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Provisional Agenda



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Following the discussions at the 6th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas it was decided to focus part of the 7th Global Meeting on financing, specifically on mobilizing domestic resources.

The objective of the meeting is to discuss on strengthening the long-term sustainability of the Regional Seas Programmes (RSPs) and the sustainability of the implementation of their programmes at national level. The meeting will focus on the three elements of financing demands (RS Secretariat costs, Regional Programmes and national implementation). The main focus will be on national demands for financing the RS programmes and building sustainable financing mechanisms for these.

Understanding the mechanisms of strategic planning, sequencing of action and programme and project implementation is fundamental for identifying the real demand for financing (based on affordability and priority). Identifying the “real demands” for environmental financing will enable countries to tailor their financing mechanisms and instruments in order to maximise leveraging of international transfers and governmental subsidies and to gradually and in a timely way mobilise domestic resources and mechanism for the long term sustainability of the program.

The meeting will have four sessions. The first section focuses on financing the Regional Seas Programmes and Secretariats. Financing national implementation of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will be discussed in the second session. Session three is on the UNEP Regional Seas Programme and GPA’s possibilities to assist in strengthening action programmes implementation at regional and national level. The final session will focus mainly on the 2nd Intergovernmental Review of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA/IGR2) including, progress in implementing the Global Regional Seas Strategic Directions, and the Global Review of the Regional Seas. Discussions will also be held with the Regional Directors on input to the IGR2 and a separate meeting will be held with the UNEP administered RSPs to address common administrative issues.



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Tuesday 18th October 2005

Amendment: Please note that the Meeting will begin with Session 4, in order to secure the participation of the Regional Directors who need to attend another meeting thereafter.

09.00 Opening (Welcome) V. Vandeweerd (UNEP) / A. Christine Brussendorf (HELCOM),

Session 4: Joint Regional Seas/Regional Offices session with main focus on 2nd Intergovernmental Review of the GPA – IGR2 (see INF.3.RS-INF.12.IGR)

- 09.20 Progress in implementing the Global Regional Seas Strategic Directions. Follow-up to the 6th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas. (see INF.3.RS). A. Muchai (UNEP)
- 09.40 Presentation of the draft Global Regional Seas Review, for comments by the RSPs prior to finalization. (ToRs agreed at the 6th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas) (See WP.1.RS) Charles Ehler (Oceans Visions)
- 10:00 Introduction/briefing – IGR2, Beijing 16-20 October 2006. (See INF.4.IGR)
V. Vandeweerd (UNEP)
- 11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.15 IGR2/GPA Programme of Work 2007–2011. Regional Seas' and Regional Offices' Contributions.
- 13.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00 Regional Seas and Regional Offices contributions to the preparation of IGR2
- 15.00 Any Other Business - cooperation between Regional Seas and Regional Offices.
- 15.30 *Break*

Parallel Sessions

- 15.45 UNEP Regional Directors – Regional Offices input to the IGR2.
- 15.45 UNEP Administered RSPs - Administrative issues & UNON. A. Vreman (UNEP)
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- 18.00 Reception



Wednesday 19th October 2005

09.00 Opening – *Dr. K. Toepfer, UNEP Executive Director*
V. Vandeweerd (UNEP) / A. Christine Brussendorf (HELCOM),

09.20 Strengthening the Long-term Sustainability of the Regional Seas Programmes.
U. Weuder (UNEP)

Session 1: Financing the Regional Seas Secretariats and Programmes

09.30 Financing Secretariat costs:

- Demands for financing the Regional Seas Secretariats – going from ad hoc financing to sustainable financing. *Dr. Ziad Abu Ghararah (PERSGA)*
- Financing the Regional Seas Secretariats – Examples of financing the secretariat costs. *A. Simcock (OSPAR), A. Tkalin (NOWPAP)*

10.45 *Coffee break*

11.00 Financing the Regional Seas Programmes – GEF, donor funding and country financing – moving to sustainability. *P. Mifsud (MAP)*

11.20 Discussions: Financing Regional Seas Secretariats and their Programmes.
(Possible issues to be discussed):

- Exchange of Regional Seas Experience.
- Options and obstacles on moving to more sustainable financing of the Regional Seas Secretariats and Programmes.
- Disbursement mechanism and programmes for the Regional Seas Programmes.

13.00 *Lunch break*

Session 2: Financing National Implementation of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans

14:00 Financing the Implementation of the Regional Seas Programmes at national level
(Framework conditions, strategic planning, financing strategies, project preparation cycles):

- Planning actions (sequencing) based on realistic affordability. *A. Boaz, (SACEP/ SAS)*
- Financing mechanisms for environmental action and considerations for their usage. *K. Lehtinen (NEFCO)*

14:30 Discussion

15:30 *Break*

15:45 Practical experience from planning to action in various Regional Seas Programmes:

- Experience - moving from SAP development, NAP development to concrete investments. *A. Christine Brussendorf, (HELCOM)*
- Moving from hotspot to programmed activities to EU directive implementation/ investments. *K. Scov, (DEPA)*
- Experience in African regional context. *D. Waruinge (UNEP Nairobi & Abidjan Conventions)*

16:30 Discussion



Thursday 20th October 2005

- 09:00 Strategic planning on realistic implementation.
- Action plans from wish lists to affordable action programmes. *U. Weuder (UNEP)*
 - Strengthening domestic resource mobilisation (frameworks conditions, increasing Market Based Instruments (MBI), leveraging/increasing allocations – Public-Private Partnerships - PPP (efficiency gains) and handing over responsibility to relevant implementing ministries). *N. Andrade, (CAR/RCU)*
- 09:45 Discussion
- 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:15 Partnerships with the GEF. *Co-chair: Al Duda (GEF)*
- Strengthening the claim for environmental financing (economic valuation - LMEs, poverty issues and job creation) *Porter Hoagland (WHOI)*
 - GEF – sustainability after GEF and donors. *Al Duda (GEF) / T. Nakamura (UNEP/GEF)*
 - GEF training and capacity program on proposal preparation, project implementation etc. *E. Adler (UNEP)*
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 IMO – GloBallast Partnerships. *Jose Matheickal (IMO)*
- 14:30 Investment project cycle management and resource blending.
- Investment project cycle (from project idea to project investments)- *M. Magnusson (NDF)*
 - Resource matching at project level – needed project information for financiers. *(SIDA)*
- 15:30 *Break*

Session 3: The Way Forward - Regional Seas' and GPA's Possibilities to Assist in Strengthening Action Programmes Implementation at Regional and National Level (*see WP.2.RS*)

- 15:45 Regional Seas and GPA Programmes; future activities on strengthening long term sustainable financing.
Working groups to discuss action items aimed at improving financial sustainability for each individual Regional Seas Programme.
(Possible issues to be discussed:
- Regional Seas - regional vs. national activities.
 - Networks vs./combined with national demonstration.
 - RS/GPA assistance on capacity building guidance to country implementation.
 - Developing holistic national capacity building Programmes (UNEP) - Bali Strategy.

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- 17.00 Any Other Business.
- 18.00 Closing.