

## GRID-Arendal

- Norwegian foundations
- Created 1989 by Norwegian Ministry of Environment
- Supports UNEP

## UNEP Shelf Programme - Background

- UN GA asked in December 2002 UNEP to use existing competence and capacity in GRID network to support developing states and SIDS in delineating their continental shelf
- DEWA asked GRID-Arendal to coordinate this work
- UNEP Shelf Programme was established in 2004, funded mainly by Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## UNEP Shelf Programme - Status

- Extended continental shelf outside 200 M
- Approx. 75 Developing states
- Approx. 25 in Africa
- Complicated exercise, main challenge data
- 10 years deadline, May 2009

## UNEP Shelf Programme - Status

- Raised Awareness
- One Stop Data Shop
- Provided 35 states with data
- Training courses and capacity building
- Advisory services

## UNEP Shelf Programme - Challenges

- 13 of May 2009
- Preliminary information into full submission
- Late signatory states
- Maintaining expertise and capacity until time of defending the submission to CLCS



## GRID-Arendal - Expertise

- Network established with coastal and marine developing states
- Geoscientific expertise (Geology, geomorphology, geophysics, interpretation)
- Data repository and expertise
- Capacity building and graphic expertise

## Marine activities and plans

- “In Dead Water” rapid assessment report
- Regional rapid assessment reports
- World food crisis, the role of ocean discards
- Exploitation of non-living resources from the ocean
- Many Strong Voices
- Benthic Habitat Mapping

# Capacity Building in Oceans and Coastal Management

- Marine Environment and Resource Information Network (MERIN)
  - Integrated ecosystem management for coastal and marine resources
  - National level
  - Facilitation
  - Climate change adaptation



## GRID-Arendal - Possibilities

- Small organisation that can adapt quickly
- Support from Norwegian government to develop marine activities
- Funding base through Norwegian Framework agreement

