



5 May 2019

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

46<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of  
Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP) to be held at  
UNDP/UN-DOALOS, New York, United States,  
from 9 to 13 September 2019

### ***Monday, 9 September***

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

Initial meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (ExCom)

Informal meeting of the Members of GESAMP

#### *Afternoon session*

Opening of the 46<sup>th</sup> 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, 10 September***

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GESAMP – All day event

**Wednesday, 11 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 (WG 42: IMO and UN Environment co-leading)
  - .8 Sea-based sources of marine litter including fishing gear and other shipping related litter (WG 43: FAO and IMO co-leading)
- 5 Contributions to other UN processes

**Thursday, 12 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

*Afternoon session*

Presentations by observers

- 8 Date and place of GESAMP 47
- 9 Future work programme

**Friday, 13 September**

*Morning Session*

- 10 Any other business
- 11 Election of Chair and Vice-chair of GESAMP
- 12 Consideration and adoption of the report of GESAMP 46
- 13 Closure of the session (at 1:00 p.m.)

*Afternoon session*

Concluding meeting of the ExCom (closed session)

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