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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

DAY 1: 3 OCTOBER 2019

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
8.30-9.00	Registration
9.00-9.15	Opening of the meeting Opening Statements by: (a) Monika MacDevette, Deputy Director of Ecosystems Division, UNEP and Head of Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Branch a.i. (b) Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (c) Rüdiger Stempel, Executive Secretary, Helsinki Convention (HELCOM)
9.15-10.00	Round table introductions and 3 minutes statement by each Secretariat -Key achievements, upcoming events, etc
10.00-10.05	Organization of work: Background, purpose and objectives of the meeting <i>Presenter: Habib El-Habr</i>
10.05-10.35	Coffee break

10.35- 11.35	<p>Voluntary commitments from the 2017 UN Ocean Conference</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Yegor Volovik (NOWPAP)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PowerPoint presentation by the UNEP HQ on Voluntary commitments and update on the Regional Seas commitments b) Status update by each Secretariat (3 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Abidjan Convention b) Antigua Convention c) Barcelona Convention d) Black Sea e) Cartagena Convention f) COBSEA i) CPPS j) HELCOM k) Nairobi Convention l) NOWPAP m) PAME n) PERSGA o) SACEP p) SPREP q) Tehran Convention
11.35- 13.00	<p>Regional Seas input to the June 2020 UN Ocean Conference</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Gaetano Leone (Barcelona Convention)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overview of the June 2020 UN Oceans Conference and discussions on Regional Seas role and input b. PowerPoint presentation on the outline of the Regional Seas SDG 14 Outlook report by Chris McOwen, UNEP-WCMC (followed by group discussions)
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	<p>Regional Seas input to the June 2020 UN Ocean Conference <i>continued</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Gaetano Leone (Barcelona Convention)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Report back by the chairs of the groups
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30- 17.15	<p>Communicating better the Regional Seas Programme work on Climate Change and nature-based solutions</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Soffia Gudmundsdottir (PAME International Secretariat)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PowerPoint presentation on the status update of UNFCCC, UN Climate Action Summit and findings of the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a changing climate – by Niklas Hagelberg – Climate Change Sub-Programme Coordinator, UNEP b) Communicating Climate Change Adaptation: Lessons, opportunities and experiences from the Climate Change Adaptation Unit – by Jessica Troni, Head, Climate Change Adaptation Unit -a.i.
17.15-17.30	<p>Wrap-up day 1</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Monika Gail MacDevette</i></p>

DAY 2: 4 OCTOBER 2019

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
9.00-9.05	<p>Opening day 2, recap day 1 by Habib El-Habr</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i></p>

9.05-10.45	<p>Progress on implementation of the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2017-2020 and new strategic guidance post 2020</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Jerker Tamelander (COBSEA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Overview presentation on the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2017-2020 and summary of achievements b) Summary update by each Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Abidjan Convention b) Antigua Convention c) Barcelona Convention d) Black Sea e) Cartagena Convention f) COBSEA g) CPPS h) HELCOM i) Nairobi Convention j) NOWPAP k) PAME l) PERSGA m) SACEP n) SPREP o) Tehran Convention
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
11.15- 13.00	<p>New Regional Seas Strategic Guidance Document post 2020 <i>continued</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Jerker Tamelander (COBSEA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PowerPoint Presentation on the proposed outline of the new Regional Seas Programme Strategic Guidance Document post 2020 – by Nancy Soi (Coordinator, Regional Seas Programme, UNEP) b) Plenary session
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00- 15.00	<p>Regional Seas’ input to the implementation plan of the new Marine and Coastal Strategy for UNEP 2020- 2030</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Dixon Waruinge (Nairobi Convention)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PowerPoint presentation of the new Marine and Coastal Strategy for UNEP 2020-2030 and proposed Regional Seas input - by Takehiro Nakamura (Head, Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Unit, UNEP) b) Plenary session
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30- 17.15	<p>Knowledge management and exchange among the Regional Seas Programme</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Rüdiger Stempel (HELCOM)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Keynote presentation by BANOS CSA – Lessons and experiences from the Baltic and North Sea b) PowerPoint presentation on the MAP-MedPartnership Project – by Gaetano Leone, Barcelona Convention c) PowerPoint presentation on Blue Solutions Project – by GRID Arendal d) Integrated Ocean Governance: FAO’s experience with Regional Fisheries Bodies and Organizations (RFBOs) and Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)- by Piero Mannini, FAO e) PowerPoint presentation on UNEP’s knowledge management and exchange - by Nancy Soi f) Plenary session
17.15-17.30	<p>Wrap-up day 2</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Monika Gail MacDevette</i></p>

DAY 3: 5 OCTOBER 2019

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
9.00-9.05	Opening day 3, recap day 2 – Habib El-Habr
9.05-10.45	Ecosystems assessment and indicators – Methodologies and approaches including best practices among the Regional Seas <i>Facilitator: Christopher Corbin (Cartagena Convention)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Keynote presentation by HELCOM on its experience on ecosystems assessments and indicators-based approaches b) PowerPoint presentation on experiences from the Mediterranean Sea- by Gaetano Leone c) PowerPoint presentation on experiences from the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden – by Prof. Zaid Ghararah, Jeddah Convention d) PowerPoint presentation experiences from the Mami Wata project- by the Abidjan Convention and GRID Arendal e) PowerPoint presentation on UNEP’s Ecosystems Assessment methodologies and approaches – by Nancy Soi f) Plenary session
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
11.15- 13.00	New and emerging issues post 2020 and regional Seas Programme Strategic role and input <i>Facilitator: Amb. Mentor Villagomez (CPPS)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030 update by IOC of UNESCO – by Julian Barbieri, UNESCO-IOC b) UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030 update by Tim Christophersen, Coordinator, Freshwater, Land and Climate Ecosystems Branch c) International legally binding instrument under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) – by Alice Hiciburundi, UNDOALOS d) Progress on post 2020 Biodiversity Framework update by Joe Appiott, CBD Secretariat e) Plenary session
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network – Global report on the status of coral reefs <i>Facilitator: Irina Makarenko (Black Sea)</i> <i>Presenter: Francis Staub, ICRI Secretariat</i>
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30- 17.00	Marine Litter and UNEA Resolutions <i>Facilitator: Stuart Chape, (SPREP)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) UNEA Resolutions – status update and progress on implementation by Takehiro Nakamura, Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Unit, UNEP b) Presentation on progress update on Marine Litter working Group established by UNEA 4 – by Habib El-Habr, Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), UNEP c) Partnership between Regional Seas Programme and Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centres- Outcomes of existing partnerships and lessons learnt – by Rolph Payet, BRS d) Discussion on how Regional Seas Conventions, especially those with LBA protocols can engage with the Basel Convention, in particular with the Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership- by Rolph Payet, BRS
17.00-17.10	Any other business <i>Facilitator: Rüdiger Stempel, HELCOM</i>

17.10-17.30	<p>Closure of the meeting</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Rüdiger Stempel, HELCOM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Action points from the meetingb) Host for the next Annual meetingc) Closing remarks by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Habib El-Habr, UNEP- Rüdiger Stempel, HELCOM
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