



First Announcement

Second Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections

'Building bridges through partnerships – results through collaboration'



The GPA

The GPA was adopted by 108 Governments and the European Commission in 1995, through the "Washington Declaration". The programme underwent three intergovernmental reviews (Montreal in 2001, Beijing in 2006, Manila in 2012).

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 through 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.



2-4
October
2013
Montego Bay
Jamaica

The **Second Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections (GLOC-2)** will take place October 2-4, 2013, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Government of Jamaica are co-organizers of the conference, the second of its kind, and the first to be convened in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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 are:

- 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 identify possible policy pathways at the national level for the implementation of the GPA, including Integrated Coastal Management, and other relevant national policies; and
- To serve as a Partnership Forum for the three Global Partnerships on marine litter, nutrients and wastewater.

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;**
- **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.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Travel award application : 1 July 2013 Poster abstract submission: 1 July 2013

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