



17 August 2017

## **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

44th session of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP) to be held at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Geneva, Switzerland, from 4 to 7 September 2017

### ***Monday, 4 September***

#### *Morning session (closed session)*

Informal meeting of the Members of GESAMP

Initial meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (ExCom)

#### *Afternoon session*

Opening of the 44th session of GESAMP

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Report of the Chair of GESAMP
- 3 Report of the Administrative Secretary of GESAMP
- 4 Planning of GESAMP activities:
  - .1 Evaluation of the hazards of harmful substances carried by ships (WG 1: IMO leading)
  - .2 Review of applications for 'active substances' to be used in ballast water management systems (WG 34: IMO leading)

### ***Tuesday, 5 September***

#### *Morning session*

- .3 Atmospheric input of chemicals to the ocean (WG 38: WMO leading)

- .4 Establishment of trends in global pollution in coastal environments (WG 39: IAEA leading)
- .5 Sources, fate and effects of micro-plastics in the environment – a global assessment (WG 40: IOC-UNESCO and UN Environment co-leading)
- .6 Marine geoengineering (WG 41: IMO leading)

*Afternoon Session*

- .7 Impacts of wastes and other matter in the marine environment from mining operations, including deep-sea mining (WG42: IMO and UN Environment co-leading)
- 5 Contributions to other UN processes

**Wednesday, 6 September**

*Morning session*

Presentations by observers

- 6 Identification of new and emerging issues regarding the degradation of the marine environment of relevance to governments and sponsoring organizations

*Afternoon session*

- 8 GESAMP side event: "CO<sub>2</sub> in the Atmosphere-Ocean System: Impacts and feedbacks".

**Thursday, 7 September**

*Morning Session*

- 7 Scoping activities

CG 1: The environmental impact of disinfection by-products

CG 2: The impacts of chronic hydrocarbon contamination

CG 3: The causes and impacts of massive outbreaks of Sargassum seaweed in the Caribbean, Brazil and West Africa

CG 4: The impact of pharmaceutical and other novel chemicals in wastewater

CG 5: The extent and impacts of onshore and offshore sand mining

- 9 Date and place of GESAMP 45

10 Future work programme

*Afternoon session*

11 Any other business

12 Election of chairpersons

13 Consideration and adoption of the report of GESAMP 44

14 Closure of the session (at 5:30 p.m.)

***Friday 8 September (closed session)***

*Morning session*

Concluding meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (ExCom)

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