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Regional Seas Visioning Workshop,  
Geneva, Switzerland, 3-4 July 2014

## **Information Note**

**Technical workshop on selecting indicators for the state of Regional Seas, in Geneva, Switzerland 30 June to 2 July 2014 and The Regional Seas Visioning workshop from 3 to 4 July 2014.**

**INFORMATION NOTE**

***Introduction***

The Technical Workshop on selecting indicators for the state of Regional Seas a discussion among the regional seas bodies seas to choose a core set of indicators for all the regional seas programmes to use in their reporting of the state of the respective regional seas to be supplemented by another set of additional indicators to be used for reporting on region specific marine environmental issues.

The Concept note is to prepare input to the preparation process leading to this Workshop.

The second workshop will be held the following two days, 3-4 July 2014. This Regional Seas Visioning workshop is aimed to identify and agreed on the long-term future vision of the Regional Seas Programme, as well as identifying the necessary steps/actions to realising that vision.

***Objective***

The objective of the Technical workshop on selecting indicators for the state of Regional Seas is to start the discussion among the regional seas to choose a core set of indicators for all the regional seas programmes to use in their reporting of the state of the respective regional seas to be supplemented by another set of additional indicators to be used for reporting on region specific marine environmental issues.

This Regional Seas Visioning workshop is aimed to identify and agreed on the long-term future vision of the Regional Seas Programme, as well as identifying the necessary steps/actions to realising that vision.

***Date and Venue***

The first workshop will be held at the International Environment House (IEH-2), Geneva, Switzerland during 30 June – 2 July 2014.

The second workshop from 3 – 4 July 2014 at the same venue.

Time: 09:30 – 18:00 hours

The workshop venue is located at:

**International Environment House - 2**

9 chemin de Balexert  
CH-1219 Châtelaine  
Geneva, Switzerland.  
Room Rhin

### *Agenda*

Provisional agenda is attached.

### *Access to International Environment House (IEH-2)*

Arrangements will be made to facilitate entrance to the International Environment House-2

### *Language*

The Meeting will be conducted in English.

### *Travel*

Participants sponsored by UNEP will be provided with a round trip air ticket (the most direct economy class) from their city of residence to Geneva city, Switzerland normally permitting arrival the day before the meeting, and return by the first available flight after the closure of the Meeting. You will be required to complete and submit the attached travel claim and banking details forms upon returning from the meeting together with the train/bus ticket stubs and the boarding passes for both the onward and return flights. Please email scanned copies of the above mentioned documents to: [caroline.mramba@unep.org](mailto:caroline.mramba@unep.org)

E-tickets will be dispatched to participants one week before the meeting.

### *Daily Allowance and Payment*

UNEP will provide sponsored participants with Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the rate of USD 423 for the days of the workshop (100% of the UN approved daily rate of USD 423 for Geneva), meeting participants will be required to pay for their own accommodation, breakfast, lunch, dinner and other costs associated with your stay. An extra full day DSA of USD 423 will be paid to cater for incidental expenses including visa fees, vaccinations (if any), airport tax, laundry, taxi cost, etc.

DSA will be paid during the first day of the meeting during the lunch break upon presentation of a copy of your passport, boarding passes and air ticket to the UNEP staff responsible for DSA distribution. To assist in this process, please ensure you have the above mentioned documents

with you. If you wish, you could also email scanned copies of the above-mentioned documents to email: [caroline.mramba@unep.org](mailto:caroline.mramba@unep.org)

Language Spoken in Geneva is French, English is understood

### *Weather*

*Mostly Cloudy*

*Temperature: 16°C*

*Barometer: 101.6 kPa*

*Humidity: 67.5 %*

*Dew Point: 10°C*

*Wind: NE 5 km/h*

*Visibility: n/a*

### *Hotel*

Meeting participants will stay in hotels near the workshop venue.

#### **City Centre Hotels**

##### **Hôtel des Alpes**

Rue des Alpes 14

CH-1201 Genève

Tel: +41 (0)22 731 22 00

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### **Close to the Meeting Venue**

#### **Hotel IBIS**

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Tel:(+41)22/7104636 Fax : (+41)22/7104610

**<http://www.etaphotel.com/gb/hotel-5653-etap-hotel-etap-hotel-geneve/index.shtml>**

#### **SuiteHotel**

Avenue Louis Casarì 30 COINTRIN 1216 GENEVE, SWITZERLAND Hotel code : 5654

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E-mail : [h5654@accor.com](mailto:h5654@accor.com)

You can consult the website of the Geneva Tourism and Conference Bureau for more hotels in Geneva: <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/>

### ***Airport transfers***

#### **From the Airport (a bus ticket can be collected free of charge in the arrival terminal)**

- [BUS 10](#) Direction Rive

Get off at the bus stop *Guye*

- [BUS 19](#) Direction Vernier

Get off at the bus stop *chatelaine*

Walk up to the corner by the Pont de l'Ecu, turn right and walk two short blocks.

- [BUS 5](#) Direction Thônex

Get off at the bus stop *Bel-Air*

- [BUS 19](#) Direction Vernier

Get off at the bus stop *chatelaine*

Walk up to the corner by the Pont de l'Ecu, turn right and walk two short blocks.

- [BUS 28](#) Direction Parfumerie

Get off at the bus stop *Croisette*

- [BUS 19](#) Direction Onex

Get off at the bus stop *chatelaine*

Walk up to the corner by the Pont de l'Ecu, turn right and walk two short blocks.

### **From the station take a bus to get to International Environment House-2.**

- [BUS 6](#) or [BUS 19](#) in the direction of Vernier

Get off at the bus stop "Châtelaine"

Walk up to the corner by the Pont de l'Ecu, turn right and walk two short blocks.

If you are staying at the hotel in Geneva, in a youth hostel or camping for the duration of your stay **Geneva public transport network are FREE**. Just ask for it in the establishment where you stay, you will receive a personal and non-document format of a credit card.

### **Taxis**

Taxis are readily available for visitors traveling to the International Environment House from Geneva Cointrin Airport, the Cornavin train station or the city centre.

**By Taxi: From the city center (approx 35-45 CHF)**

**The timetable for public transport is available :  
<http://www.chem.unep.ch/chemicals/location.htm>**

### ***Visa Arrangements***

Participants who need a visa should immediately apply for one at their country Consular office or Embassy in your own country or region.

### ***Insurance***

Participants are expected to make their own arrangements for insurance against accidents.

### ***Currency***

The monetary unit is **Swiss Franc (CHF/Sfr)**, (Please check daily exchange rates with your own currency)

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