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At the SDG Summit in September 2015, the UN member States agreed on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Transforming Our World: 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. How to measure the achievements through the indicators continues to be a subject of discussion. Many of the indicators already developed through some of the regional seas programmes would contribute to the discussion of the marine and ocean related SDGs monitoring.

UNEP launched a report: *Measuring Success: Indicators for Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans*, in which indicators used in different Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans have been compiled and presented. UNEP organised the Technical Workshop on Selecting Indicators for the State of Regional Seas (30 June – 2 July 2014, Geneva, Switzerland). In this workshop, the participants recommended to establish a regional seas indicator working group.

Based on the draft terms of reference of the Regional Seas Indicator Working Group (UNEP/EARS/WG.2/2), the following is the provisional work plan of the Working Group:

Timeline	Activity	Responsible members	Remarks
November 2015	Preparation of an initial table of indicators, based on the available information	UNEP DEPI and DEWA	Table also should show the linkages with global processes, such as SDGs, Aichi Target, WOA and TWAP
November-December 2015	Providing additional information to the initial table by the participating regional seas	Participating regional seas	
Mid-January 2016	The second meeting of the Working Group	Chair and UNEP DEPI	Through the telephone conference
January 2016	Transmission of the indicator table to the global processes		
March 2016	Input from the SDG Indicator discussion on the SDG indicators	UNEP DEWA to transmit the information to the Working Group	
January-March 2016	Formulation of proposals for a core set of indicators and a supplementary set	Working Group members	
March – May 2016	Preparation of the recommended capacity for monitoring of the proposed indicators and available global/regional datasets	Working Group members	
mid-May 2016	The third meeting of the Working Group	Chair and UNEP DEPI	Through the telephone conference
May- July 2016	Compilation of all the work of the Working Group	Working Group members	To be compiled in a single report
September 2016	Submission of the results of the Working Group to the Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions	UNEP DEPI	

	and Action Plans 2016		
	Discussion of the Working Group results at the Global Regional Seas Meeting in 2016		
September 2016	Submission of the results to the proposed regional seas and regional fisheries bodies meeting		