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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Provisional Agenda

Day 1

Monday, 29 October 2007

8:30 – 9:30 Registration

10.00 Opening

Welcoming remarks

- Dr. Ziad Abu-Ghararah, Secretary General, Regional Organisation for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Region (PERSGA)
- Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel, UN Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, UNEP
- His Royal Highness Prince of Saudi Arabia Turki bin Nasser bin Abdul Aziz, President, Meteorological and Environmental Protection Administration, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 Session 1

Introductory session

- Background, purpose and expected outcomes of the meeting
Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), UNEP
- Implementation of the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2004-2007
Brief presentation and discussion on achievements and challenges experienced in the implementation of the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2004-2007

13:00 Lunch break

14.30 Session 2

Climate Change: Adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change on the marine and coastal environment

- *Overview of the findings of the latest IPCC report as regards the marine and coastal environment*
Presentation by Prof. Wong Poh Poh, Coordinating Lead Author of Chapter 6 (Coastal Systems and Low-Lying Areas) of the Working Group 2 Report: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability of Climate Change, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- *UNEP Draft Strategy on Climate Change*
Presentation by Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director DEPI, UNEP
- *Recent amendments to the OSPAR Convention to permit carbon capture and storage*

- Presentation by Prof. David Johnson, Executive Secretary, OSPAR
- Sharing of experiences among the Regional Seas as it pertains to climate change impact mitigation and adaptation on the marine and coastal environment
- Discussion and identification of relevant Regional Seas programmes' responses

16:30 Coffee Break

17.00 Session 3:

Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

- *Findings and recommendations of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment*
Presentation by Mr. Anantha Duraiappah, Chief, Ecosystem Services Economics Unit, DEPI, UNEP
- Sharing of experiences among the Regional Seas as it pertains to the economic valuation of goods and services provided by the marine and coastal environment
- Discussion and identification of relevant Regional Seas programmes' responses

18.00

Establishment of an Ad hoc Working Group on the Strategic Directions 2008-2012 and an Ad hoc Working Group on the Jeddah Declaration

General Introduction by the Chair, on the functioning of and expectations from the Ad hoc Working Groups, and election of Moderators

18:15 Closing of Day 1

AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2008-2012

AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE JEDDAH DECLARATION

20:00 Dinner Reception

Hosted by H.R.H. Prince Turki bin Nasser bin Abdul Aziz

Day 2

Tuesday, 30 October 2007

9.00 Session 4

Ecosystem-based Approaches

- *Ecosystem management: Core principles*
Presentation by Mr. Anantha Duraiappah, Chief, Ecosystem Services Economics Unit, DEPI, UNEP
- *IUCN Red Sea Marine Programme: Globally-guided regionally-implemented marine conservation*
Presentation by Mr. Ameer Abdullah, Marine Biodiversity Specialist, IUCN Global Marine Programme
- *A Manual on the Ecosystem Approach for the Regional Seas*
Presentation by Dr. Alan Simcock, UNEP Regional Seas and UNEP/WCMC consultant
- Sharing of experiences among the Regional Seas as it pertains to practical mechanisms to forward ecosystem-based management strategies
- Discussion and identification of relevant Regional Seas programmes' responses

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 Session 5

International governance and scientific issues regarding the high seas and deep-water ecosystems and biodiversity

- *Overview of international governance and scientific issues regarding the high seas and deep-water ecosystems and biodiversity*
Presentation by Mr. Stefan Hain, Head, UNEP Coral Reef Unit, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP/WCMC)
- *Delineation of the Continental Shelf: Implementation of Article 76 of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea*
 - Presentation by Mr. Hariharan Pakshi Rajan, Senior Law of the Sea Officer, Office of Legal Affairs, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (UN/DOALOS)
 - Presentation by Mr. Joan Fabres, UNEP Shelf Programme Coordinator, GRID/Arendal
- Sharing of experiences among the Regional Seas as it pertains to the management and governance of the high seas and deep waters
- Discussion and identification of relevant Regional Seas programmes' responses

13:00 Lunch break

14.30 Session 6

Technical cooperation and capacity-building

- *The Role of the International Hydrographic Organization in the protection of the marine environment: Capacity building*
Presentation by Rear Admiral Abdul Rahman Al Sheri, Director of the Hydrographic Department of the General Directorate of Military Survey (GDMS), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, representing the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
- *Capacity building for the sustainable management of marine resources*
Presentation by Mr. Joan Fabres, GRID/Arendal
- Discussion and identification of relevant Regional Seas programmes' responses

15:30 Coffee Break

15.50 Session 7

International Year of the Reef (IYOR)

- Special event organised by the UNEP Caribbean Environment Programme and UNEP/WCMC

16.50 Brief report on progress by the Ad hoc Working Groups

17:00 Closing of Day 2

17:00 Visit to the old city of Jeddah and Taibat Museum

AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2008-2012

AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE JEDDAH DECLARATION

Day 3

Wednesday, 31 October 2007

9.00 Session 8

Mainstreaming: Definition of practical and innovative approaches to mainstream the environment -with a particular emphasis on the Regional Seas- into national development planning and budgeting

- *Overview of the ongoing initiatives to mainstream the environment -with a particular emphasis on the Regional Seas- into national development planning and budgeting*
Presentation by Ms. Veerle Vandeweerd, Director, Environment and Energy Group, UNDP
- *Mainstreaming coastal and marine environmental issues, particularly as it relates to natural disaster implications, in national development planning and budgeting*
Presentation by Mr. Stefano Belfiore, Programme Specialist, Office of the Assistant Director General, UNESCO and Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
- *How disaster reduction is being/can be mainstreamed into national development planning and budgeting*
Presentation by Mr. Mostafa Mohaghegh, Regional Coordinator for West Asia and North Africa, International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 Session 8 continued

- *Analytic and pragmatic approach for the mainstreaming of the marine and coastal issues into national planning and budgetary processes*
Presentation by Prof. John Soussan, Director, Water Programme, Stockholm Environment Institute, University of York, United Kingdom
- Sharing of experiences among the Regional Seas as it pertains to the integration of the Regional Seas into the national poverty and environment-related development processes and instruments
- Discussion and identification of relevant Regional Seas programmes' responses

13:00 Lunch break

14.30 Session 9

Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2008-2012

- *Brief Report on the UNEP Brainstorming Meeting on UNEP's oceans and coasts-related programmes, as it pertains to the Regional Seas Programme, internationally recognised concerns and adopted targets, to be considered in the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2008- 2012*
Presentation by Mr. Lucien Chabason, UNEP consultant
- *Collaboration between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans in the context of the Regional Seas Strategic Direction 2008-2012*
Presentation by Ms. Jihyun Lee, Environmental Affairs Officer for marine and coastal biodiversity, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP
- *Report by the Ad hoc Working Group on the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2008-2012*
Discussion and agreement
- *Report by the Ad hoc Working Group on the Jeddah Declaration*
Discussion and agreement

16.15 Session 10

Upcoming events and other matters

- Preparations for the World Oceans Conference 2009 (WOC 2009), Mr. Indroyono Soesilo, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia, and Chairman, WOC 2009 Organising Committee
- General discussion and any other matters

16:45 Coffee Break

17.00 Closure

- Adoption of the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2008-2012 and the Jeddah Declaration

Acknowledgments and closing remarks

- Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director, DEPI, UNEP
- Dr. Ziad Abu-Ghararah, Secretary General, PERSGA
- Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel, UN Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director, UNEP
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