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**Group of Experts for the
Assessment of Assessments of
the Regular Process for Global
Reporting and Assessment of
the State of the Marine
Environment, Including
Socio-Economic Aspects**



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Regular process for the global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects

Group of Experts for the “Assessment of Assessments”

First Meeting:

Paris, France 8-10 November 2007

**Second Meeting of the Group of Experts for the start-up phase,
Assessment of Assessments of the Regular process for the global
reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment,
including socio-economic aspects**

Draft Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 1 – Opening and Organization of the meeting

1.1 The participants will be welcomed by representatives of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC/UNESCO) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), who will set the background for the meeting.

1.2 The Group of Experts will be invited to consider adopting the agenda of the first meeting of the Group of Experts (document GRAME/GOE/2/-1)

Agenda Item 2 - Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Steering Group held on 22 June 2007 in New York.

2.1 The secretariat will present a brief report on second meeting of the Ad Hoc Steering Group held on 22 June 2007 in New York.

Agenda Item 3- Progress made on Part 1 of the “assessment of assessment”: the state of the assessment landscape for oceans and coasts in the 21 selected regions.

- 3.1 Presentation of the first results of the templates and the North Atlantic example, by Alan Simcock.
- 3.2 Presentation of the results from the Mediterranean region by Beb Jeftic.
- 3.3 Results of the existing regional assessments with incorporation of analysis of the socio-economic aspects by Jill Jaeger.
- 3.4 All experts will be invited to briefly present their first results and findings, problems to overcome, gaps, suggestions for additional experts, etc. Discussions on the need for harmonization, structured assessments based on the 21 regions. Directions on how to build upon existing data collection and assessment activities for the “A of A”.
- 3.5 Review of the arrangements for the AoA Virtual Office (IOC/ J. Barbieri)
- 3.6 Review of the “Assessment of Assessment” database (database redesign/ new and updated entries) by UNEP-WCMC (Emily Corcoran).

Agenda Item 4- How to move forward with Part Two of the “A of A” outline: Evaluation of the existing assessments in the selected 21 regions, bearing in mind that drafts of part one and part two need to be delivered by April 2008. Discussions on guidance for development of Part Two.

Agenda Item 5- Commissioning of additional studies on global assessments on supranational issues

- GESAMP offer on Marine Pollution
- FAO to be consulted for Fisheries
- Offer of the EEA to be considered
- Others that may be identified

Agenda Item 6- Resource mobilisation for the rest of the “Assessment of Assessments; for an effective and more efficient strategy.

- Support to the Group of Experts : Review of existing arrangements including support needed to undertake “Assessment of Assessments” work.

Agenda Item 7-Report of Meeting

7. The Group of Experts will be invited to agree how to prepare the report of their meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Next Meeting

8. The Group of Experts will be invited to agree on how to fix the modalities for their next meeting. E.g. EEA headquarters in Copenhagen.