



Preparing for the IGR-4 of GPA

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Three Intergovernmental Reviews were held in Montreal (2001), Beijing (2006) & Manila (2012)

The Manila Declaration requested the UNEP ED to convene the Fourth IGR in 2016



The Global and regional preparatory processes to consider for the IGR could include:

- Country consultations
- CoPs
- Other multi-lateral meetings (e.g. UNEA-2; GLOC-3)



20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF GPA

The GPA will use a number of events spread around the world, and mechanisms to commemorate its anniversary and prepare for the IGR-4:

- Annual Regional Seas meeting, Istanbul , Oct 2015
- High-level GPA Anniversary meeting, Washington, DC, Nov 2015
- East Asian Seas Conference, Vietnam, Nov 2015
- UNEA-2, Kenya, May 2016
- Third Global Land-Ocean Connections Conference, Brazil? 2016/17



The GPA celebrates its 20th Anniversary in November, 2015. It will be kicking off the celebration with a High-level meeting in Washington, DC.

Objective: Engage governments in order to gain political support for the GPA Intergovernmental Review (IGR-4) in late 2016 or 2017 and renew countries commitment to implement the GPA



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Expected outcomes of the GPA anniversary celebrations:

- Priority issues of the GPA and their importance highlighted
- Governments more engaged in and committed to the work of the GPA
- Political support raised for the next Intergovernmental Review
- Increased support for the GPA within UNEP
- Awareness raised about the opportunities that the GPA represents as an intergovernmental platform



ADDITIONAL PREPARATORY EVENTS FOR IGR-4

- East Asian Seas Conference, Vietnam, Nov 2015
- UNEA-2, Kenya, May 2016
- Third Global Land-Ocean Connections Conference, Brazil? 2016/17
- RSP IGMs & CoPs?



IGR-4 Format:

- High-level segment
- Workshops
- Side events
- Partnership fora

Stakeholder mobilization:

- Governments
- RSP
- Major Groups
- Global Partnership members (GPML; GPNM; GW2I)



Resource mobilization:

- GEF?
- GCF?
- Interested governments (Japan; Norway; USA; Indonesia; China; Germany?)