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Assessment of Assessments of
the Regular Process for Global
Reporting and Assessment of
the State of the Marine
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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 annotated provisional agenda

Agenda Item 1 – Opening and Organization of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Group of Experts for the “assessment of assessments” for the Regular Process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects will be open at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 8 November 2007 by UNEP and IOC of UNESCO the lead agency for the start-up phase of the Regular Process.

2. The meeting 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.

3. The secretariat will be invited to give a presentation on the report of the 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.

4. Alan Simcock will be invited to make a presentation of the first results of the templates and the North Atlantic example
5. The results from the Mediterranean region will be presented by Beb Jeftic.
6. There will be a presentation of the results of the existing regional assessments with incorporation of analysis of the socio-economic aspects by Jill Jaeger.
7. Other members of the GoE will be invited to briefly present their first results and findings, problems to overcome, gaps, suggestions for additional experts, etc. The presentations will be followed by 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”.
8. The Group of Experts will be invited to a discussion on review of the arrangements for the Assessment of Assessment” Virtual Office to be led by Mr. Julian Barbieri of IOC of UNESCO.
9. There will be a presentation of the on-going 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.

10. A discussion on how to move forward with Part Two of the “Assessment of Assessments” 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. Also to be discussed is how to proceed for development of Part Two. The secretariat will provide guidance on the discussions.

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

11. There will be a discussion on the commissioning of additional studies for part one of the outline for global assessments on supranational issues with partners such as:
 - 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 “A of A; for an effective and more efficient strategy.

12. The Group of Experts will be invited to discuss support for experts who need assistance and review of existing arrangements including support needed to undertake the assessment of assessment work.

Agenda Item 7-Report of Meeting

13. The meeting will be invited to agree how to prepare the report of their meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Next Meeting

14. The Group of Experts will be invited to agree on how to fix the modalities for their next meeting and consider the venue possibly the EEA headquarters in Copenhagen.