July 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 14</u>: Oral report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the second part of its twenty-ninth session .• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Friday 19 July 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.• <u>Item 10</u>: Thematic discussion: Underwater Cultural Heritage. Rapporteur: Federated States of Micronesia (1 hour).
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.

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

WEEK 2 (22-26 July 2024)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 22 July 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Eighth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters. Topic for discussion: Effective control. • <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Tuesday 23 July 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Wednesday 24 July 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Eighth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment. Topic for discussion: Environmental Impact Assessment/Environmental Impact Statement.
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Eighth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment. Topic for discussion: Environmental Monitoring/Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan. • <u>Item 10</u>: Negotiations of the consolidated text.
Thursday 25 July 2024	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 8</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the status of national legislation relating to deep seabed mining and related matters (ISBA/29/C/13). • <u>Item 11</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the decision of the Council in 2023 relating to the reports of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission (ISBA/29/C/15). • <u>Item 12</u>: Report of the interim Director-General of the Enterprise (ISBA/29/C/12-ISBA/29/A/6). • <u>Item 15</u>: Report of the Finance Committee (ISBA/29/C/20-ISBA/29/A/9).

	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 16</u>: Budget of the International Seabed Authority (ISBA/29/C/11–ISBA/29/A/3; ISBA/29/C/L.2). • <u>Item 17</u>: Adoption of the scale of assessment for contributions to the budget of the International Seabed Authority for the financial period 2025–2026 (ISBA/29/C/11–ISBA/29/A/3, section VII, p.17). • <u>Item 14</u>: Report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the second part of its twenty-ninth session (ISBA/29/C/7/Add.1). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft revised standardized procedure for the development, establishment and review of regional environmental management plans (ISBA/29/C/10). • <u>Item 7</u>: Report on the relinquishment of areas under contract for exploration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on the relinquishment of 50 per cent of the area allocated to the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) under the contract for exploration for polymetallic sulphides signed with the International Seabed Authority (ISBA/29/C/16). - Report on the Relinquishment of two thirds of the area allocated to the China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association (COMRA) under the contract for exploration for cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts signed with the International Seabed Authority (ISBA/29/C/17). - Report on the relinquishment of two thirds of the area allocated to the Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security under the contract for exploration for cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts signed with the International Seabed Authority (ISBA/29/C/18). • <u>Item 9</u>: Consideration, with a view to approval, of applications for a plan of work for exploration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report and recommendations of the Legal and Technical Commission to the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic sulphides by Earth System Science Organisation (ESSO)-Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India (ISBA/29/C/14; ISBA/29/C/L.4). - Report of the Legal and Technical Commission to the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for cobalt rich-ferromanganese crusts by Earth System Science Organization-Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Government of India (ISBA/29/C/19).
Friday 26 July 2024	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 10</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitators and rapporteurs reporting to the President. - Review on the progress of the regulations. - Adoption of a roadmap 2024-2025. - Agreement on necessary intersessional work. • <u>Item 22</u>: Dates of the next session.

	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Item 21</u>: Proposal to the Assembly of a list of candidates for the election of the Secretary-General.• Adoption of draft decisions (as required).• <u>Item 23</u>: Other matters.• End of the second part of the twenty-ninth session.
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15 July 2024.