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Conventions and Action Plans
Beijing, People's Republic of China
13th -14th October 2006

Provisional Agenda
(25 September 2006)

Participants of the Regional Seas meeting are also invited to the 2nd Intergovernmental IGR2 Review Meeting (IGR2) of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), 16-20 October, Beijing, People's Republic of China.

Please register on the GPA website <http://www.gpa.unep.org/bin/php/igr/igr2/pre.php>



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Day 1 – Friday, 13 October 2006

09.00 Opening (Introduction)

Session 1: Regional Seas Strategic Directions, 2004 - 2007

09.15 Progress in implementing the global Regional Seas Strategic Directions, 2004-2007.

- (i) Regional Seas Coordinating Office
- (ii) By the individual regions (see agreed POW¹). Brief bullets requested at the meeting.
(5-7 minutes per region)

11.00 *Coffee break*

Session 2: Second Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the GPA (IGR-2) 16-20 October 2006

11.15 Regional Seas and the GPA/IGR-2

- (i) Briefing on the IGR2 Agenda, expected outcomes and the possible role of the RS in implementing the proposed POW 2007-2011 of the GPA and how the Regional Seas will respond to the outcome of IGR2.
- (ii) Brief on Regional Seas related events at IGR2 (Partnerships).
- (iii) Regional Seas related input/documents to IGR2:
 - GPA implementation in the Regional Seas;
 - Financing the implementation of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans;
 - GPA implementation at regional level: The role of Regional Seas Conventions & their Protocols;
 - Large Marine Ecosystems (LME) – *actions and related reports.*

12.30 *Lunch break*

13.30 Second Session continued

15.00 *Coffee break*

Session 3: Delineation of the Continental Shelf

15.15 Delineation of the Continental Shelf (Presentation by Grid Arendal followed by discussions)

¹ Download under the 6th Global RS Meeting i.e. http://www.unep.org/regionalseas/RS_Global_Meetings/default.asp



Day 2 – Saturday 14th October 2006

Session 4: Global and Regional Cooperation

Biodiversity related issues - Current activities and exchange of experiences

09:00 Regional Seas and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

10:00 Regional Seas and the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Regional Seas and the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP)

12:30 - Lunch

13:30 RS Coordinating Office Progress Report:

1. UNEP's Global Initiative on Marine Litter (including the new Marine Litter website)
2. Marine and Coastal Protected Areas
 - i. UN MPA partnership (UNESCO, CBD, Regional Seas, WCMC, UN-DOALOS, FAO, IMO, UNDP, RAMSAR, ICRAN, World Bank, GEF, IWC)
 - ii. "Establishing National and regional systems of MPAs: - a review of progress with lessons learnt" report.
3. Financial Instruments and Sustainability

14:15 Regional Seas' contribution to Sustainable Development - (The Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development)

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 General discussions and any other business

17:00 Closing