



INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Note no. ISBA/OLA/2019/306

The Secretary-General

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority presents his compliments to the Members of the Authority and wish to inform the latter that the first part of the Council during the twenty-sixth session be held from Monday, 17 to Friday, 21 February 2020.

To assist delegations in their preparations, the provisional agenda of the Council along with the tentative schedule of meetings are attached. All relevant documents for the twenty-sixth session will be made available in due course on the Authority's website at <https://www.isa.org.jm/sessions/26th-session-2020>

Official documents will be posted in the six official languages as soon as they become available.

Members are invited to transmit the credentials of their representatives to the Secretary-General of the Authority prior to the opening of the session to Christine Griffiths (cgriffiths@isa.org.jm).

Delegations are advised that, where applicable, visas for travel to Jamaica should be obtained prior to their arrival in Jamaica.

The Secretary-General would also like to draw attention to the Third meeting of the open-ended ad hoc working group on 13 and 14 February 2020, immediately prior to the start of the Council. In this connection, reference is also made to the relevant part of paragraph 9 of the Statement of the President of the Council (*ISBA/25/C/17/Add.1*).

"9. The Council welcomed the progress made by the working group but recognized that further work still needed to be done. Therefore, the Council decided that the informal working group should convene its third meeting in 2020."

An informal note as well as a provisional agenda for the meeting of the open-ended working group will be posted on the Authority's website at a later date. Formal credentials will not be required for attending the open-ended working group. However, the Secretariat requires that confirmation of attendance is also to be sent in advance to Christine Griffiths.

To: Members of the International Seabed Authority

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The Secretary-General would further like to inform all Members of the Authority that pursuant to the Strategic Plan and the High-Level Action Plan for the Authority for 2019-2023, the Secretariat will organize an international workshop on “Capacity development, resources and needs assessments” that will be held from 10 to 12 February 2020 in Kingston, Jamaica. Further information on the modalities pertaining to the organization of the workshop will be shared in due course.

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.

29 November 2019



Council session, part I
Kingston, 17-21 February 2020

Provisional agenda of the Council

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. Issues relating to the election in 2021 of members of the Legal and Technical Commission.
7. 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, if any.
8. Status of contracts for exploration and related matters, including information on the periodic review of the implementation of approved plans of work for exploration.
9. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of national legislation relating to deep seabed mining and related matters.¹
10. Consideration, with a view to approval, of applications for a plan of work for exploration, if any.
11. Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the decision of the Council in 2019 relating to the reports of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission.
12. Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.
13. Report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at its twenty-sixth session.¹
14. Report of the Finance Committee.¹
15. Budget of the International Seabed Authority.¹
16. Scale of assessment for contributions to the budget of the International Seabed Authority.¹
17. Report on matters relating to the Enterprise.¹
18. Cooperation with other relevant international organizations.
19. Dates of the next session.¹
20. Other matters.

¹ To be considered in part II of the session, in July.

**INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK – TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION – First Part
Council of the International Seabed Authority (on the basis of the provisional agenda of the Council)**

17 February 2020	18 February 2020	19 February 2020	20 February 2020	21 February 2020
MORNING MEETINGS: 10 AM to 1 PM				
<p><u>Item 1.</u> Opening of the session</p> <p><u>Item 2.</u> Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (ISBA/26/C/L.1)</p> <p><u>Item 3.</u> Election of the President</p> <p><u>Item 4.</u> Election of the Vice-Presidents</p> <p><u>Item 6.</u> Issues relating to the election in 2021 of members of the Legal and Technical Commission</p> <p><u>Item 7.</u> Election to fill vacancies on the Legal and Technical Commission, if any</p> <p><u>Item 8.</u> Status of contracts and related matters</p>	<p><u>Item 12.</u> Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p><u>Item 12.</u> Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p><u>Item 5.</u> Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council</p> <p><u>Item 12.</u> Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p><u>Item 6.</u> Issues relating to the election in 2021 of members of the Legal and Technical Commission</p>
AFTERNOON MEETINGS: 3 PM to 6 PM				
<p><u>Item 11.</u> Report on the implementation of the 2019 decision of the Council on the Reports of the Chairman of the Legal and Technical Commission</p> <p><u>Item 12.</u> Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p> <p><i>Financial Model</i></p> <p><i>Report by the Chair of the open-ended working group</i></p> <p><i>Working method</i></p>	<p><u>Item 12.</u> Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p><u>Item 12.</u> Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p><u>Item 12.</u> Draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area</p>	<p><u>Item 20.</u> Other matters</p>