



Second Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections *2-4 October 2013, Montego Bay, Jamaica*

Welcome to the Second Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections

The Second Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections (GLOC-2) is a three-day gathering of scientists, experts, policy makers and NGOs who will make recommendations towards the implementation of the Manila Declaration on Furthering the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA)¹. This conference will explore current and emerging environmental management challenges that result from land-based activities, with a priority focus on the management of marine litter, wastewater and nutrients, as well as identifying possible solutions and the associated opportunities that exist in managing these issues at global, regional and national levels.

Conference Objectives:

The objective of this conference is to identify approaches to address current and emerging issues in the marine and coastal sector with a focus on the three priority source categories of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities for 2012-2016, namely marine litter, nutrients and wastewater. The overall purpose of Conference is to emphasize the interconnectedness of activities on land and how they impact on the oceans, with a focus on pollution prevention, reduction and control, while proposing ways to address these impacts through international and, as appropriate, regional cooperation.

Specific objectives:

- To identify possible policy pathways at the national level for the implementation of the GPA, including Integrated Coastal Management, other relevant national policies etc;
- To update on progress with implementation of the GPA Manila Declaration
- To showcase contribution of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans to the implementation of the GPA Manila Declaration
- To serve as a Partnership Forum for the three Global Partnerships on marine litter, nutrients and wastewater

The conference will provide sound science-based and objective recommendations for the three Global Partnerships on Marine Litter, Nutrients and Wastewater respectively. The GLOC is structured around the priority themes of the GPA: water quality (nutrients and wastewater) and marine litter (solid waste management), at regional, national and sub-national levels.

Expected Outcomes

- Agreement on measurable targets for selected source categories and regions;
- Identification of voluntary commitments to be proposed to relevant sectors (target setting within various areas)
- Commitment of new partners (preferably non-traditional)
- Identification of priority activities for each partnership to be implemented at global, regional and national levels
- Additional support and resources mobilized for the three global partnerships under the GPA

¹ The Manila Declaration on Furthering the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities was adopted by the Third Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the GPA (IGR-3 25-26 January 2012). Under the Manila Declaration, signatories reaffirmed their commitment to develop policies to reduce and control wastewater, marine litter and pollution from fertilizers. The Declaration contains a total of 16 provisions focusing on actions to be taken between 2012 and 2016 at international, regional and local levels the implementation of the GPA, which is hosted by UNEP. The GPA - the only global initiative directly addressing the connectivity between terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems - targets major threats to the health, productivity and biodiversity of the marine and coastal environment which result from human activities on land.



Provisional Agenda

*Second Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections (GLOC-2)
 2-4 October 2013, Montego Bay, Jamaica*

Wednesday 2 October	Day 1 of Conference: Rose Hall Ballroom
Item 1: 09:00-09:45	<p>Opening of Conference: Ms. Jacqueline Alder, Coordinator, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch, UNEP</p> <p>Prayer: Rev. Clement Clarke, New Testament Church of God, Montego Bay</p> <p>Welcome: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Glendon Harris</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Mrs. Elizabeth Maruma - Mrema, Officer in Charge and Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP</p> <p>Keynote Address: Honourable Robert Pickersgill, Minister of Land, Water, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jamaica</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Ms. Jacqueline Alder, Coordinator, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch, UNEP</p>
Item 2: 09:45-10:00	<p>Organization of the Conference²</p> <p>Jacqueline Alder, Coordinator, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch, UNEP</p>
Item 3: 10:00-10:30	<p>Manila Declaration – Progress to date since the Third Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA) at the international, regional and national levels.</p> <p>Vincent Sweeney, Coordinator, Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA)</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break

² Plenary discussions in English and Spanish only. All documentation is issued in English only.



<p>Item 4: 11:00-12:30</p>	<p>Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans – a platform for implementation of the GPA</p> <p>The 18 Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAPs) fulfill an important role in implementing the international agenda on marine and coastal issues and are key for the implementation of the GPA at a regional and national level. In bringing together governments, the scientific community, inter-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders, the various RSCAPs provide valuable regional frameworks for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) assessing the state of the marine environment; ii) addressing key developments that interact with the marine environment; and iii) agreeing on appropriate responses in terms of strategies, policies, management tools and protocols. <p>This session will look at the impact that the RSCAPs have had to date, and what role they can play with regard to the global partnerships under the GPA.</p> <p>Mr. Jorge E. Illueca, Former Assistant Executive Director of UNEP and Director of UNEP’s Division of Environmental Conventions.</p> <p>Dr. Tim Carruthers, Coastal and Marine Adviser, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme</p>
<p>12:30-14:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Side-event: Rippling the Plastic Disclosure Project out to your Regional Sea, community, region, and country (13.00-14.00, Rose Hall Ballroom)</p> <p>Come learn how you can bring about change in your communities that reduces plastic and marine litter at the source. This seminar will introduce you to the Plastic Disclosure Project, how it helps companies, institutions, events and others become more sustainable in their use of plastic. You will then be able to promote this programme in your areas, contributing directly to the goals and objectives of Rio+20, Honolulu Strategy, Manila Declaration and the GPA.</p>
<p>Item 5: 14:00-15:30</p>	<p>Partnerships – trends and approaches on global, regional and national scale and operationalization of the same</p> <p>To instigate and develop initial thoughts, a moderated plenary discussion will focus on engagement of stakeholders and the role and possible responsibilities of various groups including civil society, the private sector, individuals and media.</p> <p>Mrs. Elizabeth Maruma - Mrema, Officer in Charge and Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP</p> <p>Mr. Steve Rochlin, co-CEO, IO Sustainability</p> <p>Mr. Stanley Rampair, Global Water Partnership</p> <p>Mr. Christian Severin, Secretariat, The Global Environment Facility</p> <p>Mr. Peter J. Kristensen, Global Partnership for Oceans, World Bank</p>
<p>15:30-16:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>



<p>Item 6: 16:00-17:00</p>	<p>The contribution of marine and coastal ecosystems to sustainable development</p> <p>The session is aimed at discussing policy pathways for a transition towards a Green Economy for Oceans in key ocean-based sectors and the macroeconomic reforms to facilitate the enabling conditions. One specific item for discussion is the contribution of natural capital by coastal and marine ecosystem services, particularly the climate related services of productive coastal ecosystems (blue carbon), into a Green Economy transition. The session will be focused on specific examples of re-direction of sector policy reforms in the island and coastal states and incorporation of blue carbon in national policies.</p> <p>Possible policy pathways for transition to Green Economy for Oceans: Ms. Jacqueline Alder, Coordinator, FMEB, UNEP</p> <p>National Blue carbon policy development: Mr. Andreas Hutahaean, Head-Research Group on Blue Carbon, Research Centre for Coastal and Marine Resources, Indonesia</p> <p>Structured discussion</p>
<p>Item 7: 17:00-18:00</p>	<p>Priority areas: nutrients, wastewater and marine litter – where are we?</p> <p>Jan Willem Erisman, Director Louis Bolk Institute (Nutrients)</p> <p>Steven Ntifo, Jacobs Engineering UK (Wastewater)</p> <p>Peter Kershaw, Vice-Chairperson, The Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (Marine Litter)</p>
<p>18:00-21:00</p>	<p>“Meet & Greet” & Poster session</p> <p>Side-event: Caribbean Environment Programme Visual Feast - Take a peep into the Deep (19.00-20.00, Rose Hall Ballroom)</p> <p>Reality cannot be captured in one single image or description; imagery sometimes tells the real story. CEP’s story is of the Caribbean Sea - the life force of the Caribbean People, which is threatened by a diverse set of issues including pollution from activities on land, which affects our precious marine ecosystems.</p> <p>The Wider Caribbean Region is gravely threatened by the effects of marine litter, improper wastewater disposal and agrochemical run off, including fertilizers, into the Caribbean Sea, but this sad reality is hidden when one sees the predominant images of white sandy beaches and crystal clear waters. Take a Peep into the Deep is an insightful montage of images and videos that showcases damage being done to our beloved Caribbean Sea and the accomplishments of CEP and its member states in protecting this much valued and shared resource from the effects of pollution.</p>



**UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
PROGRAMME DES NATIONS UNIES POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT
PROGRAMA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS PARA EL MEDIO AMBIENTE**



Thursday 3 October	Day 2 of Conference
Item 8: 08.30-18.00	Parallel sessions for nutrients, wastewater, marine litter and coral reefs (separate agendas)
18.00-19.00	Speed presentations: nutrients, wastewater and marine litter & GPA
19.30-21.00	"Jamaica night" Reception (hosted by Government of Jamaica)

Friday 4 October	Day 3 of Conference (Rose Hall Ballroom)
Item 9: 09:00-09:15	Recap: Conclusions and recommendations from 2nd Day's work.
Item 10: 09:15-10:30	<p>The power of partnerships: Awareness & Outreach (Moderator: Dr. Mike Biddle)</p> <p>Ms. Maria Westerbos, Plastic Soup Foundation/Mr. Andrew Russell, Plastic Disclosure Project</p> <p>Professor Mark Sutton, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH)/ International Nitrogen Assessment</p> <p>Mrs. Patricia Aquing, Integrating Watershed and Coastal Areas Management (<i>IWCAM</i>) in the Small Island Development States (SIDS) of the Caribbean</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
Item 11: 11:00-12:00	<p>Institutional financing mechanisms and opportunities at global, regional and national levels (Moderator: Mr. Gérard Bonnis)</p> <p>Plenary to discuss institutional financing mechanisms and opportunities</p> <p>Global: Mr. Christian Severin, The Global Environment Facility (GEF); Mr. Peter Kristensen, Global Partnership for Oceans</p> <p>Regional levels: Ms. Denise Forrest, Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management, (GEF-CReW)</p>
Item 12: 12:00-12:45	<p>Draft elements for a report from the Conference: UNEP</p> <p>Reflections on recommendations</p>
Item 13: 12:45-13:00	Closing of the Conference: Chair & UNEP



UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
PROGRAMME DES NATIONS UNIES POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT
PROGRAMA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS PARA EL MEDIO AMBIENTE



13:00-14:00	Lunch Side-event: Beat the microbead (13.15-14.00)
Global Partnership Forums 14:00-18:00	Global partnership discussions (Separate agendas): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Partnership on Nutrient Management• Global Partnership on Marine Litter• Global Wastewater Initiative• Coral Reef Partnership Forum

Target Audience: Government policy makers, Scientists, NGOs, Regional Institutions, National Institutions, Local government, Private sector.