

**NOTE ON THE STATEMENTS BY HELCOM OBSERVERS AND INVITEES
AT THE 2018 HELCOM BRUSSELS MINISTERIAL MEETING**

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

By HELCOM observers are meant:

The Governments of the States, the Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO's) and the Non-governmental international Organizations (NGO's) 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 now the following organizations have expressed their interest to be invited to and make an intervention at the Ministerial Meeting;

- Race for the Baltic Sea, applying for the Observer status in HELCOM (decision to be made at HELCOM 39-2018)

Statements by HELCOM Observers and Invitees present at the Ministerial Meeting

HELCOM observers

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

1. State Governments; each state government will be invited to make an intervention;
2. The IGO's are invited to format themselves into groups, with each group being invited to make an intervention on behalf of all the members in the group. The number of groups will be decided based on the interest to make statements.
3. The NGO's will be invited to format themselves into 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 make an intervention. In all circumstances the invitees will be given a possibility to submit a written intervention.

Each oral statements can be 3-5 minutes, to be confirmed once the total number of statements is known.

For further information, please contact HELCOM Executive Secretary Ms. Monika Stankiewicz (monika.stankiewicz@helcom.fi) **by 1 February 2018**.