



20 July 2018

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

45th session of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP) to be held at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome, Italy, from 17 to 20 September 2018

Monday, 17 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 45th 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, 18 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 plastics and micro-plastics in the marine 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 marine mineral mining (WG42: IMO and UN Environment co-leading)
- 5 Contributions to other UN processes

Wednesday, 19 September

Morning session

- 6 Identification of new and emerging issues regarding the degradation of the marine environment of relevance to governments and sponsoring organizations
- 7 Scoping activities
 - CG 1: Relevance of inputs of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) into the marine environment
 - CG 2: Impacts of residues of chronic oil spills
 - CG 3: Causes and impacts of massive accumulations of the brown macro-algae Sargassum in the nearshore environment of the Caribbean and West Africa
 - CG 4: Issue of emerging pollutants in pharmaceutical waste and other novelty chemicals
 - CG 5: Sand and gravel mining
 - CG 6: Updating the information on sources and levels of the main pollutants impacting the global marine environment

Afternoon session

- 8 GESAMP side event: 'Harmful algal blooms and food security and safety in the context of climate change'

Thursday, 20 September

Morning Session

Presentations by observers

- 9 Date and place of GESAMP 46
- 10 Future work programme

Afternoon session

- 11 Any other business
- 12 Election of chairpersons
- 13 Consideration and adoption of the report of GESAMP 45
- 14 Closure of the session (at 5:30 p.m.)

Friday 21 September (closed session)

Morning session

Concluding meeting of the ExCom
