



INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

The Secretary-General



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The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority presents his compliments to the members of the Authority and has the honour to inform the latter that the First Part of the Twenty-Fourth session of the Authority will be the meetings of the Council which will be held in Kingston, Jamaica from 5 to 9 March, 2018.

Delegates are encouraged to take their electronic device to the meetings so that they can use the Authority's PaperSmart Portal which provides secure web-based access to documents, statements and meeting-related information.

Members of the Authority are cordially requested to transmit the appropriate credentials of their representatives to the Secretary-General of the Authority prior to the opening of the session. Credential can be emailed to cgriffiths@isa.org.jm and the original presented to the Protocol office upon arrival at the Authority. Delegates are further advised that, where applicable, visas for travel to Jamaica should be obtained prior to arrival in Jamaica.

To assist delegations, the provisional agenda of the Council and a tentative schedule of meetings have been attached. An informal note on matters before the Council and official documents will be posted on the Authority's website <http://www.isa.org.jm> as soon as they become available.

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the members of the Authority the assurances of his highest consideration.

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Kingston, 5–9 March 2018

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of the President.
4. Election of the Vice-Presidents.
5. Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council.
6. Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
7. Status of contracts for exploration and related matters, including information on the periodic review of the implementation of plans of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules.
8. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of national legislation relating to deep seabed mining and related matters, including a comparative study of existing national legislation.
9. Consideration, with a view to approval, of applications for a plan of work for exploration, if any.
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the decision of the Council in 2017 relating to the summary report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission.
11. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.
12. Report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at its twenty-fourth session.
13. Report of the Finance Committee.
14. Budget of the International Seabed Authority.
15. Scale of assessment for contributions to the budget of the International Seabed Authority.



16. Report of the Secretary-General on the election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission.
 17. Cooperation with other relevant international organizations.
 18. Dates of the next session.
 19. Other matters.
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INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK – TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION
Council of the International Seabed Authority

5 March 2018	6 March 2018	7 March 2018	8 March 2018	9 March 2018
MORNING MEETINGS: 10 AM to 1 PM				
<p>Item 1. Opening of the session</p> <p>Item 2. Adoption of the agenda/organization of work</p> <p>Item 3. Election of the President</p> <p>Item 4. Election of the Vice-Presidents</p> <p>Item 6. Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission</p> <p>Item 7. Status of contracts for exploration and related matters</p>	<p>Item 11. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p>Item 11. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p>Item 11. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p>Item 11. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>
<p>Side event: United Kingdom delegation @ 1.30pm</p> <p>Report of the workshop on the draft regulations for the exploitation of mineral resources in the Area: policy, legal and institutional considerations, London, 12 -13 February, 2018</p>	<p>Side event: Pew Charitable Trust @ 1.15 pm Topic: The ISA Mining Code and Regional Environmental Management Plans</p>	<p>Side event: International Seabed Authority @ 2 pm Topic: Briefing on the Development of the Strategic Plan</p>		
AFTERNOON MEETINGS: 3 PM to 6 PM				
<p>Item 10. Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the decision of the Council in 2017 relating to the summary report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission</p>	<p>Item 11. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p>Item 5. Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council</p> <p>Item 11. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p>Item 11. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p>Item 11. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>