

African Ocean Governance Strategy

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AMCEN Cairo Declaration



"To agree to develop a governance strategy, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and regional seas conventions, on oceans and seas in Africa for the effective management of the region's shared maritime resources and call for a regional conference to address the matter by 2016"

STEP 1: BACKGROUND ANALYSIS



- Global: SDGs, Ocean Governance debate
- Africa: AIMS 2050, Agenda 2063, Regional Sea Conventions, draft Abidjan Blue Print
- Africa: National level good practices
- Other regions' processes

STEP 2: STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



- Principles: Importance of regional dimension, precautionary principle, polluter-pays principle, inclusiveness, universality, integration
- Strategic Options: SDG Implementation, Ecosystembased Approach, MSP, Blue Economy, Across Subregions, Across Sectors, Science-Policy nexus
- Strategic Themes, associated with ocean management for livelihoods and growth: energy, urban and coastal planning, tourism, oil and gas, climate change, fisheries, (ABNJ, continental shelf, ...)

STEP 3: THE STRATEGY



- Vision
- Principles
- Results of the Analysis of Step 1 (Global, Regional, National Horizons)
- Strategic Options
- Strategic Themes and Expected Outcomes
- Means of Implementation
- Monitoring and Evaluation

The Process



- 1. Preparation of TOR (December 2015)
- 2. Background Analysis (March 2016)
- 3. Preparation of Strategic Framework (June 2016)
- 4. Consultations with Stakeholders (July 2016)
- 5. Regional Conference: review and agreement of Strategic Framework *(October 2016)*
- 6. Further development of the Strategy
- 7. Submission to AMCEN and AU for approval

UNEP's Role



- Political Leadership: ROA
- Substantive Support: DEPI, Divisions, RS
- Include African Ocean Governance in UNEP strategic documents (RSSD, MTS, POW)
- Resources?