



**United Nations
Environment
Programme**



**Twenty-third Global Meeting of Regional Seas
Conventions and Action Plans**
Barbados, 20- 23 November 2023

Provisional agenda

1. Welcome and opening remarks.
2. Organizational of the meeting
 - 2.1 Organization of work.
 - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda
3. Update on progress from the last meeting
4. Common action to implement Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2022-2025
5. Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework
6. Ocean Governance
 - 6.1 Plastics treaty
 - 6.2 New agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)
 - 6.3 Third UN Ocean Conference in France, 2025
 - 6.4 Blue/Ocean based economies
 - 6.5 World Ocean Assessment
7. Small Islands Developing States and Least Developing Countries
8. UNEP Regional Seas Programme @50 and United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) participation
 - 8.1 UNEP Regional Seas @50
 - 8.2 UNEA 6 strategic participation of Regional Seas Programme
9. Date and Venue for the next meeting
10. Meeting declaration
11. Any other business
12. Closure of the meeting
13. Field excursion

Day 1 – 20 November 2023

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Moderator/Presenter</i>
08.30-09.15	1. Welcome and opening remarks. Opening Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Video message by Inger Andersen, UNEP Executive Director (tbc) (b) Susan Gardner, Director Ecosystems Division (tbc) (c) Hon. Adrian R. Forde, Rph, Minister of Environment, National Beautification and the Blue and Green Economy, Barbados (tbc) (d) Johan Robinson, Head Ecosystems Integration Branch, Ecosystems Division 	Johan Robinson
09.15-09.30	2. Introductions and organization of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Organization of work. 2.2 Adoption of the agenda 	Nancy Soi
09.30-10.00	3. Update on progress from the last meeting	Nancy Soi
10.00-10.30	Coffee/ Tea break	
10.30-11.00	4. Presentation on common action to implement Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2022-2025	Johan Robinson
11.00-12.45	Statements by Representatives of the Regional Seas Secretariats on their plan to support implementation of the RSSD 2022- 2025 Summary update by each Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Abidjan Convention b) Antigua Convention c) Barcelona Convention d) Black Sea e) Cartagena Convention f) COBSEA i) CPPS j) OSPAR k) Nairobi Convention l) NOWPAP m) PAME n) PERSGA o) SACEP p) SPREP q) Tehran Convention r) HELCOM 	Heads of Secretariats
12.45-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-17:00	5. Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Theme presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overview of the Kunming-Montreal GBF goals and targets and key development by the CBD to support its implementation by Joe Appiott, CBD Secretariat b. Overview of UNEP’s strategy for implementation of the K-M GBF c. Consultation on the Regional Seas Programme strategy for implementing the K-M GBF Plenary discussions on implementation plan of the K-M GBF	Tatjana Hema Joe Appiott Marieta Sakalian Misha Paltsyn
15:30-16:00	Coffee/Tea break	
16:00-17:00	Plenary discussions on implementation plan of the K-M GBF- Continued	
18.30-20.30	Reception dinner	All

DAY 2 – 21 November 2023

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Moderator/Presenter</i>
08.00-08.10	Opening day 2, recap of day 1	Johan Robinson
08.10-10.30	6. Ocean Governance 6.1 Plastics treaty Theme presentations a. Update on the progress made by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution b. Presentation by BRS Secretariat on sound management of chemicals and waste – focus on plastics c. Overview of regional seas work on plastics and potential roles Plenary discussions on plastics pollution	Mahesh Pradhan INC Secretariat David Ogden - BRS Secretariat Fadilah Ali
10.30-11.00	Coffee/Tea break	
11.00-12.45	6.2 BBNJ Thematic presentations a. New agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) b. World Ocean Assessment Plenary discussions on BBNJ and the World Ocean Assessment	Dixon Waruinge Charlotte Salpin UNDOALOS -rep
12.45-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.30	6.3 Third UN Ocean Conference in France, 2025 Thematic presentation a. Preparation of the third UN Ocean Conference in 2025, in Nice, France Plenary discussions on UNOC 3	Dominic Pattison Amb. Poivre d'Arvor
15.30-16.00	Coffee break	
16.00-17.00	6.4 Financing and partnerships on Ocean governance Theme presentations a) Updates and opportunities by the Global Environment Facility b) The Global Fund for Coral Reef (GFCR) c) The Coral Research & Development Accelerator Platform (CORDAP) Plenary discussions	Lorenzo Galbiati Heidi/Isabelle Vanderbeck Francis Staub/ Heidi Savelli Francis Staub
17.00-18.00	Meeting with the UNEP administered RSCAPs Thematic presentations a) MEA Unit- Corporate services b) Legal support- Law Division	Johan Robinson Isabel Martinez Mamadou Kane

Day 3: 22 November 2023

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Moderator/Presenter</i>
08.00-08.10	Opening day 3, recap of day 2	Johan Robinson
08.10-10.30	7. Small Islands Developing States and Least Developing Countries Thematic presentations a) Update on the 4 th International Conference on Small Island Developing States, May 2024 in Antigua, and Barbuda b) Experiences from Pacific SIDS c) Experiences from Caribbean SIDS d) Experiences from African SIDS	Christopher Corbin Leticia Carvalho/Heidi Savelli Anastacia Stowers Vincent Sweeney/Susana Perera Valderrama Dixon Waruinge/Abdoulaye Diagana
10.30-11.00	Coffee/ Tea break	
11.00-12.45	8 Blue/Ocean based economies Thematic presentations a) Overview of the strategic guide on Blue economy by UNEP for the Regional Seas Programme b) Experiences on Blue economy work – case study of Barbados Plenary discussions	Piero Manini Gaetano Leone/Nancy Soi Representative of the Government of Barbados
12.45-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.30	9. UNEP Regional Seas Programme @50 and United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) participation Thematic presentations a) UNEP Regional Seas @50 b) UNEA 6 strategic participation of Regional Seas Programme Plenary discussions	Irina Makarenko Johan Robinson Mamadou Kane
15.30-16.00	Coffee/Tea break	
16.00-17:00	10. Strengthening coordination role of UNEP on the Regional Seas Programme Thematic presentation a) Results of the survey on strengthening coordination of the Regional Seas Programme Plenary discussions	Nancy Soi Aidan McKean
17:00-17.30	Wrap- up and closure of the meeting Closure of the meeting a) Date and Venue for the next meeting b) Meeting outcomes c) Any other business d) Closure of the meeting	Johan Robinson
17:30-18.30	Side event by ICRI: Turning the Tide for Coral Reefs: the importance of regional activities	Francis Staub

Day 4: 23 November 2023

9.00- 18.00 Excursion to

- Richard Haynes Boardwalk
- Bridgetown Sewage Treatment Plant
- The National Botanical Gardens