

# Official Announcement

## International Expert Workshop:

## Towards a standardised approach to Regional Environmental Management Plans in the Area

**11-13 November 2019 – Hamburg, Germany, Radisson Blu Hotel**

Request for expressions of interest to attend – deadline 13 September 2019

To whom it may concern,

The International Seabed Authority's Regional Environmental Management Plans (REMPs) for the Area will help ensure that the environmental effects of deep seabed mining activities are effectively managed pursuant to the constraints of UNCLOS Article 145 and in conformity with the common heritage of mankind status of the Area.

As initially announced by the German delegation at the occasion of the February 2019 meeting of the Council of the International Seabed Authority, an International Expert Workshop will be convened in November 2019 to discuss a standardised approach to REMPs, addressing scientific and technical as well as procedural questions surrounding requirements on the design, content, approval and implementation of REMPs.

The workshop will be hosted by Germany (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety; German Environment Agency) in cooperation with the Netherlands and the Pew Charitable Trusts. The workshop will build on existing experiences with the Clarion-Clipperton Environmental Management Plan and ongoing activities for selected marine regions. As a scientific basis, a two-year project commissioned by the German Environment Agency will provide a discussion paper for the workshop. Moreover, an initial working document for the standardized approach (the draft 'REMP template') will be made available and discussed during the workshop.

Please see a provisional agenda, enclosed for your information.

[Participant selection process](#)

We hereby invite expressions of interest to attend. Due to limited capacity, participants will be selected by the workshop organisers pursuant to the following criteria. First a reasonable attendance of State Parties, contractors and civil society organizations as well as ISA organs and other international organizations should be ensured. Second, a range of expertises should be reasonably represented, including: deep sea biology, spatial ecology, international law, environmental management implementation experience, environmental economics, and expertise on other industries such as fisheries, oil & gas, dredging. In addition, cross-cutting criteria such as gender equality and regional representation will be considered.

We kindly invite all being interested in attending the workshop to announce their interest by 13 of September 2019 the latest to [Luise.vonPogrell@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:Luise.vonPogrell@iass-potsdam.de) and [Harald.Ginzky@uba.de](mailto:Harald.Ginzky@uba.de) and to provide information on the nominee's affiliation as well as professional education and particular expertise in the field.

Where participants would require funding assistance to attend, please also mark this on the application notice.

The workshop organisers will endeavour to inform applicants whether they have successfully secured a place at the workshop by 20 September 2019.