

Note on the statements by HELCOM Observers and Invitees at the 2021 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting

HELCOM Observers and Invitees who may be represented at the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting

By HELCOM Observers are meant:

The Governments of the States, the Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) and the Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) who, according to the Rules of Procedure, have acquired observer status within HELCOM.

By Invitees are meant:

Any other organization which, under Rule 1.4 of the Rules of Procedure, has been invited to be represented at the Ministerial meeting.

As of 6 October 2021, the following organizations have expressed their interest to deliver a statement at the Ministerial Meeting:

- Baltic Farmers' Forum on Environment (BFFE)
- Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)
- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- Vision and Strategies Around the Baltic Sea (VASAB)

For other relevant organizations, please inform on your interest to deliver a statement at the Ministerial Meeting under Agenda Item 4 at the latest **by 8 October 2021** to HELCOM Executive Secretary, Mr. Rüdiger Stempel (rudiger.stempel@helcom.fi). The statements are to be provided to the Secretariat at the latest **by 14 October 2021**.

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HELCOM Observers

The HELCOM Observers will be divided into the following groups and be given a possibility for an oral intervention:

1. State Governments; each state government will be invited to make an intervention;
2. The IGOs are requested to form groups, with each group being invited to deliver a statement on behalf of all the members in the group. The number of groups will be decided based on the interest in making statements.
3. The NGOs will be invited to form two groups, one environmental and one industry/sector group, with both groups being invited to make an intervention on behalf of all the members in the group.

Invitees

Depending on the number of requests for interventions and the time available the invitees will be invited to deliver a statement. In all circumstances the invitees will be given a possibility to submit a written intervention.

Each oral statements can be maximum 3 minutes.