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# Marine Pollution –

*"The Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (the Program)"*

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# The Global Ocean Agenda since 2017

- SDG 14 on Ocean

- Fast track for Ocean;  1st UN Ocean Conference 2017 New York–  2nd UN Ocean Conference 2020 Portugal

- Community Action Hubs – under SDG14

- UN Decade of Ocean Science adopted December 2017 (2021-2030)

- UN Global Compact Ocean Business Leadership

- MoU between UN and "La Maisons des Oceans" in Paris with office of UN Secretary General´s Envoy for Ocean, working with Friends of Ocean Action to support the SDG14;

- PROG - Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance

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# The Global Ocean Agenda Ctd.

- Our Ocean Summit (since 14) Bali 2018; Norway 2019; Palau 2020
- Heads of State and Government From Panel to Support Sustainable Ocean Economy (High Level Panel on Ocean Prime Minister of Norway)
- World Economic Forum on Ocean
- Commonwealth Ocean Agenda
- G7 and G20 Blue Agenda  and Plastic Charter
- Conventions including but not limited to;  Convention Biological Diversity; IPCC Ocean Report Ocean/COP23 Ocean-Climate Partnership Pathway, Basel Convention, Regional Conventions
- Sustainable Blue Economy Conference Nairobi

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# The Marine Pollution – a key issue on the global ocean agenda

Work have been done since address the issue Plastic Pollution;
1995 (GPA) Still plastic pollution will be doubling in 10-15 years.
Global Consens – the sense of urgency

*UN Environment*
- Ad-hoc Open-Ended Expert Group
-Clean Seas Campaign Education and awareness activities
- Marine Litter Partnership
-Subprogrammes incl Chemical and Waste
-Regional Conventions Protocol and Partnerships
-International resource panel,
- Life cycle analysis, corporate responsiblity;
- New Plastics Economy commitments
- Global Plastic Partnership
-UNEA Pollution Implementation Plan

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- G7 Plastic Charter
- Global Marine Plastic Partnership (World economic Forum) @UNGA
- Commonwealth  - Plastic Charter
- UN Global Compact Business Leadership on Plastics
- Big Campaigns and outreach activities

# Background  GPA

- 1995; Initial mandate Established to address nine sources of marine pollution: (sewage, persistent organic, radioactive, heavy metals, oils, nutrients, sediment mobilization, litter and physical alteration

- "Graduated" – persistent organic pollutants/heavy metals (Basel Convention)

- Current Mandate
    The Global Partnership on Marine Litter
    The Global Partnership on Nutrient Management
    The Global Wastewater Initative

# Challenges of the Global Programme of Action







- Limited country engagement between Inter Governmental Reviews – 5 years
- Weak inter-agency cooperation framework

- Limited awareness, engagement and impact at a global and national level
- Limited country implementation oversight – particular for countries without targeted national support

- No funding for Secretariat since 2012
- 1million USD/year plus IGR 600,000USD

# New Context since 1995

- Agenda 2030- ocean related targets and indicators (2015)
- UN Environment Assembly (decision 2012)– Theme Towards a Pollution Free planet including marine pollution (2017)
- UN Environment Assembly Resolutions on marine litter and waste water,
- UN Environment Assembly´s Ministerial Outcome Document and the "Implementation Plan" to address pollution
- Regional Seas Programmes, incl regional Protocols and Partnership
- Basel Convention et al

# Reflections on the future of the Global Programme of Action

1.     Option: Business as usual

2.     Option : Full Integration

3.     Option: Evolving

# Business as usual

## Governance

- Intergovernmental Review – set programme mandate
- 5 Year IGR cycle
- Secretariat in UN Environment

## Implementation

- Intergovernmental Review Declarations
- Country priorities
- Work plan adopted by countries

## Financing

- Need for funding GPA Trust Fund plus intergovernmental meetings

# Fully Integrated

## Governance

- Use UN Environment Assembly as the intergovernmental body
- Guide work by *relevant* UNEA resolutions, (waste water, litter, chemicals, waste etc)
- UN Implementation Plan for Pollution

## Implementation

- Fully integrate marine pollution and the implementation from the UN Environment Assembly´s Ministerial Outcome Document and the Implementation Plan to address Pollution.
- National action plans are fully in line with SDG14.1 targets and 6.3
- Strenthen the regional seas to develop or establish regional protocols and/or partnerships to target pollutants of crusical importance in their region
- The 3 partnerships fully integrated within UN Environment Programme of Work, to be scaled up with relevant partners and fully integrated in the global agenda as to set out a global path lead by UN Environment

# Evolving

## Governance
- Keep an intergovernmental Meeting to be held every two year

## Implementation
- Mainstreaming the UN Environment Programme of Work
- Based on UNEA Resolutions

## Financing
- GPA Trust Fund to finance projects
- UN Environment to finance Secretariat

# Fundamental issues

- Decision making body
  - UNEA as a global environmental framework
  - Regional Seas – as regional framework

  Do we need for a seperate governmental mechanism for marine pollution
- Scale up and enhance interlinkages and synergies
- Strengthen partnership and multistakholder engagement
  - Stronger Partnership Agenda
- Link to UN Environments work – GPA vs.UNEA Resolution (yet seperate – still integrated)
- Outcome from "Ad-hoc Open-Ended Expert Group"

# Expected outcome of Bali

- How to adress marine pollution
- Discussion and input from member State
- Link to UNEA – SDG14 – land ocea connection initiatives (source- to –seas plattform)

Outcome from IGR to be presented to UNEA4