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Conventions and Action Plans
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Draft Provisional Agenda

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Provisional Agenda

Day 1

Monday, 29 September 2014

8:30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 Opening of the Meeting

Welcoming remarks

- Mette L. Wilkie, Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP
- Nadia Giannakopoulou, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Greece
- Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, Barcelona Convention
- Background, purpose and expected outcomes of the meeting
Alberto Pacheco Capella, Coordinator, Regional Seas Programme, FMEB, UNEP
- Presentation of participants

9.30 Session 1

Keynote Presentation on Sustainable Development Goal – Oceans and the post-2015 Development Agenda.

Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Special Advisor to the Executive Director on SDGs and Post 2015 Agenda, UNEP
Jackie Alder, Head, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch (FMEB), UNEP

Interventions by Chairs of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans and Partners

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Chair: Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, Barcelona Convention

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Session 1 Continued

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- Partners of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans are invited to present 5-7 minute interventions on how they can collaborate with regional MEAS to achieve their potential role in the Sustainable Development Goals and the post-2015 Development Agenda.

Chair: Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, Barcelona Convention

13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14:00 Press conference on 40th Anniversary of Regional Seas and launch of Mangroves Report

14.30 Session 2

Mid-term report on the implementation of the Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2013-2016

- Near mid-term report from the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans on the main challenges and opportunities in the implementation of Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2013-2016.
- All Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans to present a brief update on the main issues/activities in their regions

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16:00 Coffee Break

16.30 Session 2 Continued

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17:30 Closing of Day 1

19:30 Dinner hosted by UNEP and Barcelona Convention

Day 2

Tuesday, 30 September 2014

9.00 Session 3

Global Partnership on Marine Litter

- Presentation on Global Partnership on Marine Litter
Vincent Sweeney, Coordinator, GPA, FMEB, UNEP
- Marine Debris and the Law of the Sea
Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs
- Abandoned, Lost and Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG)
Francis Chopin, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Discussions and sharing of experiences on international processes related to marine litter and the role of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans

Chair: Alexander Tkalin, Coordinator, NOWPAP

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Session 3 Continued

Regional Actions on Marine Litter

- Development of a regional action plan on marine litter for the Mediterranean Sea. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, Barcelona Convention
- Marine litter in West, Central and Southern Africa - need for a regional approach. Abou Bamba, Coordinator, Abidjan Convention
- Lessons learned in tackling marine litter in the Pacific Region. Warren Lee Long, Coastal and Marine Adviser, Noumea Convention (SPREP)
- Discussions and sharing of experiences on implementing marine litter at the regional level.

Chair: Alexander Tkalin, Coordinator, NOWPAP

13:00 Lunch break

14.30 Session 3 Continued

Regional Actions on Marine Litter

- Development of a regional action plan on marine litter for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. Ziad H. Abu Ghararah, Secretary General, Jeddah Convention (PERSGA)
- Challenges in addressing marine litter in the Caspian Sea. Mahir Aliyev, Coordinator, Tehran Convention
- Challenges and lessons learned in tackling marine litter in the Wider Caribbean Region. Nelson Andrade Colmenares, Coordinator, Cartagena Convention
- Discussions and sharing of experiences on implementing marine litter at the regional level.

Chair: Dixon Waruinge, Coordinator, Nairobi Convention

16:00 Coffee Break

16.30 Session 3 Continued

Marine litter - from design to action

- Discussions and sharing of experiences on implementing marine litter at the regional and national level, and how to engage partner institutions. Discussion on potential priorities areas for next 4 years.

Chair: Dixon Waruinge, Coordinator, Nairobi Convention

18.00 Closing of Day 2

Day 3

Wednesday, 1 October 2014

9.00 Session 4

Development of roadmap for implement visioning priorities for 10+ years

- Outcomes of the visioning workshop and presentation of 4 priority areas.
Yannick Beaudoin, Head, Marine Division, GRID-Arendal
- How to operationalize the visioning roadmap towards the future of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans
- How can/should the Regional Seas Strategic Directions become embedded in the visioning roadmap?
- Drafting of roadmap and identification of milestones

Chair: Darius Campbell, Executive Secretary, OSPAR Commission

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Session 4 Continued

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13:00 Lunch break

14.30 Session 4 Continued

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- What type of mandates are need from member states into Regional Seas intergovernmental bodies
- Funding requirements and resource mobilisation
- How to report and measure progress?
- Adoption of the visioning roadmap for the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans

Chair: Darius Campbell, Executive Secretary, OSPAR Commission

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Closure

- Identification of venue and timing for 17th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans

Chair: Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, Barcelona Convention

Acknowledgments and closing remarks

- Alberto Pacheco Capella, Coordinator, Regional Seas Programme , FMEB, UNEP
- Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, Barcelona Convention
- Jackie Alder, Head, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch (FMEB), UNEP