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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 00308 / 2026

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE PORT INSPECTION EXPERT GROUP FOR CAPACITY BUILDING AND ASSISTANCE (PIEG) (online, 4 February 2026)

Further to Circular 11879/25 of 4 December 2025, I would like to inform you that the Meeting of the Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity Building and Assistance (PIEG) has been convened for **4 February 2026**. This meeting will be held online, using the Zoom platform, from 11:00 to 16:00 Madrid time, with a one-hour break at around 13:00.

The current membership of the Expert Group is attached. To facilitate the organization of the upcoming meeting, Head Delegates have been contacted to confirm or designate their respective Experts. If you have not yet done so, please notify the Secretariat of any changes or updates. Please be reminded that in accordance with the [Recommendation by ICCAT to clarify and supplement the process for seeking capacity building assistance pursuant to ICCAT Recommendation 14-08 \(Rec. 16-18\)](#), paragraph 8 "The Expert Group will consist of **no more than one participant from each CPC**, participating as experts in port inspection and/or developing CPC needs, and not representing the interests of their respective CPCs." Nominated participants must also register for the meeting by **26 January 2026** using the online registration form which will shortly be available on the ICCAT [current meetings webpage](#).

As reminded during the 29th Regular Meeting of the Commission, any CPC wishing to request assistance for the first time, or update any previous requests for assistance are invited to submit their new or revised [Pre-assessment form](#) and in some cases also the [Self-Assessment form](#) to the Secretariat by **26 January 2026**.

The Tentative Agenda is attached and will be uploaded to the [Nextcloud document folder](#). CPCs wishing to submit a document for consideration by or for the information of the Expert Group other than the aforementioned assessment forms are requested to do so as early as possible, **preferably before 26 January 2026**.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary



Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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– Members of the Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity Building and Assistance

– Head Delegates

Attachment: Tentative Agenda and Expert Group membership as of 16 January 2026.



Meeting of the Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity Building and Assistance (PIEG)
(Online, 4 February 2026)

Tentative agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Election of the new Chair
5. Review of progress since previous meeting
6. Determination of next steps in the assessment of needs and review of training requests
7. Review the self-assessment forms for port inspection capacity building needs
8. Consideration of opportunities and partners to deliver training in 2026, including under ABNJ funding
9. Other matters
10. Adoption of report and adjournment



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(as of 16 January 2026)

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