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Provisional Agenda

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JOINT UNEP/EC WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE

9-10 November 2015, Brussels

Background:

UNEP has the mandate to coordinate regional seas conventions and action plans and administers seven of them worldwide (Caribbean Region, East Asian Seas, Eastern Africa Region, Mediterranean Region, North-West Pacific region, Western Africa Region and Caspian Sea). UNEP assists the regional seas member countries in pursuing regional ocean governance for regional sustainable development, and promotes partnership between/among the RAPs/RSCs, Regional Fishery Bodies, Large Marine Ecosystem mechanisms, regional economic commissions and other sectoral and political mechanisms.

In June 2015, the European Union initiated a public consultation on the topic of international Ocean Governance, which was closed on 15 October 2015.

A set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit, and UN member states are now expected to initiate work towards their implementation. The discussion on Oceans governance therefore needs to take full consideration of the Ocean related SDGs, including SDG 14 “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”. Furthermore, the UN General Assembly has adopted a resolution on the development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on Law of Sea to promote the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction. Some of the regional seas have already started working on area-based management or initiated studies on issues relevant to biodiversity in these areas.

UNEP has also promoted green economy in oceans and associated sectors, which can serve as a theoretical input to the current blue economy/growth discussion and to related initiatives in different regions of the world. The European Union has been promoting the blue growth.

In the Mediterranean, the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), which is one of the regional seas programmes administered by UNEP and to which the EC is a Party, has enjoyed a long standing cooperation with the EC. Particularly, the MAP is implementing the Ecosystem Approach project in synergy with the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive. MAP has developed a close link with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean and Union for the Mediterranean, and has contributed to implementing the Mediterranean Sustainable Development Strategy.

Moreover, oceans governance is identified as one of the priority areas listed under the recently agreed UNEP-EC MoU Annex (paragraph 6, Chapter IV).



Objectives of the joint UNEP-EC workshop on oceans governance:

- To share the experiences from regional ocean governance experiences in different marine regions to contribute to the development of effective ocean governance strategies

Expected outcomes:

- Substantive contribution to the European Commission Communication on International Ocean Governance under preparation ;
- Contribution to a wider ocean governance strategy ;
- Exchange of views on regional governance frameworks, based on work under the regional seas, in particular related to marine spatial planning and monitoring mechanisms; and
- Preparation of a list of joint action by UNEP and European Commission

Provisional Programme of the Workshop:

time	session	responsibilities
9 November 2015		
0900 - 0930	Registration	
0930 – 1000	Opening session: International Ocean Governance: Opening and Welcoming	Ulf Björnholm, Head of the UNEP Liaison Office to the EU Matjaž Malgaj, Head of Unit, DG ENV
0930-0940	Introduction: EU initiative on International Ocean Governance	Haitze Siemers, Head of Unit, DG MARE
0940-0950	Regional seas and international ocean governance	Michele Candotti, Chef de Cabinet, UNEP
0950-1000	Statement: European Commission	Marianne Wenning, Director, Directorate C, DG ENV, EC
1000-1030	Coffee/tea break	
1030-1245	Ocean governance at national, regional and global levels	Facilitator: Takehiro Nakamura, UNEP
1030-1050	Existing regional level ocean governance frameworks – presentation of the UNEP paper	Julien Rochette, IDDRI
1050-1100	IMO conventions and regional implementation	Fredrik Haag, IMO
1100-1110	Implementation of the MARPOL Convention at EU	Anna Bobo Remijn, DG MOVE

1110-1120	level Regional fisheries bodies and regional ocean governance	Merete Tandstad, FAO
1120-1230	Discussion on the existing regional ocean governance frameworks and their mandates, efficiencies and coverage	
1230-1400	lunch break	
1400-1550	Existing regional level ocean governance frameworks and their cooperation	Facilitator: Matjaž Malgaj, EC
1400-1410	Ocean data for governance, including EBM/MSP	Alejandro Iglesias Campos, UNESCO-IOC
1410-1420	Cooperation between MAP and GFCM	Gaetano Leone/Tatiana Hema, MAP and Abdellah Srour, GFCM
1420-1430	Collective arrangements –OSPAR and NEAFC	Darius Campbell, OSPAR
1430-1550	Discussion on possible models for inter-sectoral ocean governance	
1550-1610	Coffee/tea break	
1610-1730	SDGs and incorporation of SDGs in regional ocean governance framework	Facilitator: Hans Stielstra, EC
1610-1620	SDG implementation: roles of regional ocean governance	Sebastian Unger, IASS
1620-1630	SDGs and regional seas (results of the discussion at the 17 th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans)	Irina Makarenko, Black Sea Commission
1630-1640	Mediterranean Sustainable Development Strategy	Gaetano Leone/Tatjana Hema, MAP
1640-1750	Discussion (on possible action of regional ocean governance in the implementation and monitoring of SDGs)	
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0900-0920	Re-cap from Day 1	Takehiro Nakamura, UNEP
0920-1100	Possible tools for integrated ocean governance	Facilitator: Paulo Nunes, UNEP

0920-0930	Ecosystem approach	Gaetano Leone/Tatjana Hema, MAP
0930-0940	Maritime spatial planning – linkage with MSP/ ICM and MPAs	Monika Stankiewicz, HELCOM
0940-0950	Strategic Environment Assessment within ocean governance	Jihyun Lee, CBD
0950-1100	Discussion on how to use the tools for ocean governance	
1100-1120	Coffee/tea break	
1120-1245	African Ocean Governance	Facilitator: Christine Haffner-Sifakis, UNEP
1120-1135	African Ocean Governance strategy development and initiatives of Nairobi Convention	Dixon Waruinge, Nairobi Convention
1135-1150	Cooperation between regional fisheries bodies and regional seas in West, Central and Southern Africa	Merete Tandstad, CECAF
1150-1300	Discussion on the inter-regional cooperation on ocean governance	
1300-1430	Lunch break	
1430-1600	Linking with global governance discussion	Facilitator: Matthias Leonhard Maier, EC
1430-1440	International Process of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (through video conference)	Alice Hicuburundi, DOALOS
1440-1450	Regional/global interaction in the BBNJ context	Seppo Nurmi, DG MARE
1450-1500	Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities and marine litter	Takehiro Nakamura, UNEP
1500-1600	Discussion on linkage with global governance discussion	
1600-1645	Coffee/tea break and formulation of draft conclusions	
1645-1730	Conclusions of the workshop	Facilitator: Paulo Nunes, UNEP and Matjaž Malgaj, EC
1730-1740	Closure of the workshop	Matjaž Malgaj, Haitze Siemers EC and UNEP