

General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to recommend a course of action on the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects

**New York, 31 August – 4 September 2009
(Conference Room 1)**

Information for participants

Co-Chairpersons

On 10 August 2009, His Excellency Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, President of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in consultation with delegations, appointed H.E. Ambassador Hilario G. Davide, Jr., Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations, and H.E. Ambassador Gunnar Pálsson, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations, as the Co-Chairpersons of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

Documentation

The General Assembly, in paragraph 94(d) of its resolution 60/30, requested the preparation, of a report on the results of the “assessment of assessments”. That report was transmitted by the two lead agencies of the “assessment of assessments”, UNEP and IOC of UNESCO, to the Secretary-General, by letters dated 11 May 2009. The report is contained in document [A/64/88](#). Document A/64/88 contains the report of the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Steering Group and reflects a summary of the information provided in the comprehensive “assessment of assessments” report prepared by the Group of Experts.

Format and annotated provisional agenda

The format, agenda and annotated provisional agenda will be posted on this website in due course.

Side events

Lunch-time side events will be held from 1:15pm to 2:45pm in Conference Room 8, as follows:

Day	Organizer	Title
Monday, 31 August	UNEP and IOC of UNESCO	<i>Launch of the Assessment of Assessments report</i>
Tuesday, 1 September	IUCN	<i>Assessing Marine Species: The IUCN Red List</i>
Thursday, 3 September	Department of Economic and Social Affairs	<i>Side event on ocean acidification [by invitation only]</i>

Participation

In accordance with the rules of procedure and practices of the General Assembly, the meeting will be open to participation by representatives of the Member States, of the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, and of entities and organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly.