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Implementation of the Global Programme of Action  
for the Protection of the Marine Environment  
from Land-based Activities  
Fourth session  
Bali, Indonesia, 25–27 October 2017**

## **Annotated provisional agenda**

### **Item 1**

#### **Opening of the session**

1. Through the Manila Declaration on Furthering the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, Governments requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to convene the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action in 2016. The secretariat of the Global Programme of Action and the host country of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review subsequently agreed to postpone the convening of the session until 2017 to take into consideration international events related to coasts and oceans in 2016 and 2017.
2. The fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review will be opened in Bali, Indonesia, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 25 October 2017 by a representative of the host Government and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme or, in his absence, by his representative. The Intergovernmental Review session will be preceded by a global conference on land-ocean connections on 23 and 24 October 2017 at the same venue.

### **Item 2**

#### **Organizational matters**

3. As the session is convened under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, the rules of procedure of the Assembly will apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the proceedings.
  - (a) **Election of officers**
    4. In accordance with the rules of procedure, a chair and four vice-chairs, one of whom will serve as rapporteur, will be elected from among the representatives of Governments. The principle of equal geographical representation from the five United Nations regions will be duly followed when electing those officers, who will constitute the Bureau of the session.
  - (b) **Adoption of the agenda**
    5. Subject to the rules of procedure, the representatives may wish to adopt the agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/1, as proposed by the secretariat.

(c) **Organization of work**

6. It is proposed that discussions take the form of plenary meetings to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For those meetings, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations. The representatives may wish to establish working groups as they may deem necessary.
7. The list of documents for the session will be circulated as document UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/INF/1. The working documents for the session will be available in the six official languages of the United Nations and information documents in English only.

**Item 3**

**Credentials of representatives**

8. The credentials of representatives, issued by a Head of State or Government or minister for foreign affairs, should be submitted to the secretariat no later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. Such credentials are required to enable representatives to take necessary decisions during the session. Relevant United Nations bodies, funds, programmes and agencies, and other relevant organizations, may participate in the meeting as observers.
9. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives of Governments at the meeting will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon in plenary meeting. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each Government is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by alternate representatives and advisers.

**Item 4**

**Review of implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities at the national, regional and international levels for the period 2012–2017**

10. In accordance with paragraph 77 (a) of the Global Programme of Action, the secretariat will present a progress report (UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/2) on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action and the activities of the Coordination Office since 2012.

**Item 5**

**Remarks by a representative of the host country of the third session of the Intergovernmental Review**

11. The Chair will invite a representative of the host country of the third session of the Intergovernmental Review to present remarks on the hosting of that session and review progress on the commitments made in the Manila Declaration.

**Item 6**

**Presentations on wider support frameworks**

12. The Chair will invite presentations by country representatives to highlight the wider frameworks and support mechanisms that are of relevance to the work of the Global Programme of Action.
  - (a) Presentation on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals: an overview of the 2030 Agenda and the expected support of the Global Programme of Action to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;
  - (b) Presentation on the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: an overview of recent developments under the Paris Agreement and the relationship of countries' nationally determined contributions to the addressing of land-based marine pollution;
  - (c) Presentation on the outcomes of the United Nations Ocean Conference: an overview of the key outcomes of the Partnership Dialogue on addressing marine pollution and relevant elements on addressing marine pollution under the Call for Action;

(d) Presentation on UN-Water's strategic outlook on water and sanitation as it relates to land-based pollution: an overview of priority issues and strategic global directions to address freshwater pollution and land-ocean connections;

(e) Presentation on strategic investment by countries and the donor community in action against land-based pollution, and future expectations for such investment.

## **Item 7**

### **Statements by regional groups and regional seas programmes**

13. The Chair will invite brief statements from representatives of each of the five United Nations regional groups: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Western European and other States, to highlight priority issues on marine pollution, progress made and other matters that require urgent attention.

14. The Chair will invite brief statements from representatives of regional seas programmes to highlight their work insofar as it relates to land-based pollution protocols and synergies with the Global Programme of Action.

## **Item 8**

### **Outcomes of the third Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections**

15. The Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections provides an opportunity to review policy and implementation frameworks for key marine and coastal matters. The third Conference will precede the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review. Participants will consider the need for an enhanced approach to integrated coastal management with a view to achieving economic growth without compromising the integrity of the environment, particularly within the context of efforts to combat marine pollution and the effects of climate change.

16. The Chair of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review will request the Chair of the Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections to present a summary report on its key outcomes, which will be followed by a brief panel discussion by the co-chairs of each thematic session on the technical directions and recommendations of those sessions and will conclude with the consensus on priority areas for intervention.

## **Item 9**

### **Governance and policy issues in relation to the further implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the period 2018–2022**

17. The fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review affords a key opportunity and forum for Governments to consider the way forward for more effective management and use of marine and coastal ecosystem resources over the coming years and greater recognition of the contribution that such ecosystems can make to sustainable development at the national, regional and global levels within the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

18. The secretariat will introduce policy guidance for implementing the Global Programme of Action during the period 2018–2022 (UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/3). It is proposed that the Programme serve as a strategic policy platform aimed at accelerating national implementation of measures to control land-based sources of marine pollution. It calls for support for the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, including human and financial resources, taking into account the need for a more sustainable investment and the involvement of the private sector. The policy will take into consideration country and other partnership commitments made to meet Sustainable Development Goals 6 and 14, with particular emphasis on meeting targets 6.3 and 14.1, which aim to reduce pollution of freshwater and marine water respectively.

19. Governments are requested to consider the policy guidance and discuss the approach proposed therein with a view, among other things, to agreeing on the future direction of the Programme, options for its effective implementation and the ways in which to keep it at the forefront of the attention of policymakers between sessions of the Intergovernmental Review.

## **Item 10**

### **Programme of work of the Global Programme of Action Coordination Office for the period 2018–2022**

20. The secretariat will present the draft programme of work of the Global Programme of Action Coordination Office for the period 2018–2022 (UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/4), highlighting the contribution made by the Office to international cross-cutting objectives, its main activities at the national, regional and international levels, and the human and financial resources required to mainstream and implement the programme of work for the period 2018–2022.
21. Representatives will be invited to consider and adopt, as appropriate, the proposed programme of work of the Global Programme of Action Coordination Office.

## **Item 11**

### **Adoption of the Bali Declaration**

22. The secretariat will present the draft Bali Declaration on Furthering the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (UNEP/GPA/IGR.4/5). Representatives will be invited to consider and adopt the Bali Declaration and forward it to the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session for endorsement.

## **Item 12**

### **Adoption of the report of the session**

23. Representatives will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the session on the basis of the draft report prepared and presented by the rapporteur and forward it to the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session for endorsement.

## **Item 13**

### **Closure of the session**

24. It is expected that the session will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Friday, 27 October 2017.
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