



ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK<sup>1</sup>

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION, 27-31 JULY 2026

Date	Time	Agenda Item
Monday 27 July 2026	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/31/A/L.1/Rev.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 5</u>: Appointment of the Credentials Committee.</li> <li>• <u>Item 8</u>: Election to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee, if any.</li> <li>• <u>Item 6</u>: Guidelines for observer status in accordance with rule 82, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/7</a>.</li> <li>• <u>Item 7</u>: Consideration of requests for observer status: <a href="#">ISBA/30/A/INF/12</a>; <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/INF/1 to ISBA/31/A/INF/16</a>.</li> <li>• <u>Item 15</u>: Oral statement by the President of the Council on the work of the Council during the thirty-first session: <a href="#">ISBA/31/C/19/Rev.1</a>; <a href="#">ISBA/31/C/19/Add.1</a>.</li> </ul>
	3–6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 9</u>: Annual report of the Secretary-General under article 166, paragraph 4, of the Convention. Presentation by the Secretary-General: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual report of the Secretary-General: <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/2</a>; <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/5</a>.</li> <li>- Report on the implementation of the action plan of the International Seabed Authority in support of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/3</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Tuesday 28 July 2026	10 am–1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Item 9</u>: Annual report of the Secretary-General under article 166, paragraph 4, of the Convention: statements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual report of the Secretary-General: <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/2</a>; <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/5</a>;</li> <li>- Report on the implementation of the action plan of the International Seabed Authority in support of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/3</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<sup>1</sup> Based on the provisional agenda of the Assembly ([ISBA/31/A/L.1/Rev.1](#)).

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		- Report on the implementation of the action plan of the International Seabed Authority in support of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/3</a> .
Wednesday 29 July 2026 <sup>2</sup>	10 am–1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Item 12</a>: Report and recommendations of the Finance Committee: ISBA/31/A/..-ISBA/31/C/,,,<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• <a href="#">Item 13</a>: Adoption of the budget of the International Seabed Authority: <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/4-ISBA/31/C/22</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Item 14</a>: Adoption of the scale of assessment for the contributions to the budget of the International Seabed Authority.</li> </ul>
	3–6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Item 11</a>: Report of the interim Director-General of the Enterprise: <a href="#">ISBA/31/A/6-ISBA/31/C/23</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Item 12</a>: Report and recommendations of the Finance Committee: process and criteria for the implementation of article 184 of the Convention.</li> </ul>
Thursday 30 July 2026	10 am–1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Item 10</a>: Periodic review of the international regime of the Area pursuant to article 154 of the Convention.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Item 18</a>: Ensuring adequate scientific understanding to support informed decision-making.</li> </ul>
	3–6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Item 17</a>: Consideration of a request for an advisory opinion from the Seabed Disputes Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea pursuant to article 191 of the Convention on matters relating to the legal implications for the International Seabed Authority of activities in the Area undertaken by non-States Parties: ISBA/31/A/8.</li> </ul>
Friday 31 July 2026	10 am–1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Item 16</a>: Report of the Credentials Committee.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Item 19</a>: Election to fill the vacancies on the Council in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the Convention: ISBA/31/A/CRP.1; ISBA/31/A/CRP.2.</li> </ul>
	3–6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Item 20</a>: Dates of the next session of the Assembly.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Item 21</a>: Other matters.</li> </ul>

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<sup>2</sup> A meeting of the Credentials Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 29 July 2026, between 2:00pm to 2:45 pm.

<sup>3</sup> As requested by the Assembly in its decision relating to financial and budgetary matters (see [ISBA/30/A/11](#)), the secretariat has prepared a report entitled: A Framework for the Common Heritage Fund: Equitable Sharing of Financial and Other Economic Benefits from Deep-Sea Mining, available here [A Framework for the Common Heritage Fund.pdf](#) This is presented for consideration to the Finance Committee.