

Technical support required for operationalising outreach and engagement: WOA digital platform

secretariat will also cultivate strategic partnerships with these entities to garner relevant support and resources, thereby augmenting the impact of the WOAs.

In its fourth cycle, the Regular Process will further benefit from key discussions and align its activities with those of various UN agencies, programmes and bodies. UN-Oceans, for which the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) serves as the Focal Point, provides an inter-agency coordination mechanism that has been under-utilised in previous cycles in building connectivity across UN agencies with regard to the Regular Process and its activities. By more effectively utilising UN-Oceans, the Regular Process can more efficiently access inter-agency expertise, disseminate information and build collaborations with agencies to further the objectives of each cycle.

Key interactions of note that require strengthened engagement during the fourth cycle include:

(i) IOC-UNESCO, particularly in relation to connecting the Global Ocean Science Report (GOSR) and State of the Ocean Report (StOR) and outputs from the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and IOC programmes to the Regular Process and vice versa. Information and data delivery pathways particularly via repositories managed by the International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) would strengthen information access pipelines needed to support the assessment.

(ii) UNEP, particularly in relation to connecting outputs from the GEO and IPBES assessments and Global Environment Monitoring System for the Ocean and Coasts (GEMS Ocean) and building potential collaborative efforts on assessments including exchange of expertise. As the information and reporting pathways for supporting the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework are finalised, strengthened connections with UNEP could be utilised to explore how the Regular Process might best support reporting requirements and progress against

