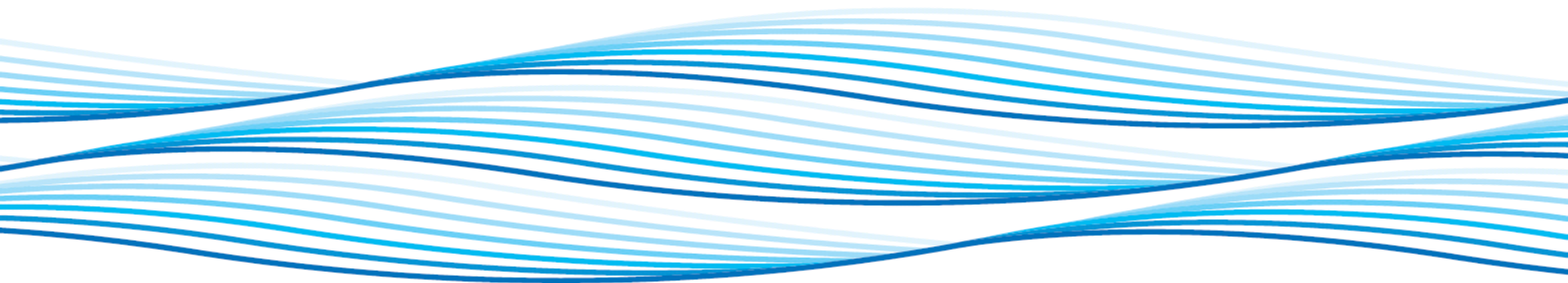




Regional Seas in the Post-2015 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals

Maryam Niam-Fuller & Jackie Alder
UNEP




Proposed Ocean SDG (Goal 14) & 10 Targets

Goal: Conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Targets

Cover broad areas:

- Pollution of all kinds (14.1)
 - Habitats, Ecosystems, MPAs (14.2, 14.5)
 - Ocean Acidification (14.3)
 - Fisheries – overfishing/stock restoration, IUU, destructive, subsidies (14.4, 14.6, 14b)
 - Economic benefits – SIDS, LDCs, small scale fishers (14.7, 14b)
 - Knowledge and technology transfer (14.a)
 - Legal – UNCLOS, regional & international regimes (14.c)
- 
- A decorative graphic at the bottom of the slide consisting of several overlapping, wavy lines in shades of blue, resembling ocean waves.

Post-2105 Agenda and SDGs and Regionalism

Future We Want outcome document:

- Oceans figured prominently
- Regional dimension of sustainable development and working at regional level acknowledged
- Regional organizations urged to assist – capacity building, regional agreements and arrangement, information exchange, best practices
- SDG for Oceans, Target 14c. Specifies regional regimes for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources

Post-2015 Agenda and SDGs – Role of the Regional Seas

4 Key Considerations:

1. How can RS best assist in translating ocean targets linked to trans-boundary cooperation and implementation into nationally appropriate agendas and actions?
2. How can RS better deliver technology transfer?
3. How can RS support member states in leveraging different types of finance beyond overseas development assistance: domestic and international public and private finance mechanisms?
4. How can RS state of the environment reporting be used to contribute to monitoring, reporting and accountability for the Ocean SDG

1) Translating ocean targets linked to trans-boundary cooperation into nationally appropriate agendas & actions

Pollution: LBS protocols; setting regional targets; defining indicators;

Habitats & Ecosystems including MPAs: SPAW protocols; ecosystem approach and improved resilience

Sustainable Tourism: support to programmes such as Green Fins for coral reef tourism

Legal aspects: support ratification of protocols and their implementation; strengthening compliance committees

2) How can RS better deliver technology transfer?

Strengthen knowledge sharing platforms

Improve the capacity and knowledge of Science & Technology communities within RS

Enhance the use of information tools for sound decision making

Advance science-to-policy dialogues

3) Leveraging different types of finance: domestic and international public and private finance mechanisms?

Developing innovative financing mechanisms

Green Economy/Blue Growth

Ecosystem Services Valuation

Partnerships and linking to existing partnerships

4) State of the environment reporting to contribute to monitoring, reporting and accountability for Ocean SDG

Contribute to identifying indicators and the methods for measuring and standards for reporting

Include indicators in state of environment reporting where appropriate

Use of existing clearing house mechanisms to assist in coordinating and reporting