

# 18<sup>th</sup> Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans

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30 September – 1 October 2016, Incheon, the Republic of Korea

## UNEA-2 outcome and UNEP plan for the implementation of the ocean-related resolutions



# Outline

## Background documents:

UNEP/WBRS.18/8, INF13

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- UNEA – 2

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- United Nations Conference on the implementation of SDG 14
- Other global developments

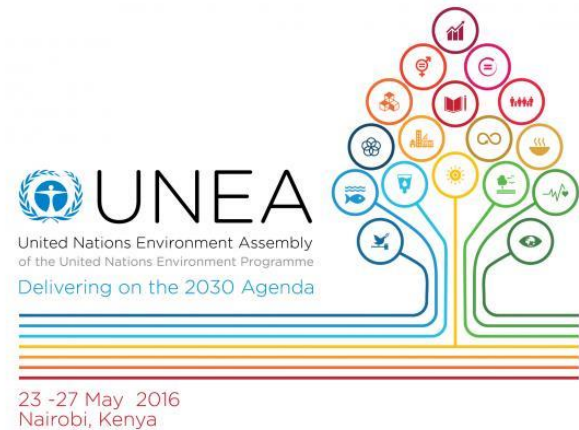


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# SECTION 1: UNEA-2

# UNEA-2

- The second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEA-2)
  - From 23 to 27 May 2016
- Member States adopted 25 resolutions



# Ocean-related resolutions



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

# Outcome 2/10

- The role of the Regional Seas programmes for the ocean-related SDG is clearly recognized in the resolution 2/10:

Recognizing the contribution in accordance with international law of the regional seas conventions, **regional action plans and regional fisheries management organizations in achieving SDG 14** and **relevant related Sustainable Development Goals** at the regional level, as well as to their regional follow-up and review, including through the regional monitoring and reporting mechanisms to be developed for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda



# Outcome 2/10

- Paragraph 5 : Cooperation with RFBs

Invites Member States and **regional seas conventions and action plans, in cooperation**, as appropriate, with other relevant organizations and fora, **such as regional fisheries management** organizations, to work towards the implementation of, and reporting on, the different ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.



# Outcome 2/10

- Paragraph 11: RSSD (2017-2020)

Notes the document on the Regional Seas **Strategic Directions 2017–2020** and requests the Executive Director to communicate the Strategic Directions to conferences of the parties, intergovernmental meetings or other governing bodies of the relevant regional seas conventions and action plans;





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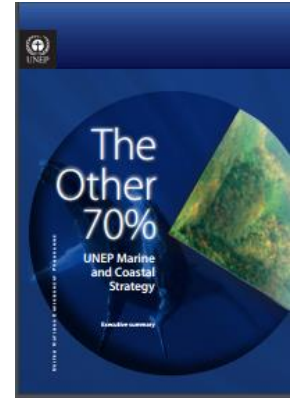
- Paragraph 13: Geographical Coverage

Encourages the contracting parties to existing regional seas conventions to consider the possibility of **increasing the regional coverage of those instruments** in accordance with international law



# UNEP plan for the implementation

- Planning implementation activities (**UNEP/WBRS.18/9**)
- UNEP Marine and Coastal Strategy
  - Paragraph 17
    - Assess the effectiveness of the current one
    - submit a proposal for its update by the next UNEA in 2017
  - Prioritizations of activities is needed
- UNEP's engagement with the Regional Seas programmes also needs to be strategized (Table 1 of UNEP/WBRS.18/4– current engagement)



More discussion [tomorrow](#) during the RSSD (2017-2020) session



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## **SECTION 2: UN CONFERENCE ON SDG 14**

# SDG 14 conference

- The high-level UN Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14
  - 5-9 June 2017
  - Organised by the Government of Fiji and Sweden, in NY
- Modality resolution **adopted** at UNGA (A/RES/70/303)
  - **Theme: “Our oceans, our future: partnering for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14”**
  - 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 February 2017

# SDG 14 Conference

- The Conference will:
  - identify ways and means to support the implementation of SDG 14;
  - build on existing **successful partnerships** and stimulate innovative and concrete new partnerships to advance the implementation of Goal 14;
  - involve all relevant **stakeholders**, bringing together governments, the UN system, other intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors to assess challenges and opportunities relating to, as well as actions taken towards, the implementation of Goal 14;
  - **share the experiences** gained at the national, **regional** and international levels in the implementation of Goal 14;
  - **contribute to** the follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by providing an input to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (**HLPF**) on the implementation of Goal 14

# SDG 14 Conference

## Partnership Dialogue

- By January 2017 Secretary-General will prepare a background note including a proposal for themes of the partnership dialogues
- SG will prepare concept papers on each of the themes of the partnership dialogues

## Side events

- Guideline will be available on the Conference website

# Informal Working Group

- Preparatory informal working groups of the Advisory Group
  - UNEP leads
    - Group 1 on 14.1
    - Group 2 on 14.2
    - Group 5 on 14.5
  - UNEP participates as a member in
    - Group 3 on 14.3
    - Group 4 on 14.4, 14.6
    - Group 7 on 14.c

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



# Other Global Process

- UNFCCC COP in November 2016;
- CBD COP 13 in December 2016;
- Second Cycle of the Regular Process (Session II)
  - Background document **UNEP/WBRS.18/3**
- PrepCom 3 of BBNJ
  - Background document **UNEP/WBRS.18/6**



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**Thank you!**

