



**Regional
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Regional Seas Coordination Meeting

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Background

- 18th Global Meeting of Regional Seas
 - Regional Seas requested a common Strategy
- **Themes** of Partnership dialogues: to be decided during the PrepCom
 - Strategy needs to be **further developed** depending on the partnership themes
- UN Environment prepared official inputs
 - **UNEP/RSP/CM.1/INF.5**
 - Suggested themes: **Regional Ocean Partnership, Land-based pollution**

Goal

- Common messages held by UN Environment and all Regional Seas programmes
- Inclusion of Key messages in the outcome document “**Call for Action**”

Key messages

1. Linkages between SDGs need to be recognised (para 6)
2. Regional dimension, such as Regional Seas, is important for sustainable development (Para 7)
3. Ecosystem approach as a key principle
 - The scale of ecosystem processes in the marine realm necessitates application of the ecosystem approach at the regional level (para 8)
 - Regional Seas have made significant progress (para 9)
 - EBM tools for SDG implementation (para 10)

Key messages

4. Regional partnerships such as RS-RFBs allow addressing most of SDG 14 targets (para 11)
 - Regional Seas are encouraged to develop SDG outlooks (para 12 **UNEP/WBRS.18/9 Annex 4 paragraph 6**)
 - Align regional targets, set regional baseline, plan actions (para 13)
5. Regional Seas organise regional review of ocean-related SDGs (para 14)
 - Regional Seas core indicators set can be used (para 18)

Key messages

6. The Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA) needs to be recognised as the only global intergovernmental mechanism for pollution from land-based activities

- Fourth Intergovernmental Review in October 2017

Required action

Aim to Include the messages in the “**Call for Action**”



- RS to share the key messages with Member States
- Start preparing outlook documents
 - May include regional review processes
 - Through Governing Bodies
 - UN Environment to compile information of outlook documents
- Registration of partnerships
- Side event: a larger event in June 2017

Partnerships to be registered

- **Para 29**

- UN Environment Regional Seas Programme
- Each Regional Seas programme
- Partnerships of Regional Seas
- GPA and its 3 partnerships



Need to be discussed further after themes are decided

Further consideration

- New Partnerships ?
 - Blue Economy partnership
 - Indicators / monitoring
- Commitments?
- Fundraising ?



Discussion

- Comments on the key messages / actions?
- Political engagement during the PrepCom
 - Who will talk to whom?
 - When?
 - How?

Coordinated Declaration

- At Regional Seas COPs
 - Timing
 - The language needs to be a guiding statement towards the implementation of SDGs
 - funding



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Thank you

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