

The Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities: proposed way forward

Committee of Permanent Representatives

Subcommittee Meeting

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



- IGR Process
- Roadmap for GPA governance

Others

- Radioactive substances
- Oils
- Sediment mobilization
- Alteration/destruction of habitat

Graduated



- Persistent organic pollutants
- Heavy Metals



Manila Declaration



- Litter
- Nutrients
- Sewage



Outcome of Consultations

In 2019, **consultations** were conducted with Member States, and **informal consultations** held with representatives of regional groups in Nairobi. Also, **informal feedback** was received from government representatives received during Regional Seas Programmes meetings.



Emerging consensus on the future of the GPA

- Member States recognize the historical value and vital importance of the GPA and its three pillars.
- Revision of the current governance architecture of the Programme is called for.

Proposed Way Forward



- ✓ The GPA should **continue to be mainstreamed** under the Programme of Work of UNEP, under the Chemicals, Waste and Air Quality Sub-Programme.
- ✓ The GPA Coordination Office (Ecosystems Division) will continue to **support the three global partnerships**, the GPNM, the GPML, and the GW²I, as well as other partnerships that may be established.
- ✓ The IGR should be discontinued. Member States may decide to **convene meetings** (either regularly or as needed) under the form of Scientific and Technical Meetings. This is subject to further consideration.

GPA Roadmap



**Informal CPR
Regional Group
Consultations**

**CPR briefing on
Annual Sub-
Committee
Meeting, Nairobi**

**CPR briefing -
outcomes of
informal
consultations and
recommendations
from Secretariat**

**Consensus decision
by CPR – Final**

IGR

**Final
resolution
to Open
ended CPR**

**Endorsement
of UN GA**

1st half 2019

2nd half 2019

1st half 2020

2nd half 2020

1st Half 2021

2nd half 2021

Consultations

- **Cartegena COP**
- **Abidjan COP**
- **COBSEA IGM**
- **SPREP Ministerial**
- **Barcelona COP**
- **Noumea Convention**

**CPR Working Group
established to steer
decision on GPA
governance
mechanism**

**Regular CPR
Working Group
meetings on GPA
governance
mechanism**

**Endorsement of
final decision
on GPA
governance
mechanism –
UNEA [or
before]**

Thank you for your attention!

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