



COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY
INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK¹, v. 17 March 2026.
FIRST PART OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION, 9-20 March 2026.²

WEEK 2 (16-20 March 2026)

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Tuesday 17 March 2026	9 – 10 am Conference Room 4	<i>Informal meeting on Closure Plans (Informal Working Group, Fiji). Draft regulations 59-61 and Annex VIII.</i>
	10 am – 1 pm Conference Room 1 349 th meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Further Revised Consolidated Text. <i>Governance. Rights and Interests of Coastal States (Informal Working Group, Portugal, Singapore). Draft regulations 4, 4bis and 93bis – 1.5 hours.</i> <i>Regulatory. Modification of a Plan of Work (Friends of the President, U.K.). Draft regulation 57 – 1.5 hour.</i>
	2 – 3 pm Conference Room 4	<i>Informal meeting on ICE Mechanism and Establishment of the Compliance Committee (Informal Working Group, Norway).</i>
	3 – 6 pm Conference Room 1 350 th meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 19</u>: Report of the Secretary-General on the engagement and cooperation with BBNJ bodies and processes (ISBA/31/C/2/Rev.1). - Draft decision of the Council on engagement with bodies and processes under the Agreement on Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (ISBA/31/C/2/Rev.1, Annex). • <u>Item 11</u>: Negotiations on the Further Revised Consolidated Text. <i>Annexes and Schedule.</i>

¹ Based on the Agenda of the Council ([ISBA/31/C/1](#)) and the indicative list of outstanding issues ([ISBA/30/C/18](#), paragraph 6).

² Friday, 20 March 2026, is an official holiday (Eid al-Fitr), observed by the ISA ([ISBA/ST/IC/2025/8](#)).

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Wednesday 18 March 2026	10 am – 1 pm Conference Room 1 351 st meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 11: Negotiations on the Further Revised Consolidated Text. <i>Environmental. Conditions for beginning Exploitation of the Area. Draft regulation 2(3).</i> <i>Environmental. Definition of "Incident" and "Notifiable Event". Schedule.</i> <i>Regulatory. Treatment of the Enterprise. Draft regulation 19 and Schedule.</i> <i>Regulatory. Parent Company Liability. Draft regulations 23, paragraph 5(d), 24, Annex XI and Schedule.</i>
	2 – 3 pm Conference Room 4	<i>Informal meeting. Effective Control (Informal Working Group, Chile, Costa Rica).</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Schedule and definition.</i> ➤ <i>Draft regulations 5-7, 13, 21, 24, 24bis, 40, Annex I.</i>
	3 – 6 pm Conference Room 1 352 nd meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 5: Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council. • Item 10: Consideration, with a view to approval, of applications for extension of a contract for exploration.³ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interoceanmetal Joint Organization (ISBA/31/C/5, ISBA/31/C/L.2). - JSC Yuzhmoregeologiya (ISBA/31/C/6, ISBA/31/C/L.3). - Government of the Republic of Korea (ISBA/31/C/7, ISBA/31/C/L.4). - China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association (ISBA/31/C/8, ISBA/31/C/L.5). - Deep Ocean Resources Development Co. Ltd (ISBA/31/C/9, ISBA/31/C/L.6). - Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer (ISBA/31/C/10, ISBA/31/C/L.7).
Thursday 19 March 2026	10 am – 1 pm Conference Room 1 353 rd meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 11: Negotiations on the Further Revised Consolidated Text. <i>Regulatory. Resources Covered by the Regulations. Preamble.</i> <i>Regulatory. Confidential Information and Procedures to Ensure Confidentiality. Draft regulations 89-91.</i> <i>Regulatory. Whistleblowing Protections. Draft regulation 101bis.</i> <i>Regulatory. Review of the Regulations. Draft regulation 107.</i>

³ To be taken up following consideration by the Legal and Technical Commission.

Date	Time	Agenda Item
	3 – 6 pm Conference Room 1 354 th meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Item 11</u>: Consideration, with a view to adoption, of the draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of Standard and Guidelines. - Review of the progress on the draft regulations. - Agreement on necessary intersessional work. • Adoption of draft decisions (as required). • End of the first part of the thirty-first session.
Friday 20 March 2026 Official holiday⁴		

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