

**COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY**  
INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK<sup>1</sup>, v. 28 January 2025.  
FIRST PART OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION, 17-28 MARCH 2025.

**WEEK 1 (17-21 MARCH 2025)**

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 17 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 1</u>: Opening of the session.</li> <li>• <u>Item 2</u>: Adoption of the agenda (<a href="#">ISBA/30/C/L.1</a>).</li> <li>• <u>Item 3</u>: Election of the President.</li> <li>• <u>Item 4</u>: Election of the Vice-Presidents.</li> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Presentation of the Revised Consolidated Text of the draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 18 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text.</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 19 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text. Estimated discussion: Underwater Cultural Heritage (DR 35 and related).<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text.</li> </ul>
Thursday 20 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text. Estimated discussion: REMPS (DR 44 bis).</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text. Estimated discussion: Environmental Impact Assessment/Environmental Impact Statement (DR 46-48 bis).</li> </ul>
Friday 21 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text. Estimated discussion: Test Mining (DR 48 ter).</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text. Estimated discussion: Environmental Monitoring/Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (DR 49-52).</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Based on the provisional agenda of the Council ([ISBA/30/C/L.1](#)) and the roadmap endorsed by the Council during its July 2024 meetings ([ISBA/29/C/9/Add.1](#), Annex III).

<sup>2</sup> The "estimated discussion" provides an indicative timeline for when each draft regulation (DR) is expected to be addressed under the regulation-by-regulation approach, beginning with the Preamble and Draft Regulation (DR) 1 during the afternoon session on Monday, 17 March 2025. Please note that the expected dates are subject to adjustment based on the progress of negotiations.

**WEEK 2 (24-28 MARCH 2025)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
Monday 24 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text.</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text. Estimated discussion: Equalization measure (DR 64 bis).</li> </ul>
Tuesday 25 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text. Estimated discussion: The royalty mechanism and review mechanism.</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text. Estimated discussion: Stakeholder consultations (DR 93 bis and related), Rights and interests of coastal states (DR 93 ter and related).</li> </ul>
Wednesday 26 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text. Estimated discussion: Inspection, compliance and enforcement (ICE) mechanism and Compliance Committee (DR 96-105 bis).</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Revised Consolidated Text.</li> </ul>
Thursday 27 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 05</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council.</li> <li>• <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 thirtieth session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft decision on a request by the Government of India on the deferral of the second relinquishment of part of its contract area.</li> <li>- Draft decision on a request by the Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (Ifremer) on the deferral of the relinquishment of part of its contract area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <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.</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High-level discussions on standards and guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Friday 28 March 2025	10 am – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 12</u>: Consideration and adoption of a process for the Authority’s consideration and approval of applications for plans of work for exploitation in the absence of adopted regulations on the exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 11</u>: Draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reports to the President by facilitators and rapporteurs.</li> <li>- Review of the progress on the draft regulations.</li> <li>- Agreement on necessary intersessional work.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Adoption of draft decisions (as required).</li> <li>• <u>Item 20</u>: Other matters.</li> <li>• End of the first part of the thirtieth session.</li> </ul>

28 January 2025.