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Draft Provisional Agenda

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Provisional Agenda

Expected outcomes

Increased understanding of how Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAPs) and UNEP will collaborate to increase the visibility and strategic involvement of RSCAPs in key processes at global and regional levels.

Expected outputs

- Regional Seas Strategic Directions (RSSD) 2017-2020
- Preparation of RSCAP input to the GPA IGR 4
- Stepwise plans for RSCAP to respond to the SDG post-2015 process

Expected results

- Increase visibility of the Regional Seas Programmes and the RSCAPs in key global and regional initiatives and processes.
- Clear understanding of regional targets, objectives and priorities and how they link to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Pre-event

Monday, 19 OCTOBER 2015

09:00	African Ocean Governance Strategy Meeting
12:00	Lunch
13:30	African Ocean Governance Strategy Meeting (Continued)
18:00	Closure of pre-event

Day 1

Tuesday, 20 OCTOBER 2015

8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00	Opening of the Meeting	
Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP (to be confirmed)• Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Turkey (to be confirmed)• Coordinator, Black Sea Commission		
Background, purpose and expected outcomes of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mette Wilkie, Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), UNEP		
Presentation of participants Adaption of meeting agenda		
10:00	Session 1	Parallel Media

		Session1: Marine Litter (1 hour)
<p>Presentation of the summary report on the Implementation of Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2013-2016, by UNEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP will present the summary of reports from the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans on the main challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2013-2016. • Intervention by the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans on the summary report • Discussion on possible improvements for the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2017 - 2020 <p>Chair: Irina Makarenko, Black Sea Commission</p>		Presentation of expert 1
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	Session 1 continued	Parallel Media Session2 Ocean Governance (1 hour)
<p>Sustainable Development Goals and the Regional Seas</p> <p>In September 2015, the UN member States will have agreed on the Sustainable Development Goals and in the current proposal, one Goal is devoted to oceans and seas. Some of the goals and targets are also relevant to the Regional Seas. Based on a working document to be circulated prior to the meeting, the Regional Seas will enter into discussions on regional targets related to the SDG-Oceans and marine related Aichi Targets of the CBD.</p> <p>Chair: Darius Campbell, OSPAR</p>		Presentation of expert 2
13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Press conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Seas at 40 years Report • GPA 20th Anniversary • Ocean Regional Governance Report • Biodegradable Plastic Report 	
14:30	Session 2	
<p>Protection of Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The General Assembly has agreed to develop an international legally-binding instrument on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. • This session will describe potential engagement of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans in the conservation in ABNJ. Some regional seas will share their experiences and lessons learnt 		

Chair: to be confirmed (UNEP DELC)	
16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 16:15	Presentation on the “New tools for the assessment of biodiversity” (University of Algarve)
16:30	Session 2 continued
<p>Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2017 – 2020</p> <p>RSCAP will draft new Strategic Directions based on the SDGs and other relevant considerations</p> <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>	
18:00	Closing of Day 1
19:30	Dinner hosted by UNEP and Black Sea Commission

Day 2
Wednesday, 21 OCTOBER 2015

9:00	Session 3
<p>Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2017 – 2020</p> <p>RSCAP will draft new Strategic Directions based on the SDGs and other relevant considerations</p> <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>	
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Session 4
<p>Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2017 – 2020</p> <p>RSCAP will draft new Strategic Directions based on the SDGs and other relevant considerations</p> <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>	
13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 14:00	Presentation on Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance by the Partnership secretariat (UNEP/IASS/IDDRI)
14:30	Session 4 continued
<p>Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2017 – 2020</p> <p>Finalizing the new Strategic Directions (or the future processes) based on the identified elements. These elements should allow follow-up on the SDGs</p> <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>	
16:00	Coffee Break

16:30	Session 4 continued
<p>Future implementation of RSSD 2017 – 2020 and UNEP Regional Seas Coordination Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering the new Strategic Directions, RSCAPs are invited to discuss on the future coordination by UNEP Regional Seas Coordination Unit • RSCAPs database management thorough inforMEA will be presented <p>Identification of venue and timing for 18th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans</p> <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>	
18:00	Closing of Day 2

Day 3
Thursday, 22 OCTOBER 2015

9:00	Session 5
<p>Preparations for the Fourth Intergovernmental Review meeting (IGR-4) of the Global Programme of Action (GPA) for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of preliminary report of the implementation of the Manila Declaration Vincent Sweeney, Coordinator, GPA, MCEB, UNEP <p>Review of Implementation of the GPA Program of Work 2012 -2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions by Chairs of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans and Partners <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>	
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Session 5 continued
<p>Preparation for the Fourth intergovernmental review meeting (IGR-4) of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA)</p> <p>Strategic directions for GPA Context: SDGs; Rio+20; SAMOA Pathway; UNEA-2</p> <p>Policy issues in relation to the further implementation of the GPA will be discussed for submission to the next IGR.</p> <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>	
13:00	Lunch break
14.30	Session 5 continued
<p>Preparation for the Fourth intergovernmental review meeting (IGR-4) of the Global Programme of Action (GPA) for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities</p> <p>Preparatory process:</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global and regional processes to consider for the IGR-4 • Multi-lateral meetings GLOC-3UNEA-2 <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>	
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Session 5 continued
<p>Preparation for the Fourth intergovernmental review meeting (IGR-4) of the Global Programme of Action (GPA) for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Format- High-level segment; workshops; Side events; Partnership fora • Stakeholder mobilization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governments ○ RSP ○ Major Groups ○ Global Partnership members <p>Resource mobilization opportunities Next steps</p> <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>	
18:00	Closure
<p>Adoption of the draft meeting summary</p> <p>Chair: Irina Makarenko, Black Sea Commission</p> <p>Acknowledgments and closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mette Wilkie • Coordinator, Black Sea Commission 	
18:30	Closing of Day 3

Post-meeting event
Friday, 23 OCTOBER 2015

9:00	<p>Regional Seas Indicator Working Group</p> <p>Chair: to be confirmed</p>
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Regional Seas Indicator Working Group

	Chair: to be confirmed
13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30	Regional Seas Indicator Working Group Chair: to be confirmed
16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30	Regional Seas Indicator Working Group Chair: to be confirmed
18.00	<i>Closing of Day 4</i>