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15<sup>th</sup> Global Meeting of the Regional Seas  
Conventions and Action Plans  
Montego Bay, Jamaica 30<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013

**Draft Provisional Agenda**

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## ***Provisional Agenda***

### **Day 1**

**Monday, 30 September 2013**

**8:30 - 9.00 Registration**

**9.00 Opening of the Meeting**

**Welcoming remarks**

- Bakary Kante, Director, DELC, UNEP
- Margarita Astralaga, Director, ROLAC, UNEP (tbc)
- Nelson Andrade, Coordinator, CAR/RCU
- Background, purpose and expected outcomes of the meeting
- Jackie Alder, Head, Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Branch, UNEP
- Presentation of participants

**9.30 Session 1**

**Partnerships between Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans and UN Agencies, MEAs and Civil Society**

- Strengthening the collaboration between CBD and the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
David Coates, Environmental Affairs Officer, Convention on Biological Diversity
- Strengthening the collaboration between GPO and the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Peter Kristensen, Team Leader, Global Partnership for Oceans, World Bank

**11.00 Coffee break**

**11.30 Session 1 Continued**

**Partnerships between Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans and UN Agencies, MEAs and Civil Society**

- Strengthening the collaboration between IMO and the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Fredrik Haag, Technical Officer, Office for the London Convention/Protocol and Ocean Affairs, IMO
- Strengthening the collaboration between GRID-Arendal and the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Peter Harris, Senior Marine Science Advisor, Geoscience Australia, GRID-Arendal
- Strengthening the collaboration between IOC-UNESCO and the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Cesar Toro, Head, IO-Caribe

**13:00 Lunch break**

## **14.30 Session 2**

### **Updates from the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans**

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Chair: Hector Soldi, Secretary General, CPPS

## **16:00 Coffee Break**

## **16.30 Session 2 Continued**

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## **17:30 Closing of Day 1**

## **Day 2**

**Tuesday, 1 October 2013**

## **9.00 Session 3**

### **Regional Marine Governance**

- Introduction to regional marine governance framework  
Jackie Alder, Head, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch, UNEP
- Governance review and recommendations on possible collaboration model between RFMOs, RSCAPs and LME commissions Julien Rochette and Raphaël Billé Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales (IDDRI)
- Collaborative arrangements between RFMOs and RSCAPs  
Johan Williams, President, North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission

## **11.00 Coffee break**

## **11.30 Session 3 Continued**

### **Regional Marine Governance**

- Governance on ABNJ - focusing on overview of ABNJ and possible regional approaches  
Sebastian Unger, Scientific Coordinator, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS Potsdam)
- Regional targets, objectives and indicators under the Regional Seas Governance  
David Johnson, UNEP Consultant

**13:00 Lunch break**

**14.30 Session 3**

**Regional Marine Governance**

- Discussions on the role of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans in terms of regional oceans governance.
- Structured discussion on three topics:
  - Practical arrangements for collaboration among regional organisations
  - Possible action of regional seas on ABNJ (political action, EBSA, VME and pilot area-based management)
  - Regional target setting and monitoring

Chair: Dixon Waruinge, Head, Secretariat for the Nairobi Convention

**16:00 Coffee Break**

**16.30 Session 4**

**Global Conference on Land-Oceans Connections 2**

- Presentation on GLOC 2 - Objectives, Policy Documents, proposed Programme and role of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Vincent Sweeney, Coordinator, GPA, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch, UNEP □

Questions and answers on the GPA presentation

Chair: Alexander Tkalin, Coordinator, NOWPAP

**18.00 Closing of Day 2**

- Closing Remarks: Ibrahim Thiaw, UNEP Deputy Executive Director (tbc)