

Briefing for CPR Consultation

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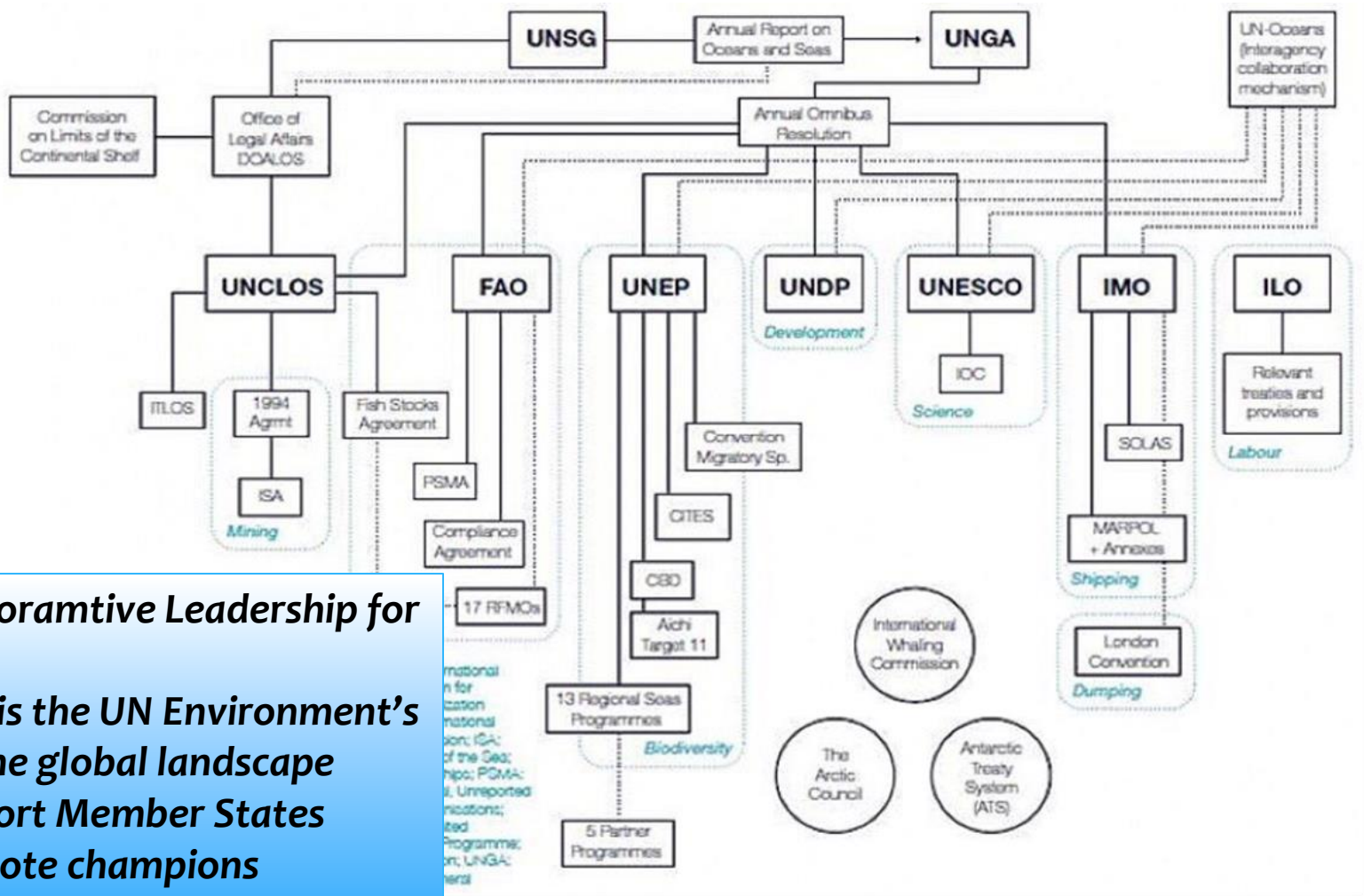


Focus on Ocean – Why

- * Ocean under stress
- * Economical importance
- * Social and cultural values acknowledged
- * Modern technology to exploit marine resources – but also to protect
- * Knowledge and capacity increase how to use and extract marine resources
- * Increased political relevance



Patchwork of instruments

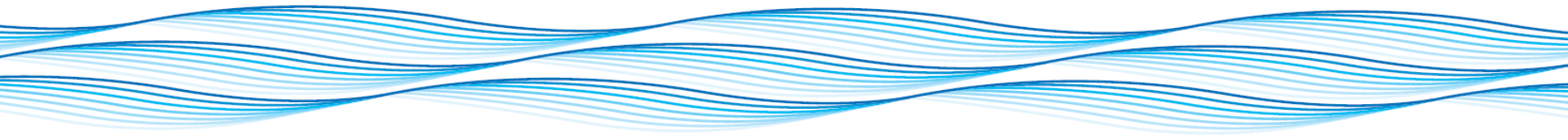


A Transformative Leadership for ocean

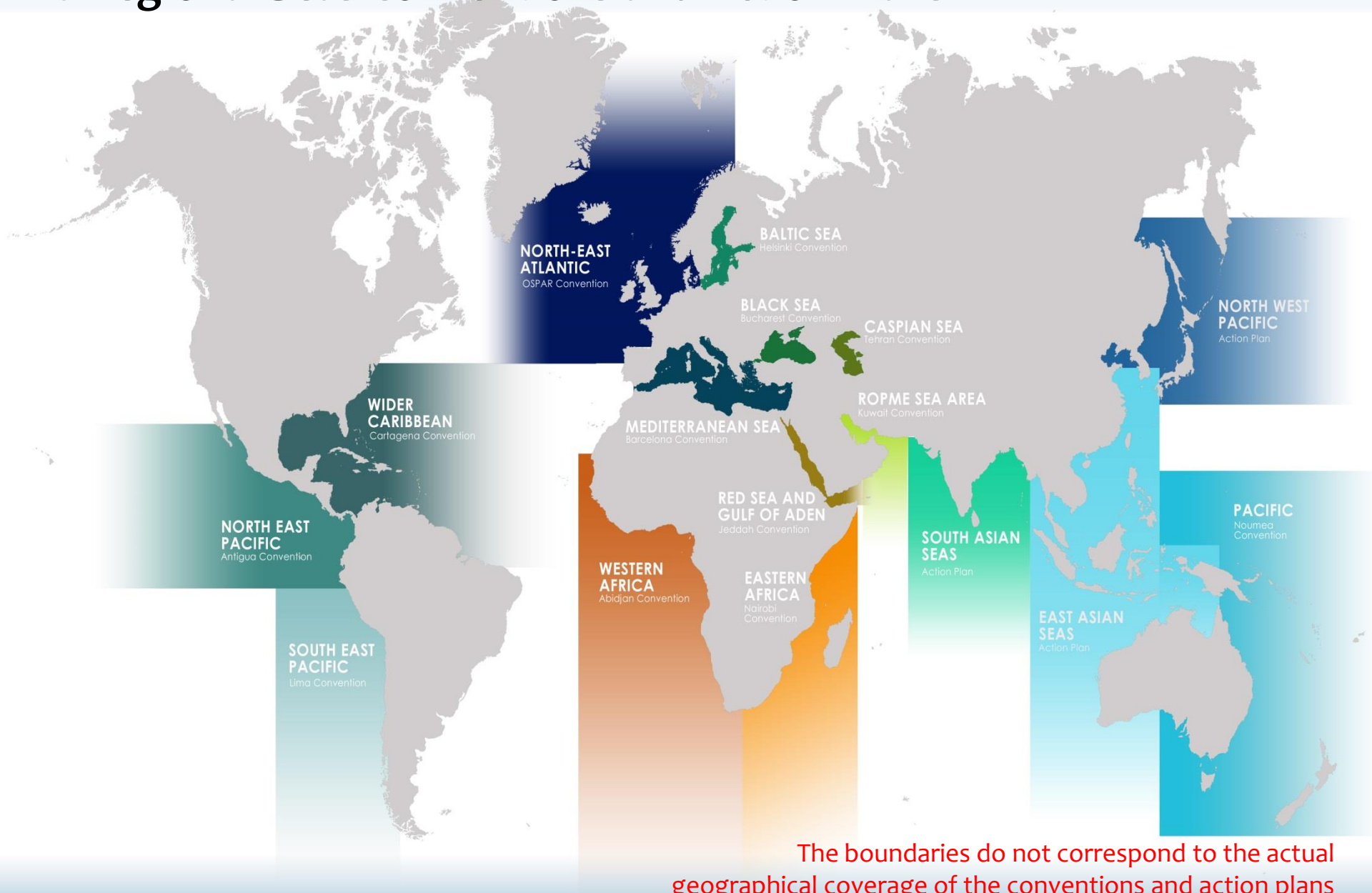
- Where is the UN Environment's role in the global landscape
- Support Member States
- Promote champions

Ocean Governance - Regional Focus

- UN Environment coordinate 18 Regional Ocean Governance mechanisms (7 hosted by UN Environment)
 - Strengthened
 - Increase visibility and awareness
 - Exchange of experience and knowledge
 - Resource mobilization
 - Facilitating partnership with scientific institutions and private sector
- Coordination between Regional Seas, UN bodies, Regional Fisheries Bodies, Large Marine Ecosystems
- Implementing mechanism for SDGs ocean related targets and indicators



18 Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans



The boundaries do not correspond to the actual geographical coverage of the conventions and action plans

UNEP Regional Seas Programme

The UNEP Regional Seas Programme (18 Regional Seas programmes)

7 Regional Seas administered by UNEP

Abidjan Convention (Western Africa Region)
 Barcelona Convention (Mediterranean)
 Cartagena Convention (Caribbean)
 East Asian Seas Action Plan (East Asian Seas)
 Nairobi Convention (East Africa Region)
 Northwest Pacific Action Plan (Northwest Pacific)
 Teheran Convention (Caspian Sea)

11 Non-UNEP administered Regional Seas

Antigua Convention (North East Pacific)
 Bucharest Convention (Black Sea)
 Helsinki Convention (Baltic Sea)
 Jeddah Convention (Red Sea)
 Kuwait Convention (ROPME Sea Area)
 CPPS and Lima Convention (South East Pacific)
 SPREP and Noumea Convention (Pacific region)
 OSPAR Convention (Northeast Atlantic)
 Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (Arctic)
 South Asian Seas Action Plan (South Asian Seas)
 CAMLR Convention (Antarctic)

Enhanced Ocean Partnership

- The Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA)

- Land based Pollutions Source to Sea – stop pollution by its source
- Potential to an innovative mechanism for collaboration with private sector and other stakeholders
- The linkages to coral reefs, food security, acidification etc
- Campaigns on marine litter



Communication

- * Ocean Literacy
- * Awareness raising
- * Accessible
- * Knowledge about ocean health and status is crucial for both conservation and usage
- * Value of the marine resources – nature based economics
- * Marine Litter Campaign



Coral Reefs

- * Linked to the climate change and pollution
- * Need for science and policy interface
- * Communicating the challenges and the opportunities



Focus Area Work Programme

- Step up Engagement on Global Ocean Governance
- Enhance Ocean Partnership (GPA): Combating land based pollution; marine debris, wastewater, nutrients
- Coral reefs (link to climate change, waste water, nutrients)
- Climate Change and Ocean; adaptation and mitigation, blue carbon
- Communication



Ocean-related resolutions



2/4 UNEP
implementation of
the Samoa Pathway



2/10 Oceans and seas



2/11: Marine plastic
litter and
microplastics



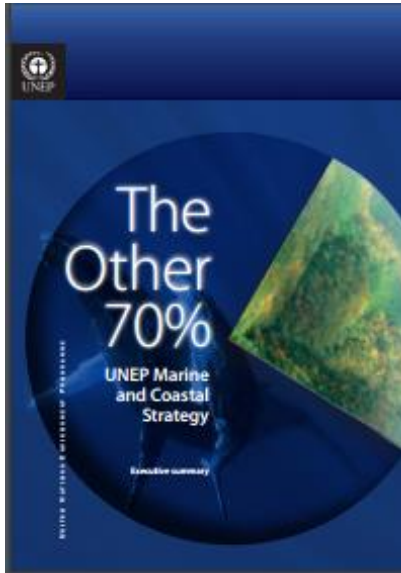
2/12: Sustainable coral
reefs management



2/18: Relationship
between UNEP and
MEAs



marine and coastal strategy



resolution 2/10, OP 17

- Assess effectiveness of marine and coastal strategy (2011)
- Submit a proposal for its update, revision or replacement

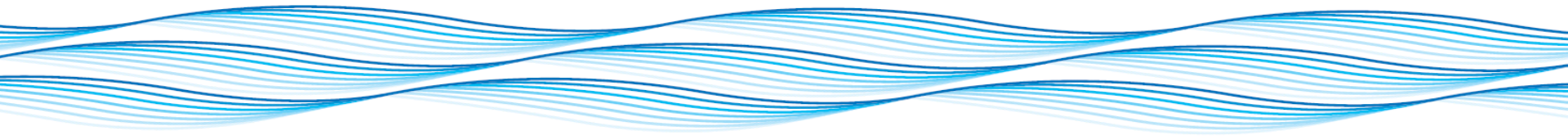
Key focuses:

- **Regional Seas Programme**
- Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA)



UNEP's contributions

- Creation of synergies with relevant UN Bodies
- Stakeholder engagement
- Mobilization of partnerships
- Focus on strategic issues
- Change the course
- Communicate what and why we do it



GAP OF RESOURCES

Meeting	Focus	Place	Time
PrepCom	Preparation for UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14, including side events	New York	15-16 Feb
Economist Ocean Summit	Ocean stakeholders from various sectors. Launch of Marine Litter Campaign	Bali	23-24 Feb
UN Ocean Conference	Implementation of SDG 14	New York	June 6-9
World Ocean Day		World Wide	8 June
4 th International Marine Protected Area	Marine Protected Areas	Chile	4-8 sept
GPA 4 th IGR	The review of the the GPA for the Protection of the Marine Environment from land-based Activities	TbD	TbD
Our Ocean Conference	The 4 th Annual Our Ocean Conference	Malta	15-16 Oct
Annual Regional Seas Meeting	Collaboration with relevant regional bodies, inter alias, Fisheries Bodies, Large Marine Ecosystems, etc	Tbd	Tbd end Nov
UNEA3	Theme TbD	Nairobi	4-6 December

Main Ocean Meetings 2017 (please note that this is *not* a comprehensive list of events)

UN Conference on SDG 14

- * The high-level UN Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14

- * Modality resolution **adopted** by UNGA (A/RES/70/303)
 - 8 plenary meetings and 7 partnership dialogues
 - Special event on World Oceans Day (8 June 2017)
 - Declaration “**Call for Action**” will be adopted
 - 2-day preparatory meeting in 15-16 February 2017

- * **UN Environment** proposes to bring **2 key issues**
 - **Regional Seas Programme**
 - Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA)

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14
5 - 9 JUNE 2017, NEW YORK

