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Regional Seas Coordination Meeting

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Visibility

Problem:

Low-visibility of Regional Seas Programme both collectively and individually



Ideas for the June Conference:

- Booklets / brochures
 - Outlook documents
- Videos / visual materials
- website

Website

- Needs to be a one-stop hub for Regional Seas information
- **Idea**
 - Feature outlook preparation / SDG-related activities towards June 2017

The screenshot shows the homepage of the UN Environment Regional Seas website. The header features the UN Environment logo and navigation links for various topics: Climate Change, Disasters & Conflicts, Ecosystem Management, Environmental Governance, Chemicals & Waste, Resource Efficiency, and Environment Under Review. Below the header is the 'Regional Seas' logo and a navigation menu with links for WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, NEWS, EVENTS, MULTIMEDIA, and RESOURCES. The main content area is titled 'COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT' and includes a text block about population density near coasts and a 'READ MORE' button. To the right is a large image of a shipwrecked vessel on a beach. Below this are sections for 'KEY AREAS' (with a sub-section for 'MARINE LITTER' and a 'COMBATING MARINE LITTER' article), 'PUBLICATIONS' (with a sub-section for 'OCEAN ENERGY POTENTIAL OF THE WEST AFRICAN REGION' and a 'Download' button), 'UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS' (with a sub-section for 'Regional Seas Coordination Meeting for the PrepCom for the UN Ocean Conference' and a 'UN ENVIRONMENT NY OFFICE MEETING ROOM' link), and 'VIDEOS' (with a sub-section for 'Jan Somerhalder joins Gisele Bündchen & Don' and a video player).

Plan

- Booklets / brochures (Low-cost publication)
 - BBNJ PrepCom
- Organization of briefings
 - Nairobi (could be a Go-to Meeting)
 - New York
- Visual materials such as Videos
 - Fund??



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Progress of the implementation

From the 18th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Convention and Action Plans

SDGs

No	Paragraph	Status
1	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans request the United Nations Environment Programme to prepare a strategy paper in preparation for the Preparatory Committee for the United Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 for coordinated inputs; All 18 Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans	In progress
2	For the United Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 in June 2017, the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will aim to be registered as a global partnership	In progress – UN Environment to register
3	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will provide inputs on the implementation matrix of the Second Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions by 15 October 2016. The United Nations Environment Programme will compile the information and send out the matrix by 31 October 2016 UNEP/WBRS.18/8	Done

SDGs

No	Paragraph	Status
4	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will offer to provide their countries with regional contributions to their national reporting of ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals	RS to update
5	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will coordinate and aim to organise a collective side event at the United Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 in June 2017 in order to showcase their impacts and their potential contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.	In progress
6	Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will prepare outlook documents, proposing how they can support their countries with the implementation, and monitoring of the ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets. The documents will be submitted to UN Environment in order to be utilized in preparation of the Preparatory Committee for the United Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 Every Regional Seas Convention and Action Plan will prepare as appropriate	RS to update

Assessments and indicators

No	Paragraph	Status
7	Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will work inter alia with the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, and Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations through the Regional Seas coordination office in Nairobi towards utilizing the regional assessments in the Second Cycle of the Regular Process	In progress
8	Regional assessments , describing the environmental status, relevant policies, and ongoing activities, prepared by the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans should contribute to monitoring the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals	In progress
9	The Regional Seas Indicator Working Group will continue to evaluate and describe the 22 Regional Seas Core Indicators , including aligning them with the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and Aichi Targets, using the existing resources of the Regional Seas Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans and United Nations Environment Programme	UN Environment to update

Assessment and Indicators

No	Paragraph	Status
10	Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans invited relevant bodies such as Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to continue supporting the development of the Regional Seas Core Indicators set	UN Environment to get updates from CBD and FAO
11	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will consider applying the three indicators on a pilot basis, as appropriate	RS to update
12	Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans invited the United Nations Environment Programme and relevant partners to facilitate capacity building on regional assessments on the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects	In progress
13	Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans invited Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and relevant organisations scientific and technical support and related science based capacity development in translating global SDG indicators into national and regional implementation	In progress

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14	Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans invited the United Nations Environment Programme to disseminate the guideline on Integrated Environmental Assessments	UN Environment to update
15	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans welcomed the work conducted by the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities	Done
16	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans recalled their role as one of the regional-level implementing bodies for the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities	Done
17	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans requested the United Nations Environment Programme to take a stronger leadership and coordinate efforts to implement the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, given the scale of the problems	In progress

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No	Paragraph	Status
18	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will encourage the countries and relevant stakeholders to participate in the Fourth Intergovernmental Meeting of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities to be held in Indonesia in 2017	GPA Sec to communicate
19	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans requested the Secretariat of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities to review and assess the effectiveness and results of the Programme in order to formulate a future direction as an input to the Fourth Intergovernmental Review	Draft review prepared
20	The Secretariat of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities invite the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans to review and assess the implementation of the regional action plans and instruments related to land-based sources of pollution in their respective regions, to provide an input to the Fourth Intergovernmental Meeting of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities	Done

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No	Paragraph	Status
21	<p>The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans requested the Secretariat of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities and the United Nations Environment Programme to prepare a resource mobilization strategy for the work programme of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities and to provide assistance for resource mobilization through the partnerships</p>	<p>GPA Sec to provide update on the resource mobilization strategy</p>
22	<p>The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans suggest the Secretariat of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities to make a stronger engagement with relevant stakeholders, inter alia, the private sector, non-governmental organisations and media actors to raise awareness and visibility of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities at a global level</p>	<p>In progress</p>
23	<p>The Secretariat of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities will liaise with the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans to inform them of the available global and regional partnerships that United Nations Environment Programme convenes.</p>	<p>GPA sec to provide update</p>

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24	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans requested the Secretariat of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities and the United Nations Environment Programme through their partnerships to step up their efforts to provide technical assistance, especially to regions most affected by the problems of land-based sources of pollution	In progress
25	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans expressed appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and welcomed the Seoul Outcome from the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fisheries Bodies on Accelerating Progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Done
26	The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Environment Programme encouraged individual Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans to initiate or further facilitate cooperation with regional fisheries bodies in their respective regions, and continue to contribute to the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	In progress

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27	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will bring the paragraph 13 of resolution 2/10 oceans and seas of the Second Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, which requested the parties to the Regional Seas Conventions to consider the possibility of increasing the regional coverage of the instruments, to the attention of their respective parties	In progress
28	It was requested that the United Nations Environment Programme collect and compile information on the ecological socio-economic and legal issues , which needs to be taken into consideration in support of the discussion of the countries of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans in reviewing the benefits of considering the issues related to biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. It would be ideal that briefing sessions be organized with negotiators of the regional seas member countries for the legally binding instrument	UN Environment to update
29	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will continue to provide information regarding their mandates and activities to Member States at the Preparatory Committee for the Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction	RS to update their plans

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33	The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans and the United Nations Environment Programme will create networks of information sharing focusing on priority issues as needs arise. The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans asked the United Nations Environment Programme to prepare a detailed concept note on the networks and modalities by 31 December 2016	UN Environment to update
34	The Regional Conventions and Action Plans agreed to report on the implementation of the Regional Seas Strategic Directions (2017-2020) on an annual basis two months before the annual Global Meetings of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans in a format drafted by the United Nations Environment Programme to be agreed to by the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans	Next reporting in October 2017
35	The Regional Conventions and Action Plans welcome the participation of the interested partners, inter alia, International Atomic Energy Agency, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Future Earth Coasts, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations to participate in the thematic information sharing networks	In progress

19th Global Meeting

No	Paragraph	Status
36	The Regional Conventions and Action Plans will review progress and discuss two different themes in each annual Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans for two consecutive years	UN Environment to update

19th Global Meeting

- Back-to-back with LME meeting
 - November 2017 in South Africa
 - Themes to be decided

Note:

- Intergovernmental Review of GPA October 2017 in Bali, Indonesia
- Our Oceans Conference in October 2017 in Malta



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Thank you

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