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***Draft Provisional Agenda***

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## ***Provisional Agenda***

### **Day 1**

**Monday, 1 October 2012**

**08:30 – 09.00 Registration**

**09.00 Opening of the Meeting**

**Welcoming remarks**

- Alberto Pacheco Capella, Programme Officer, Regional Seas Programme, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch (FMEB), UNEP
- Elizabeth Mrema, Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP
- Background, purpose and expected outcomes of the meeting  
Jackie Alder, Head, FMEB, UNEP
- Presentation of participants

**09.30 Amina Mohamed, Deputy Executive Director, UNEP**

**UNEP Q&A Session with UNEP Deputy Executive Director – Reflections of Rio+20**

**Group Photo**

**10.30 *Coffee break***

**10.45 Session 1**

**Ecosystem Approach to Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans**

- Introduction of a programmatic approach: Ecosystem Approach to Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Takehiro Nakamura, Coordinator, Marine Ecosystems Unit, FMEB, UNEP
- Capacity building on Ecosystem-based Management and Ecosystem-based Adaptation in the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Ole Vestergaard, Programme Officer, Marine Ecosystems Unit, FMEB, UNEP
- Regional Seas Partnership on Coral Reefs  
Takehiro Nakamura, Coordinator, Marine Ecosystems Unit, FMEB, UNEP
- Discussions and sharing of experiences on the implementation of ecosystem-based management in the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Chair: Maria Luisa Silva, Executive Secretary, Barcelona Convention

**13:00 *Lunch break***

**14.30 Session 1 Continued**

**Ecosystem Approach to Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans**

- Blue Carbon – Opportunities for the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Gabriel Grimsditch, Programme Officer, Marine Ecosystems Unit, FMEB, UNEP
- Why is it important to value our Oceans? The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) for Oceans  
Yannick Beaudoin, Head, Marine Division, GRID-Arendal
- Green Economy in Oceans  
Alberto Pacheco Capella, Programme Officer, Regional Seas Programme, FMEB, UNEP

- Discussions and sharing of experiences on does the Green Economy mean to the Regional Seas Programmes  
Chair: Maria Luisa Silva, Executive Secretary, Barcelona Convention

**16:00 Coffee Break**

**16.30 Session 1 Continued**

**Ecosystem Approach to Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans**

- International Marine Protected Areas Congress 3 – Role of MPAs networks  
Christophe Lefebvre, European and International Affairs, French Agency for Marine Protected Areas
  - GEF International Waters 5  
Kelly West, DGEF, FMEB, UNEP
  - Discussion - Next steps in implementing an ecosystem approach to the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans
  - Discussion points:
    - Several pathways for the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans to take up and mainstream ecosystem approach in their programmes
    - Possible action items to be included in the Strategic Directions: indicator development as part of the programmatic approach, capacity building and pilot on EBM/EBA, coral reef partnership
- Chair: Maria Luisa Silva, Executive Secretary, Barcelona Convention

**18.00 Establishment of an Ad hoc Working Group on the Strategic Directions 2013-2016**

- General Introduction by the Chair, on the functioning of and expectations from the Ad hoc Working Groups  
Chair: David Johnson, Executive Secretary, OSPAR Commission

**18:15 Closing of Day 1**

**AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2013-2016**

**Day 2**

**Tuesday, 2 October 2012**

**9.00 Session 2**

**World Oceans Assessment (Regular Process) on Reporting and Assessing the State of the Marine Environment, including socio-economic aspects**

- World Oceans Assessment (Regular Process) – Where are we in the process  
Salif Diop, Senior Programme Officer, Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA), UNEP
- Transboundary Waters Assessment Programme (TWAP) – Status of preparation of the project  
Salif Diop, Senior Programme Officer, Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA), UNEP
- Building technical capacities for the World Oceans Assessment – Example from the East Asian Seas  
Ellik Adler, Coordinator, COBSEA

- NANSSEN Project - Strengthening the Knowledge Base for and Implementing an Ecosystem Approach to Marine Fisheries in Developing Countries  
Gabriella Bianchi, FAO
- Discussions on how can the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans continue to play a leading role  
Chair: Hector Soldi, Secretary General, Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS)

**10:30 Coffee break**

**11:00 Session 3**

**GPA Implementation and the Regional Seas Programmes**

- Presentation on Taking Forward GPA Implementation in the Regional Seas - IGR-3 outcomes, Manila Declaration and proposed Programme of Work.  
Vincent Sweeney, Coordinator, GPA, FMEB, UNEP
  - Plenary discussions on:
    1. How can the mandate out of IGR-3 be translated at the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans level?
    2. What steps can the GPA and Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans take to ensure compatibility between mandates?
    3. The role of RSCAP in the three GPA Global Partnerships (Nutrients; Marine Litter; Wastewater)
- Chair: Dixon Waruinge, Coordinator, Nairobi Convention

**13:00 Lunch break**

**14.30 Session 4**

**Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2013-2016**

- Brief Report on the Secretary General's Oceans Compact, as it pertains to the Regional Seas Programme, internationally recognized concerns and adopted targets, to be considered in the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2013- 2016  
Jackie Alder, Head, FMEB, UNEP
- Collaboration between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans in the context of the Regional Seas Strategic Direction 2013-2016  
Presentation by Ms. Jihyun Lee, Environmental Affairs Officer, Marine and Coastal Biodiversity, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP
- Report by the Ad hoc Working Group on the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2013-2016  
Discussion and agreement  
Chair: David Johnson, Executive Secretary, OSPAR Commission

**16:00 Coffee Break**

**16.30 Session 5**

**United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20**

- Implication of Rio+20 on the work of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans  
Chair: Nelson Andrade, Executive Secretary, Cartagena Convention

**17.30 Closing of Day 2**

## **Day 3**

**Wednesday, 3 October 2012**

### **9.00 Session 6**

#### **Updates from the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans**

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Chair: Ellik Adler, Coordinator, COBSEA

### **11.00 Coffee break**

### **11.30 Session 6 Continued**

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### **16.00 Coffee break**

### **16.30 Closure**

- Adoption of the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2013-2016
- Identification of venue and timing for next Global Meeting of the Regional Seas  
Chair: Ellik Adler, Coordinator, COBSEA

#### **Acknowledgments and closing remarks**

- Jackie Alder, Head, FMEB, UNEP
- Alberto Pacheco Capella, Programme Officer, Regional Seas Programme, FMEB, UNEP